

PCS DELAYED?



10 TIPS FROM SHS GUIDANCE ON HOW TO EFFECTIVELY PLAN FOR THE UNKNOWN

1) **Clarify the courses that your student wants/needs to take to meet their graduation requirements** and their college and career readiness requirements—being mindful that the school/state requirements of the school you are PCSing to may be different than DoDEA.

2) Once you have a list of courses that you feel will “work” for transferring – meaning that the courses are as equivalent as possible, provide that list to your student’s counselor. **SHS guidance can work with you compare course descriptions if you need assistance.**

3) Your counselor will request courses for the 2020-21 school year at SHS that are the **“best fit/best match”** for transfer (whenever that is).

4) We will request the courses now, so they are ready for August.

5) If your family **does PCS in the summer - the requests simply go away when the student is withdrawn from SHS.**

6) If your **student begins school at SHS**, they will depart from SHS with TRANSFER grades.

7) **Refrain from selecting unusual, atypical courses.** (DVHS courses, Sports Medicine, BioTech Engineering, etc.) It is not that these are not good courses, just there is a lower probability they will be offered at your next school.

8) The guidance department remains hopeful, that everyone, on both sides of this equation, will be cooperative, work toward a fair resolution and

be as flexible as possible - we will have a country, even a world, of transferring students all in the same situation.

9) If things were to evolve in a way that the PCS didn’t happen until later in the fall (and there is talk of this virus resurfacing in the fall) then **everything still stands and the student is in a good position for PCS/transfer** next year at any time. Even through the end of first semester.

10) **Mr. Holder, is the school liaison officer** and any time you want to consult with him, the SHS guidance department welcomes a second look or additional thoughts/options.

*****Here is the underlying reason to do this: if the student begins with us - and we can get a good match - then the student leaves with transfer grades from SHS and they will not enter their next school with a deficit of work that has to be made up. *****

