



DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Duane Sprull | Principal

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

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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. Decatur is part of an independent school district within DeKalb County and serves over 5500 students.

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.

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. For 2024-25, DHS Class of 2025 will have 107 full IB Diploma Program and 50 IB Career Program Candidates, with over 50 additional seniors taking IB exams. Over 100 students are taking dual enrollment courses.

Subject		
Language Arts	4 units	Lit /Comp 9 and American Lit
Mathematics	4 units	Must complete through Algebra 2
Science	4 units	Physics, Biology, Chemistry and an additional lab science
Social Studies	4 units	American Gov.-Citizenship/Economics, U.S
Health & Physical Education	1 unit	History, World History
Fine Arts/Career-Tech	3 units	Personal Fitness (.5); Health (.5)
World Language	2 units	3 units in a concentrated area are encouraged in the same language
Total Required Units	25 units	College Prep diploma

RIGOR COURSES

Subject	Physics
Honors English 9, 10 *	Chemistry
AP Language & Composition	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 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 Enrollment Math Course	
AP US History	IB French SL Year 1/2
IB World History HL Year 1/2	I IB German SL Year 1/2
IB Psychology HL/SL Year 1/2.	AP Music Theory
AP Psychology	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	*beginning 24-25 school year

GRADING POLICY

Grades are based on the following percentages:

90-100 A = Distinguished mastery of state standards

80-89 B = Proficient mastery of state standards

70-79 C = Developing mastery of state standards

69 and below F = No evidence of mastery of state standards

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 2024 Enrollment: 1889

Class of 2024 Enrollment: 452

In May of 2024, 486 AP tests were administered in grades 10-12.

AP Students with 3+ = 357

Rank: School policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2022

Attending four-year college: 97%
Attending two-year college: 0%
Military enlistment: under 1%
Work/Other: under 1%
HOPE/Zell Miller (Georgia State Scholarships): 81%

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 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)