

Counseling Reference Information

What is 3DE?

3DE is a four-year instructional model where students participate in real-world projects that are integrated across all core classes. Students engage with a variety of industries, professions, and careers as they develop competencies and skills for success in high-growth careers. 3DE teachers set high expectations and foster a strong sense of community among our students and by the end of their four-year high school career, students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to thrive, whether they choose to go to college, join the workforce, open their own business, or join the military.

9th & 10th Grade: Students work in teams to research, analyze, and develop solutions for authentic real-world challenges posed by one of our company partners.

- Coaching is provided by business professionals for students to receive advice and counsel.
- Culminating Events occur in which students present their solutions to a panel of judges from the company for review and feedback.

11th Grade: Students develop their own business while gaining insights from industry experts and relevant industry examples through Case Studies.

- Case studies that intersect with key elements of a Year-Long Project.
- Coaching from industry experts at key times during the development of their new venture.
- Culminating Events in a "Pitch Event" and "Market Day" where students present their business plan and products.

12th Grade: Students work in small teams to apply gained skills through an 18-week consultancy with a local company or organization.

- Coaching from company mentors to review the team's progress and provide insights.
- Culminating presentation to company leaders at the conclusion of the project followed by a broader discussion on learnings and reflections.

Benefits of 3DE to Students:

- Master transferable skills
- Explore premiere companies, careers, and industries
- Take on leadership roles advisory opportunities, planning committees, volunteering, etc.
- Interact with and receive coaching from business professionals
- Engage with colleges and universities
- Builds their professional portfolio

3DE Competencies:

Creativity & Innovation Cultural Agility Engaging Communication

Critical & Analytical Thinking Effective Collaboration Self-Direction

Typical Four-Year Course of Study

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
ELA	9 th Lit & Comp Honors	10th Lit & Comp Honors	American Literature & Composition Honors	Grade British American Literature & Composition Honors
Math	Algebra I/Geometry	Geometry/Algebra II	Algebra II/PreCal	PreCal/AMDM
Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Choice Science
Social Studies	AP Human Geography (Optional)	World History	US History	Economics & American Government
Required 3DE Elective/ Launch Class	Marketing Principles	Marketing & Entrepreneurship	Marketing Management	Marketing Work Skills I (WBL)
Choice Electives	World Language, AP classes, Fine Arts, Computer Sciences, Health Sciences, PE, CTAE, etc.	World Language, AP classes, Fine Arts, Computer Sciences, Health Sciences, PE, CTAE, etc.	World Language, AP classes, Fine Arts, Computer Sciences, Health Sciences, PE, CTAE, etc.	World Language, AP classes, Fine Arts, Computer Sciences, Health Sciences, PE, CTAE, etc.

FAQ's

How was I chosen for 3DE?

• 8th grade teachers and counselors recommend students who would benefit from the model

Will being in 3DE limit my ability to participate in the South Gwinnett High School community?

- No after school requirements means students can participate in clubs, sports, & social opportunities
- 3DE students take electives with the larger South Gwinnett community

What is the GPA requirement to be in 3DE?

- No minimum GPA requirement
- AP, honors & on-level classes available

Are 3DE students learning Georgia education standards?

- Yes! 3DE students learn the same standards as non-3DE students
- Students learn the practical, real-world application of the skills and knowledge gained in their academic classes.

Is 3DE for me?

- 3DE is not just for students interested in business but are interested in developing 21st century skills
- Career exposure gained through 3DE is great for "undecided" students

How will 3DE help me with life after high school?

- 3DE competencies are essential for success in college, military, work and beyond
- Experiences as a 3DE student lend themselves to powerful and unique personal essays in college, internship, and scholarship applications