

DETROIT COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL



Founded in 1914 - 111 years of excellence in academics, activities, arts & athletics

CLASS OF 2026

MISSION

Detroit Country Day School develops citizens and leaders of the world in a culturally diverse environment of academic rigor, competitive athletics, and artistic expression, built on a foundation of service and character.

SCHOOL

The enrollment for 2025-26 is 592 students who reside in more than 50 nearby communities. DCDS is a member of MACAC, NACAC, College Board, ACT, NAIS, ISACS and ACCIS.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

DCDS 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
- **History & US Gov:** 3.5 years
- **Mathematics:** 3 years
- **Science:** 2 years (1 life science; 1 physical science)
- **World Language:** 3 years (through level III)
- **Fine/Performing Arts:** 1 year
- **Public Speaking:** 1 semester
- **Health:** 1 semester
- **Elective Credits:** 4.5

REQUIRED CREDITS FOR GRADUATION: 22

- Our students may exceed this requirement, up to a maximum of 27 credits.
- 1 credit is 2 semesters (one full school year).
- There are two goals per semester.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Stan-X Experimental Research: This class is a full and immersive research lab experience, in coordination with Stanford University. Students in this course will be doing genetic research on drosophila (fruit flies) in hopes of creating a genetically unique fruit fly line.

Conservatory: This program puts a clear focus on building artistic capabilities for students interested in the visual & performing arts. Students can choose from the following areas of focus - Visual Arts, Theatre, Music, Film, Dance, Communications.

Global Scholars: Science, history, English, and world language courses which have a global emphasis are the core components of this 2-year program. Students have the opportunity to travel abroad and/or host students from another country.

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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

100% of DCDS students participate in community service, clubs, athletics, and the arts:

- **White Points** are earned for participation in approved community service projects; minimum of 10 hours per year required.
- **Gold Points** are earned through participation in 2 semesters of a club; 1 required each year.

Mission Points (8 total required)

- **Blue Points** are earned 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 earned through the participation in after school non-athletic team activities including theatre, debate, forensics, science fair, and robotics. No minimum requirement.





CLASS OF 2026

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.

100% of our seniors receive admittance to at least one four-year college or university.

SAT

Students Tested: 63
Average Total: 1304
Average Math: 661
Average ERW: 643

ACT

Students Tested: 120
Average Composite: 27

172 graduates
Average Unweighted GPA: 3.59
Middle 50%: 3.38-3.89
National Merit Semifinalists: 18
National Merit Commended: 16

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-

38% of the Class of 2026 has earned a weighted GPA of 4.0 or above.

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.

In 2025, 261 DCDS students (107 seniors) took a total of 599 AP exams in 30 areas:

- Art and Design: 23
- Latin: 4
- Art History: 13
- Macroeconomics: 4
- Biology: 36
- Microeconomics: 3
- Calculus AB: 55
- Music Theory: 1
- Calculus BC: 32
- Physics 1: 1
- Chemistry: 30
- Physics C E&M: 16
- Chinese Language: 10
- Physics C Mech: 17
- Comparative Gov & Politics: 1
- Pre-Calculus: 1
- Comp Science A: 15
- Psychology: 77
- Drawing: 1
- AP Seminar: 32
- English Lit & Comp: 52
- Spanish Language: 9
- English Lang & Comp: 6
- Statistics: 46
- Enviro Science: 26
- US Gov. & Politics: 18
- French Language: 9
- United States History: 61
- German: 2
- World History: 2

87% of exams were scored 3 or higher

5	4	3	2	1
35%	29%	23%	11%	2%

34 AP Scholars

9 AP Scholars with Honors

61 AP Scholars with Distinction

NEW IN 2025-2026:
We will continue offering AP Seminar as a history-based research course, and have expanded the program to include AP Research courses in both History and STEM.

2026 GPA

(Sixth Semester)

UNWEIGHTED

3.9-4.00	39	3.1-3.19	3
3.8-3.89	27	3.0-3.09	7
3.7-3.79	12	2.9-2.99	1
3.6-3.69	17	2.8-2.89	7
3.5-3.59	15	2.7-2.79	2
3.4-3.49	18	2.6-2.69	2
3.3-3.39	13	2.5-2.59	2
3.2-3.29	7		

WEIGHTED

4.4-4.49	10	3.7-3.79	17	3.0-3.09	5
4.3-4.39	8	3.6-3.69	9	2.9-2.99	3
4.2-4.29	15	3.5-3.59	15	2.8-2.89	5
4.1-4.19	17	3.4-3.49	15	2.7-2.79	2
4.0-4.09	15	3.3-3.39	7	2.6-2.69	1
3.9-3.99	10	3.2-3.29	7	2.5-2.59	2
3.8-3.89	9	3.1-3.19	0		

A weighted grade point average is included on the transcript for admissions offices to use at their discretion. The weighted grade point average offers an additional 0.5 for Honors or IB courses, and a full 1.0 for Advanced Placement or Advanced courses.





UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

A full list of courses with explanation of their content is available at: www.dcds.edu/academics/upper-school
(Note: **bold** indicates AP, Honors, and Advanced Courses)

English

- Literature, Speech & Composition
- American Literature & Composition
- Narrative Techniques in Literature & Film
- Creative Writing
- Humanities
- American Dream in 20th Century Literature
- Crime & Corruption in Modern Literature
- Irish Literature
- Science Fiction
- Introduction to Screenwriting
- Advanced Screenwriting
- **Honors Literature, Speech & Composition**
- **Honors American Literature & Composition**
- **Honors Rhetoric, Composition, Innovation & Creativity**
- **Honors Approaches to Knowledge**
- **AP English Lit & Comp: Antihero in Literature and Drama**
- **AP English Lit & Comp: World Literature**
- **AP English Lit & Comp: Survey of English Literature**

History & Social Science

- Ancient & Non-Western World
- American Struggle for Equal Rights
- Modern World History
- 20th Century American Foreign Policy
- Economics & Sustainability
- History of Detroit
- Intro to Microeconomic Theory
- Intro to Macroeconomic Theory
- American Studies
- Modern American History through Sports
- 21st Century Global Issues
- Psychology of Sports
- Entrepreneurial Problem Solving
- American Government
- **Honors Ancient & Non-Western World**
- **Honors Modern World History**
- **AP Seminar: Global Studies**
- **AP European History**
- **AP United States History**
- **AP American Government**
- **AP Research**

World Languages

- Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, Latin I, II, III, IV
- Spanish, French, German II
- Spanish, French III, IV
- Quebec: History, Culture & Traditions
- Latin America: History, Culture & Traditions
- **Honors Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, Latin II**
- **Honors Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, Latin III, IV**
- **AP Spanish, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, Latin V**

Computer Science

- Intro to: Programming, Python, C, Game Development
- **Machine Learning**
- **Data Mining**
- **AP Computer Science AB**
- **Topics in C++**

Science

- Biology
- Health
- Intro to Neuroscience
- Human Genetics
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Microbiology & Parasitology
- Chem Com
- Chemistry
- Ecology & Ecosystems
- Environmental Science Challenges & Solutions
- Adv Topics in Psychology
- Physics
- Astronomy I & II
- Pre-Engineering
- Engineering I & II
- Conceptual Physics: Understanding the World through Athletics
- Experimental Design & Data Collection
- Independent Research Methods
- **Advanced Research**
- **Stan-X Research in Genetics**
- **Honors Biology**
- **Honors Chemistry**
- **Honors Organic Chemistry**
- **Honors Physics**
- **Intro to Astrophysics I & II**
- **Modern Physics**
- **AP Chemistry**
- **AP Psychology**
- **AP Biology**
- **AP Physics C: Mechanics and E&M**
- **AP Environmental Science**
- **AP Research**

Math

- Algebra I
- Inductive Geometry
- Geometry
- Intermediate Algebra
- Algebra II
- Statistics
- Finite Math
- Precalculus
- Calculus
- History of Math
- Applications in Calculus & Statistics
- **Honors Algebra II**
- **Honors Geometry**
- **Advanced Precalculus**
- **Honors Precalculus**
- **Discrete Math**
- **Linear Algebra**
- **AP Calculus AB**
- **AP Calculus BC**
- **Advanced Topics in Math**
- **Multivariable Calculus**
- **Differential Equations**

Visual Arts

- Foundations of Studio Art
- Intro to: Drawing, Ceramics, Sculpture, Photography, Metals, Painting, Computer Graphics & Digital Photography, Fashion Research & Design, Architectural Design
- Advanced: Drawing, Ceramics, Sculpture, Photography, Metals, Painting, Computer Graphics & Digital Photography, Fashion Research & Design
- Mixed Media Exploration
- Portfolio Development
- **AP Art and Design**
- **AP Art History**

Communications

- Communication in a Digital World
- Forensics
- Debate
- Broadcasting
- Social Media Marketing

Film

- Foundations of Film Making
- Film Studio Production
- Acting Studio for Film
- Intermediate Film Making
- Acting Techniques for Film I & II
- Advanced: Film Studio Production, Acting Studio for Film
- Directed Mentorship

Theatre

- Theatre I & II
- Theatre Production I & II
- Technical Theatre Studio
- Studio Theatre Ensemble
- Movement for Theatre
- Advanced Theatre Practicum: Performance, Design

Dance

- Dance: Foundations, Foundational Movement, Performance Studies
- Dance Repertory Ensemble
- Advanced Dance Practicum

Music

- Foundations of Instrumental Music: Band, Orchestra
- Jacket Big Band
- Concert Band
- Honors Wind Symphony
- Honors Woodwind Quintet
- Honors Chamber Music Ensemble
- Concert Orchestra
- Honors Symphonic Strings
- Belle Voce
- Concert Choir
- Music Theory I
- **AP Music Theory**
- Directed Study & Independent Study courses are offered in all Visual & Performing Arts disciplines





COLLEGE MATRICULATION 2023-2025

DCDS Alumni are currently attending 126 different Colleges and Universities.
(Note: **bold** indicates 2 or more alumni attending)

Alabama A & M University	Louisiana State University	The University of Tennessee
Albion College	Loyola Marymount University	The University of Texas at Austin
Alma College	Loyola University Chicago	Tufts University
American University	Loyola University Maryland	Tulane University of Louisiana
Amherst College	Macalester College	University of Arizona
Arizona State University	Macomb Community College	University of California-Irvine
Auburn University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of California-Los Angeles
Baylor University	Miami University, Oxford	University of California-Santa Barbara
Boston College	Michigan State University	University of California-Santa Cruz
Boston University	Michigan Technological University	University of Chicago
Brandeis University	Morehouse College	University of Colorado, Boulder
Brown University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Dayton
Butler University	New York University	University of Denver
California Institute of Technology	North Carolina A & T State University	University of Detroit Mercy
Carleton College	Northeastern University	University of Florida
Carnegie Mellon University	Northern Michigan University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Case Western Reserve University	Northwestern University	University of Kansas
Central Michigan University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Melbourne
Chapman University	Oakland University	University of Miami
Clemson University	Ohio State University	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
College for Creative Studies	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Michigan-Dearborn
Dartmouth College	Otterbein University	University of Minnesota
Denison University	Pace University	University of Mississippi
DePaul University	Pepperdine University	University of Missouri
Duke University	Princeton University	University of Notre Dame
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Purdue University	University of Pennsylvania
George Washington University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of South Florida
Georgetown University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of St Andrews
Georgia Institute of Technology	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Toledo
Grand Valley State University	Saginaw Valley State University	University of Toronto
Hampton University	Santa Clara University	University of Vermont
Harvard University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Washington
High Point University	Smith College	University of Wisconsin
Hope College	Southern Methodist University	Vanderbilt University
Howard University	SUNY at Albany	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Indiana University	Swarthmore College	Washington University in St Louis
Johns Hopkins University	Texas A & M University	Wayne State University
Kalamazoo College	Texas Christian University	Wesleyan University
Kettering University	The New School	Western Michigan University
Lake Forest College	The Pennsylvania State University	William & Mary
Lehigh University	The University of Alabama	Xavier University
Lincoln Memorial University	The University of Tampa	Yale University

