



Family isn't always blood.

It's the people in your life that want you in theirs.

The ones who accept you for who you are.

The ones who would do anything to see you smile
and who love you no matter what.

— Anonymous



Better Together

The work of the Denver Street School is 100% privately funded, so your support matters! With no local or federal government funds, we rely on partners like you. If you already stand with us, thank you! If you're moved by our work with struggling students, we invite you to join us!

We'd love to share what's going on at DSS ... and get to know you better! There are multiple opportunities to unite your passion with ours. Please call us at 303.860.1702 or visit DenverStreetSchool.org



We're in this together

Without your support, we can't meet the needs of students who need a second chance. Please scan the QR code for ways to donate.



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The mission of the Denver Street School is to bring hope, a second chance and the love of Christ to Denver's struggling students through quality education in a safe environment and a supportive network of loving, caring adults.

Our Heart

at the Denver Street School

DSS is more than just a school for our students. They don't simply need teachers and a classroom. Marked by deep pain, they need caring adults who will wholeheartedly seek after their well-being and help restore hope for a bright future.

That's who we are.

At the core, that's what we do.



Bringing Hope



The Denver Street School seeks to become a part of a network of loving and caring “family” members in our students’ lives. We’re often the ones they call when faced with difficulties. That’s why we are fully committed to playing our part in God’s grand story for troubled teens in the Denver metro area.

Our Students

Denver Street School students are not bad,
they are brave!

Why? Because while most have experienced things like:

- poverty,
- incarceration,
- gang affiliation,
- death of peers,
- academic failure,
- mental health issues,
- homelessness,
- teen pregnancy,
- trauma,
- sexual exploitation and trafficking,
- addiction,

... and they’re bravely choosing a different future for themselves.

DSS is their safe place to grow and change. We offer a community where learning conforms to the specific tension in their lives. We’ve become a family, challenging and cheering them on to greatness. And every day, we’re helping them feel valuable and worthwhile as they learn to embrace their potential and identity.



Every family has a story to tell

Welcome to ours.



Our 4 Core Pillars

- 1. Sense of Family and Love of Christ:** A relationship with Jesus drives our narrative. This is foundational for our program. It’s why and how we create a safe space for building trust. It’s why and how we meet the needs of our students academically, emotionally, and sometimes physically by providing essential needs, paying rent, and attending court dates.
- 2. Quality Education:** We are a fully accredited high school program, opening doors for college opportunities. We embrace a relevant curriculum, emphasizing life skills, college readiness, and experiential learning by fostering a culture of revision and mastery. The average GPA improvement from intake to the end of the first year is 1.5 grade points.
- 3. Trauma Awareness:** Before we can help, we must understand. DSS intentionally creates, fosters, and maintains a culture of active awareness for our students’ unique struggles and challenges. We continually educate ourselves about adverse childhood experiences and how they affect our students in and out of the classroom, which helps guide how we educate them. Doing so allows us to provide an environment for their success.
- 4. Hope and Vision for the Future:** We create excitement for their future by helping students catch a vision for their life. We put real-world tools in their hands, like a workforce readiness focus, meaningful career partnerships, and valuable life skills to prepare them for 21st-century success. Based on eligible seniors, we have a 95% graduation rate.



Beyond Graduation

We are helping break negative generational patterns
for families in our community.

Many of our graduates are the first in their family to either receive their high school diploma or attend college. We are proud that **over 90%** of DSS graduates go on to higher education, vocational school, apprenticeship, military, the workforce, or a productive future. They have become moms, dads, volunteers, and conveyors of hope to their peers, siblings, and community.



Now that I’ve graduated DSS, I plan to get a nursing degree. I would love to help people, especially the elderly. DSS helped me grow, learn how to communicate, and also taught me life skills. Without them, I would’ve given up on school. They have been my safe space. Thank you for allowing me to grow as a person and teaching me there’s more to life than what has happened in the past.

– Yolanda, DSS Alumni

We are a 501c3, fully-accredited, private, Christian high school designed to meet the unique challenges and needs of the struggling youth in our community! Since 1985, we have brought our passion for education, belief in the transformative power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and a mission to serve the whole student. This, paired with their determination, passion, and grit, creates a powerful, synergetic experience.