



On December 5, 2023, DCS announced to its community that God has blessed DCS with an opportunity to relocate to a permanent home in Dunwoody on the 50+ acre campus of First Baptist Atlanta, who will adopt DCS, allowing the school to continue fulfilling its mission and vision.

FAQs for DCS Families

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Learning more about this move

1. Where is DCS moving?

- a. The new DCS campus is a short 3 miles from our current campus and is located at 4400 N. Peachtree Rd., Dunwoody, GA 30338, on the campus of First Baptist Church Atlanta (FBA). To get there from the current DCS current campus, simply:
 - Head south on Ashford Dunwoody Rd.
 - Turn left at the light onto Ashford Center Pkwy
 - Turn right at the next light onto Chamblee Dunwoody Rd.
 - Drive 2.2 miles, then turn left onto Cotillion Dr., FBA will be on your left.

2. When is DCS moving?

- a. DCS will move in summer 2024, opening in the Fall of 2024 on our new campus to students in grades K-8th..

3. Why is DCS moving?

- a. Please view the [video from Dr. Kevin Jenkins](#) and the initial email announcement explaining this, posted at www.dunwoodycs.org/fba.

4. How can I learn more about FBA?

- a. Learn more at www.fba.org. FBA also invites all DCS families, faculty, and staff to join a special DCS gathering on their campus in January 2024, for a time to hear from Dr. Anthony George, FBA Senior Pastor. You will have a chance to see the campus yourself. Watch your email for an invitation soon.

5. Can I take a tour of the new campus?

- a. Yes. DCS is working with FBA to schedule a time for you to visit the new campus. Please stay tuned for an invitation coming soon, inviting you to a gathering at FBA in January 2024.

6. Where can I learn more about this transition to FBA?

- a. Visit our dedicated webpage at www.dunwoodycs.org/fba for these FAQs and other important information. We will post new information as frequently as possible.

7. I have questions about the transition to FBA, who can I ask?

- a. Dr. Jenkins, DCS principals, and DCS board members are all available to connect with you. Please visit www.dunwoodycs.org/fba to see how you can connect with DCS..

Admissions & Enrollment

8. Will DCS continue to be non-denominational for families and staff?

- a. Yes. DCS will continue to be non-denominational, open to Christian families with at least one parent who attests to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by signing the School's [Statement of Faith](#).

9. Is it a requirement to be Baptist, attend FBA, or become a member at FBA in order to enroll my child at DCS or to become employed by DCS??

- a. No. Families who enroll students at DCS are required to attend a bible-believing church of their choice, with at least one parent who attests to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by signing the School's Statement of Faith. Faculty and staff may continue to attend a local church of their choice whose fundamental beliefs are in agreement with the DCS [Statement of Faith](#).

10. Will DCS continue to be a covenant Christian school (i.e. at least one parent must agree to the DCS statement of faith)?

- a. Yes. DCS will continue to be a covenant Christian private school.

11. Will the January and February 2024 open house admission events happen at FBA or DCS?

- a. DCS and FBA is still working on this. Stay tuned for additional information coming soon.

12. What grades will be offered in Fall 2024?

- a. DCS will have grades K-8th for the 2024-2025 school year. Additional grades may be added in future school years..

13. Will there be more than one classroom of each grade?

- a. There is room for multiple classes in each grade, but final classroom decisions will be based on student enrollment.

14. Will DCS maintain low student/teacher ratios?

- a. Yes, DCS continues its commitment of maintaining low student/teacher ratios.

15. Will DCS open a high school?

- a. Yes, DCS plans to open a high school in the coming years. Stay tuned for additional details.

Athletics & Afterschool Programs

16. Can the new campus accommodate the DCS athletics programs and sports clubs?

- a. Yes, the FBA campus has a gymnasium, complete with an indoor gaga ball space. We are strategically working with Athletic Director, Coach Kyle Roberts, on how best to transition our current athletic programs to the new campus facilities and to determine what sports programs to add in the future.

17. Will Lions' Den continue to be offered?

- a. Yes. Lions' Den will continue to be offered at the same hours. We are excited to have Ms. Paula continue to be Lions' Den Director.

18. Will afterschool clubs continue to be offered?

- a. Yes. We will continue to bring exciting and engaging clubs for our Lions! We are still working out the details of certain clubs that involve DBC programs (Drama Club, Dance, etc.), so stay tuned.

Campus Facilities, Lunch, Security

19. What are the security protocols at FBA?

- a. The FBA campus is very secure. In addition to a fenced perimeter, secure door access to designated areas on campus, and security cameras monitored at all times, the FBA organization employs a team of security guards 24/7..

20. Is there a physical library on the new campus?

- a. Yes, FBA has a beautiful curated library on site. DCS will work with FBA to integrate the DCS library into theirs. DCS will also continue to offer students thousands of book titles through our digital library using ReadingIQ.

21. Where will the school entrance be located for visitors, student check outs, etc.?

- a. DCS will have a dedicated entrance on campus that will be used for both lower and upper school arrivals, carpool, and visitors. We will share a campus map and provide tours soon.

22. Will a paid lunch program still be offered?

- a. Yes, a paid student lunch program will still be offered. We expect to continue using our current vendor (ChefAdvantage) but will let you know if anything changes.

23. What are the classroom spaces like at FBA?

- a. The classroom spaces at FBA are wonderful. They are large and will accommodate the needs of DCS students and teachers in more ways than one. They are similar in size to the larger classroom spaces that DCS uses at DBC today. FBA classrooms have sinks and proper storage, and certain elementary classrooms have student bathrooms within the classroom.

24. What other facilities are available at FBA for student use?

- a. There is an onsite gymnasium, dining room, and ample space for specials such as art, Spanish, music, STEM, etc.

25. Will school hours (dropoff, pickup, late start, etc.) remain unchanged?

- a. We expect to maintain similar school hours for the 2024-2025 school year, but final school hours have not yet been published.

26. When will the 2024-2025 school calendar be published?

- a. Similar to past years, DCS typically publishes the upcoming school calendar by February.

Staffing, Leadership, Nonprofit Status

27. Will Dr. Jenkins still be Head of School?

- a. Yes. Dr. Jenkins will remain Head of School.

28. Is DCS hiring teachers or any other positions for the Fall? Can I refer someone to apply for a job at DCS?

- a. Yes, we expect to hire additional teachers. Please refer qualified candidates to the [DCS Careers webpage here](#).

29. When will I know my child's teacher for the 2024-2025 school year?

- a. DCS expects to follow the usual timeline of extending teaching contracts between January - March. Then based on student enrollment and other factors, DCS assigns teachers to classrooms over the summer, and notifies parents of teacher assignments prior to the start of school.

30. Will there be changes to the DCS board of directors?

- a. Yes. Over time, DCS will become part of the FBA organization. Therefore, leaders from FBA will soon join the DCS board of directors. FBA will elect additional board members for the 2024-2025 school year. Given FBA's deep respect for the investment, wisdom, and experience of the current DCS board members, a number of them will likely be asked to remain in their positions. The details of board structure (quantity, identity, term length, etc.) are still being determined.

31. Will the non-profit status for DCS stay the same?

- a. Yes. DCS will continue to be a 501c3 nonprofit organization, keeping its same EIN 81-4484394.

32. Will I donate to DCS in the same way?

- a. Yes. You may still send donations to DCS in the same way. However, if you mail donations, you may use our new address after we have moved in the summer of 2024. If your company matches donations, please share our new address with them after we move in the summer of 2024.

Accreditation, Vendors, Scholarships

33. Will DCS maintain accreditation?

- a. Yes. DCS is currently accredited under GAC. We are also working toward attaining GISA accreditation.

34. Will Pay It Forward (scholarships and tax credits) still be available?

- a. Yes. Please continue to apply for the [QEE Tax Credit through Pay It Forward](#) as you normally would, as well as applying eligible students to the [Pay It Forward scholarship program](#). Nothing changes about the Pay It Forward partnership with DCS in 2024.

35. Will DCS continue to accept SB10/Special Needs Scholarships?

- a. Yes. DCS will continue its partnership with the state of Georgia as a school eligible to receive SB10 scholarship funds for eligible students.

36. Will DCS continue with its partnerships with GAPPS, GISA, GAC, and ASCI?

- a. As we do each year, DCS evaluates partnerships with organizations and determines what is best to support our students as we seek to achieve our mission and vision. We plan to continue these partnerships, but we will let you know if anything changes.

Curriculum, Technology

37. Will 5th Grade remain in middle school?

- a. No. Starting with the 2024-2025 school year, 5th grade will not be part of middle school, and instead move to our elementary school program.

38. Will the curriculum change?

- a. As we do each year, DCS determines the right curriculum for our students and reserves the right to make changes as needed. We will keep you informed of any curriculum changes.

39. Will students continue to use digital devices at school?

- a. Yes, DCS will continue its commitment to be a one-to-one school (one device available for each student, with usage determined by the teacher as needed to supplement instruction in the classroom).

40. Will students continue to take field trips (and retreats for middle school)?

- a. Yes. We love taking our students on field trips and have no plans to change that.

Branding, Uniforms, Signage, Marketing

41. Will the school change name?

- a. Yes. This is God’s school, and you - our wonderful families, faculty, and staff - are what make our school so special. Although our school was founded as “Dunwoody Christian School”, a new name will reflect the fact that our school has a wider reach beyond our local neighborhood. Timing on changing the name of the school is still being discussed. Rest assured that you will still feel that wonderful feeling of pride and community at our school, no matter the name.

42. Can students continue to wear the current DCS uniform?

- a. We are still working on this. If new uniforms are required for the 2024-2025 school year, returning students will be provided with a credit to help cover the cost of new uniforms.

43. Will Lands End remain the uniform vendor?

- a. Lands End will continue to be our uniform vendor for the foreseeable future. If this changes, we will make sure you have plenty of advance time to adjust to a change.

44. When will we start seeing signage at the new campus?

- a. Stay tuned. DCS is working with FBA on how to display the school’s branding prominently on their campus through signage.

45. When will DCS share this news outside of the DCS community (social media, etc.)?

- a. DCS is excited to announce this more broadly to the community. You will see more communications coming soon.

Moving, Logistics

46. Can I volunteer to help with the move?

- a. Yes, please. We will need lots of parent volunteers to help pack up our classrooms and office spaces, as well as volunteers to help unpack once the moving truck delivers everything to FBA. This will likely occur in June/July 2024 - so please stay tuned for invitations for volunteers.

47. We enroll a younger sibling at the Dunwoody Baptist Preschool, and enjoy drop off and pickup around the same time for both schools, especially on late start mornings. Will I still be able to drop off at both schools in time?

- a. The FBA campus is a short 3-mile drive from the DBC campus. We expect that your morning schedules will be able to accommodate the carpool line at both schools.

48. Will there be a bus service?

- a. No bus service is planned for the 2024-2025 school year, but we will let you know if this changes.

49. What is the summer office schedule for DCS?

- a. We don't know yet. DCS will publish the summer office hours in the coming months. We expect to be very busy with the move this summer, but will remain available as always each summer to new and returning families.

Future Planning

50. What is the short term vs. long term strategy of growth at FBA?

- a. This move to FBA brings new opportunities and exciting times ahead for our wonderful school.
 - **Short-Term:** DCS will move to the FBA campus in the summer of 2024 to a space that will fit projected growth for a few years. This space will allow DCS to provide even better educational experiences for your children, continue hiring the best Christian teachers, and the ability to open additional classrooms in each grade.
 - **Long-Term:** DCS seeks to grow into a well-established, highly-respected covenant Christian school that will rival some of the most established, successful private K-12 schools in Georgia. To accomplish that, DCS will need larger and more sophisticated facilities. FBA is planning to renovate or build dedicated academic facilities on campus, as well as state-of-the-art athletic facilities and incredible spaces for extracurricular programming such as clubs, specials, and Lions Den. We are working with FBA on timing of this, and we look forward to sharing more with you in the coming months.

51. How will DCS fund future building projects?

- a. When DCS moves to the FBA campus, DCS will become part of the FBA organization. In addition to families paying tuition and our donors giving generously to DCS, FBA will also support the needs of the school through their resources.

52. Does DCS intend to expand to other markets not currently served by our school such as highschool, preschool grades, gifted programs, students with learning differences (e.g. dyslexia, additional special needs)?

- a. This is a question the DCS leadership prays about constantly. Our desire is to be able to serve all of God's children, providing an exceptional Christian education to all. The reality is that accomplishing that goal takes lots of time and lots of resources. DCS leadership feels that God is calling us to stay our current course, which is a focus on building our academic program in our current K-8th grade levels, continue to offer our wonderful math and reading support programs, and to strategically plan for high school in the near future. We do not expect to add additional support programs at this time to serve special needs or other academic learning differences such as dyslexia. There are amazing schools in the Atlanta area that are specialized in providing support for students needs that DCS cannot accommodate.

53. Will DCS continue to offer math and reading support programs?

- a. Yes. DCS has found that our families enjoy and students thrive under our math and reading support programs. As announced earlier this school year, DCS will continue to offer these support programs under a new paid-model for the 2024-2025 school year. That paid model is not impacted by this move to FBA, and we look forward to helping your students thrive in all academic areas, especially in math and reading through these programs.