DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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VISION

We strive to cultivate an educational foundation that empowers students to realize their full potential, thrive as productive global citizens, ignite positive change, and create a more just world.

DISTRICT MISSION

In partnership with our community, our mission is to inspire and enable student growth through meaningful and engaging learning experiences supported by highly qualified and caring educators in a safe and inviting environment.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT MISSION

The Decatur High School counseling program emphasizes access, and success by implementing a data informed counseling program which inspires all students to grow and develop as learners, thinkers, and inquirers. This is accomplished through meaningful, motivating, and rewarding experiences which are facilitated by highly qualified, caring adults in a safe, supportive, and inviting environment that provide resources and remove barriers to help all students achieve their highest potential and prepare for career, college, and life.

SCHOOL

Decatur High School is a comprehensive public high school located in Decatur, Georgia, an urban community of 25,000 residents situated approximately five miles east of downtown Atlanta.

DHS is an IB World School in which all students participate in the IB Middle Years Program and most take at least one IB Diploma course. The school offers both the IB Diploma Program and the IB Career Program for 11th/12th graders. All of these IB courses are two-year courses, so many of our students will take college-level IB exams at the end of the senior year, rather than separate exams at the end of the junior and senior years.

AP Capstone is a rigorous, two-year program that develops students' skills in independent research, critical thinking, collaboration, and academic communication. Through AP Seminar and AP Research, students investigate complex questions, evaluate diverse perspectives, conduct original research, and present evidence-based findings. The program prepares students for success in college and beyond by fostering intellectual curiosity, academic independence, and confidence as researchers and communicators.

Decatur High School operates on a schedule that allows each senior to earn up to 28 Carnegie units toward graduation. Students are required to complete a minimum of 25 units. In addition to our college preparatory courses, students have the opportunity to supplement their curriculum with Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate Diploma courses, Dual Enrollment courses at nearby colleges, internships, and work-study options.

Graduation Requirements

Subject		Requirements Comments
Language Arts	4 units	Literature & Composition I and Literature & Composition II
Mathematics	4 units	Must complete through Advanced Algebra: Conc & Conn
Science	4 units	Physics, Biology, Chemistry and an additional lab science
Social Studies	3 units	American Gov.-Citizenship/Economics, U.S History, World History
Health & Physical Education	1 unit	Personal Fitness (.5); Health (.5)
Fine Arts/Career-Tech	3 units	3 units in a concentrated area are encouraged in the same language. College Prep diploma
World Language	2 units	
Elective credits	4 units	* Starting with the Class of 2027, only 3.0 credits of Humanities/Social Studies will be required.
Total Required Units	**25 units**	

RIGOR COURSES

Subject	
Honors English 9, 10 *	Physics
AP Language & Composition	Chemistry
AP English Literature	IB Chemistry SL Year 1/2
IB Lang/Lit SL/HL Year 1/2	IB Biology HL/SL Year 1/2
Honors Geometry *	IB Physics SL Year 1/2
Algebra I *	IB Physics HL Year 1/2
Enh Adv. Algebra & AP Precalc.	AP Cyber Security
AP Statistics	
AP Calculus AB, BC	
IB Math Applications SL 1/ Adv. Algebra	
AP Pre-calculus	
IB Math Applications and Interpretation SL /HL Year 1/2	
IB Math Analysis & Approaches SL 1/ SL 2	
IB Math Analysis & Approaches HL 1/HL 2	
Dual Core Courses	
AP US History/AP A.A Studies	
IB World History HL Year 1/2	IB French SL Year 1/2
IB Psychology HL/SL Year 1/2.	IB German SL Year 1/2
AP Psychology	AP Music Theory
AP Government	IB Vis. Art SL Year 1/ 2
IB Spanish SL/HL Year 1/2	IB/AP Computer Science Principles
IB Film SL Year 1 or HL Year 1	
IB Design Technology SL/HL Year 1/2	

GRADING POLICY

Grades are based on the following:

90-100 = A
Distinguished

80-89 = B
Proficient

70-79 = C
Developing

69- 0 = F
Beginning

50
Insufficient evidence to assess mastery

GPA CALCULATION

AP/IB/DE	REGULAR
A = 5.0	A = 4.0
B = 4.0	B = 3.0
C = 3.0	C = 2.0
F = 0.0	F = 0.0

*Prior to 2023-2024: Grading Scale: The highest grade was an A+. This scale often meant that grades could be broken down into A+ (4.25), A, B+ (3.25) with A+ being the highest possible grade.

*2023-2024 and Following: Grading Scale: The highest grade is now an A.

*Honors classes are now available for 9th and 10th graders, honors classes receive an additional .5 GPA point

STUDENT PROFILE

Fall 2026 Enrollment: 1941
Class of 2026 Enrollment: 521
In May of 2026, 762 AP tests were administered in grades 10-12.
AP Students with 3+ = 441
Rank: School policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2022
Attending four-year college: 95%
Attending two-year college: 3%
Military enlistment: under 1%
Work/Other: under 1%
HOPE/Zell Miller (Georgia State Scholarships): 73.14%

SAMPLE OF COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

ENROLLMENT NOTES

Students begin IB coursework in their junior year (with the exception of IB Chemistry, which students may start in their sophomore year if qualified)

9th graders may NOT take IB courses.
10th graders may NOT take IB Higher Level (HL) courses.
11th graders may ONLY take up to 2 Standard Level (SL) exams during their junior year; all other exams MUST be taken in their senior year.

Honors and AP courses have open enrollment.
Valedictorian - Student with the highest weighted GPA (selected in spring)
Salutatorian - Student with the second-highest weighted GPA (selected in spring)