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Dear Parent or Guardian and Incoming Ninth Grade Student:

I want to welcome all incoming ninth graders and their parents/guardians to Denver Center for International Studies High School (DCIS). Your son/daughter is projected to attend DCIS in August according to the district's database as of April 2021. Our administrative team and staff are thrilled that you have chosen to attend DCIS.

To assist in the transition from middle school to a successful high school experience, Denver Center for International Studies, along with the other DPS high schools, will be hosting a Ninth Grade Academy for incoming students. This exciting, fun, and informative program will last four days and all of DCIS's incoming ninth grade students are expected to attend.

Ninth Grade Academy will prepare your student for high school before high school begins! During the Ninth Grade Academy, students will:

- Learn ways to succeed in high school, such as understanding graduation requirements and the importance of a GPA and reading transcripts.
- Meet school staff and other DCIS students.
- Earn 2.5 elective credits for completing the NGA, and receive incentives and a small backpack full of school materials.
- Receive free morning snacks and free RTD coupons for those who need transportation.
- Participate in engaging activities designed specifically for DCIS students.

Details for the Denver Center for International Studies High School Ninth Grade Academy are as follows:

Dates: **Monday, August 9 – Thursday, August 12, 2021**

Time: **8 am-12 pm (resources will be available online)**

Location: **DCIS Baker**

This will be the 13th year we are hosting a Ninth Grade Academy. Evaluation of the Ninth Grade Academy shows that students who participated improved their academic performance, had a stronger attachment to their high school and their peer groups, and were more likely to graduate from high school.

We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity. If you have any questions, please send an email message to ninthgradeacademy@dpsk12.org, or call the DPS NGA Hotline, 720-424-8277, and someone will respond. We look forward to seeing you at DCIS's Ninth Grade Academy!

Please refer to the attached document for instructions on registering for the Ninth Grade Academy.

Sincerely,

Marisa Vasquez
Patrick Garvey - Lead Ninth Grade Academy Teacher

**Ninth Grade Academy (NGA) 2021
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR STUDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Option One – Email

Send an email message to: ninthgradeacademy@dpsk12.org

Include: High School Name (DCIS-Baker)
 Student's Full Name & Student ID number
 Student's address & phone number

Questions?

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Ninth Grade Academies Hotline: 720-424-8277 and someone will respond.