

# Detroit Country Day School Profile



*Founded in 1914  
106 years of excellence  
in academics, activities,  
arts & athletics*

## Class of 2021

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## School COVID Statement

On March 13, 2020, Detroit Country Day School immediately implemented virtual learning upon the onset of COVID-19. The school moved forward with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous teaching models driven by Canvas, which allowed the school to maintain its robust curricular offerings and typical evaluative measures (DCDS does not offer pass/fail grades). These courses continued with strong rigor thru May 29, 2020, with final grades posted on June 5, 2020. On September 8, 2020, Detroit Country Day School opened as scheduled and offered both traditional and family selected remote learning. 10% of Upper School students began the year virtually, and 75% of the Class of 2021 had recorded an ACT or SAT score beginning September 2020 - though many were only able to sit for a single assessment before closures.

## Mission

Detroit Country Day School strives to provide a superior college preparatory, liberal arts educational opportunity to young people of cultural and intellectual diversity. Within a dignified and supportive setting, the school promotes the academic, artistic, moral, character, leadership and physical development of all students so that they can pursue excellence in their lives and careers, and play effective roles in their families and communities.

## \* School

The enrollment for 2020-21 is 656 students (of which 177 are seniors) who reside in more than 50 nearby communities. DCDS is a member of MACAC, NACAC, College Board, ACT, NAIS and ISACS.

## Academic Requirements

Detroit Country Day School offers academic programs that contribute to the liberal arts education of students. DCDS is also committed to the psychological, social, athletic and aesthetic development of the student. To this end, students are required to earn:

English	4 years
Fine & Performing Arts	1 year
World Language (through level III)	3 years
History & US Government	3.5 years
Mathematics	3 years
Science (1 life science; 1 physical science)	2 years
Public Speaking (sophomore year)	1 semester
Health Education (freshman year)	1 semester
Elective Credits	4.5
Required Credits for Graduation	22

## Additional Diploma Requirements

100% of DCDS students participate in community service, clubs, and athletics/performing arts.

- 🎯 **White Points** are earned for every 5 hours of **community service** in approved projects; 2 points per year required.
- 🎯 **Gold Points** are earned for each semester of participation in a **club or activity**; 2 points per year required.
- 🎯 **Mission Points (8 total required)**
  - **Blue Points** are acquired through the participation in **DCDS sports, an off campus sport not offered by DCDS, or national caliber sport**; 4 points minimum required for graduation (1 point each year).
  - **Silver Points** are acquired through the participation in after school non-athletic team activities including **theatre, debate, forensics, science fair, and robotics**. No minimum requirement.

\* As of print date 9.23.20

## Grading Scale

98 – 100	A+	74 – 76	C+
92 – 97	A	68 – 73	C
89 – 91	A-	65 – 67	C-
86 – 88	B+	64	D+
80 – 85	B	61 – 63	D
77 – 79	B-	60	D-

## International Baccalaureate Program

Detroit Country Day School offers qualified students the opportunity to enroll in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. The general objectives of the IB are to provide students with a balanced education, to foster critical thinking in all academic disciplines, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding through a shared academic experience.

### \* Class of 2021

Due to our rigorous college preparatory program it is our school policy not to assign class rank. We believe that the number is often misleading since small differences in grade point average can produce significant differences in rank.

- 177 graduates
- 100% of our seniors receive admittance to at least one four-year college or university.
- 3.54 = Mean GPA, 1Q = 3.86, 3Q = 3.28
- 18 National Merit Semifinalists
- 12 National Merit Commended Students

## Advanced Placement

DCDS offers an extensive Advanced Placement (AP) program. The AP curriculum includes courses of disciplined and orderly inquiry. The program is designed to challenge highly motivated students and develop in them the ability to master complex knowledge.

- 19 AP Scholars
- 22 AP Scholars with Honors
- 50 AP Scholars
- 14 AP National Scholars with Distinction

In 2020, 252 DCDS students (99 seniors) took a total of 548 AP exams (492 exams were scored 3 or higher) in 29 areas:

Art and Design	17	Italian Language	1
Art History	9	Latin	3
Biology	20	Macroeconomics	9
Calculus AB	40	Microeconomics	10
Calculus BC	33	Physics 1	1
Chemistry	32	Physics 2	1
Chinese Language	12	Physics C: E & M	22
Computer Science A	22	Physics C: Mech.	23
Comp. Science Principles	1	Psychology	71
English Lit. & Comp.	31	Spanish Language	13
English Lang. & Comp.	3	Statistics	34
Environmental Science	34	US Gov. & Politics	26
European History	11	United States History	40
French Language	8	World History	15
German Language	6		

## \* 2021 GPA (sixth semester)

Academic GPA	# of Students	Academic GPA	# of Students
3.9 – 4.00	36	2.9 – 2.99	5
3.8 – 3.89	20	2.8 – 2.89	3
3.7 – 3.79	19	2.7 – 2.79	3
3.6 – 3.69	20	2.6 – 2.69	1
3.5 – 3.59	10	2.5 – 2.59	2
3.4 – 3.49	11	2.4 – 2.49	1
3.3 – 3.39	15	2.3 – 2.39	1
3.2 – 3.29	9	2.2 – 2.29	0
3.1 – 3.19	10	2.1 – 2.19	0
3.0 – 3.09	11	2.09 – ↓	0

A note about our GPA: Detroit Country Day School prides itself on rigorous grading and lack of grade inflation. All grades that appear on transcripts are un-weighted and the DCDS grade point average is cumulative and calculated on a 4.0 scale.

## \* SAT The Mean SAT Score = 1306

52% of our students sat for the SAT.

SAT EBRW  
(Mean = 654)

SAT Math  
(Mean = 653)

Score	Total	%	Score	Total	%
700-800	31	39%	700-800	36	45%
600-690	28	35%	600-690	14	18%
500-590	15	19%	500-590	22	28%
400-490	6	8%	400-490	6	8%
300-390	0	-	300-390	2	3%
200-290	0	-	200-290	0	-

## \* ACT The Mean ACT = 29

90% of our students sat for the ACT.

Score	Total	%
36-33	38	28%
32-28	48	35%
27-24	30	21%
23-20	17	12%
19-16	5	4%