

# RECOGNITIONS:

- ◆ The top performing Magnet students with the highest Magnet GPA receive full-ride scholarships to the University of Georgia (VAL/SAL for Magnet) every year.
- ◆ The following awards were won by the 2016-2017 school year by Magnet students: STAR Award (Darion Isom), Coca-Cola Academic Award (Alisha Williams) & Posse Scholar Award (Perry Worthey).
- ◆ Southwest DeKalb has won 24 Athletic State Championships which is the second highest of all DeKalb County schools, most recently being Girls Basketball and Boys Track and Field 2016 and football 5A for 2 consecutive years.
- ◆ The Southwest DeKalb NJROTC program received the Distinguished Unit Award for the last three years.
- ◆ Approximately 2.5 million dollars in band scholarships have been awarded to SWD students.

## Principal

Dr. Thomas Glanton, Jr.

## Assistant Principals

Mr. Marco Jackson  
Dr. Gayle McNair  
Dr. Tarristine Simmons  
Mr. Doug Ward

## Counseling Center

Mrs. Robin McDonald\*-  
A-E/Head Counselor\*

Mrs. Melanie Davis-Calloway-  
F-M

Mrs. Alicia Teague-  
N-Z, Onward

Mrs. Paula Jackson, Registrar

## SWD Magnet Coordinator

Dr. Esther Y. Walters  
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Dr. Constance Stevenson,  
Director of School Choice  
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# SWD MAGNET PROGRAM FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS

Southwest DeKalb High School is an academic powerhouse. As such, it is home to the High Achievers Magnet Program. Along with the resident students, the school hosts an enrollment of over 1170 well rounded students. Consistently, Southwest DeKalb students receive thousands of dollars in college scholarships for academics as well as athletics.

More than half of our faculty and staff have advanced degrees. Several of our teachers are veteran educators with more than ten years of experience. Southwest DeKalb has four teachers which are AP Exam Readers (there are approximately 140 in the entire county) as selected by the college board. Our teachers are committed to educating all students who enter their classrooms and many of them extend themselves beyond the normal school day by serving as coaches or sponsors of extra-curricular activities.

Southwest DeKalb offers many programs that increase the rigor of course work for our students. Students who participate in the program are selected based upon their grades and standardized test scores.

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college courses that are offered in high school.

Southwest DeKalb High School currently offers the following AP classes:

English Literature	English Language	Psychology*
World History	U. S. History	European History*
U. S. Government	Human Geography	Studio Art*
French	Calculus*	
Statistics*		

\*Have offered these frequently in the past; presently depends upon student interest.



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**SOUTHWEST DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL**



*The Magnet Programs are designed to offer students unique educational opportunities to build each student's academic talents, interests, and abilities. The administrators and instructors of the various magnet programs instill high academic expectations in all students. The differentiated instructional strategies and techniques utilized by the staff members of the magnet programs help our students to experience challenging and stimulating opportunities to ensure academic success while participating in the magnet program.*

## WE ARE SOUTHWEST DEKALB

We have instituted programs such as a Ninth Grade Academy, Advisement Tutorials, Departmental Tutorials, Saturday School, and the Kaplan SAT Review in an effort to increase performances on standardized tests, including the Georgia Milestone Test, Advanced Placement Exams, the SAT, and the ACT. Test scores on the English and Writing portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test were consistently high and ranked among the top ten in the county. Additionally, we offer a variety of extra-curricular activities for all students, including community service organizations, honor societies, athletic teams, marching, jazz, and concert bands, debate teams, academic clubs. Our marching band has received numerous national and international honors. The Georgia Music Educators

Association has rated the Southwest DeKalb bands and ensembles superior in performance for 23 consecutive years. For the fourth year in a row, Southwest DeKalb received top athletic honors for excelling in all sports. Academically, we have established ourselves as a powerhouse by being internationally recognized for the last ten years as the school that has the largest number of African-Americans in the world to score three or better on the AP U.S. History exam. Our faculty and staff members sacrifice many hours to nurture students inside and outside of the classroom. Our PTSA, business and community leaders work closely with the teachers and administrative staff to help us achieve our academic and financial goals.

**ALL APPLICANTS THAT QUALIFY FOR THE SOUTHWEST DEKALB  
MAGNET PROGRAM ARE WELCOME AND ARE GUARANTEED A SEAT  
IN OUR SCHOOL. EARLY  
ENROLLMENT FOR THE PROGRAM IS  
JANUARY 7TH -FEBRUARY 7TH, 2020  
WITH A LATE DEADLINE OF  
AUGUST 31, 2020.**

*EMBRACE THE TRADITION.....WE ARE SOUTHWEST DEKALB.*

## SWD MAGNET ELIGIBILITY

All applicants for the high achiever's magnet program must have a Fall semester 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (GPA) in the core subjects. DeKalb students must also earn a 75th percentile (or higher) total reading score, 75th percentile (or higher) total math score on the baseline M.A.P. assessment taken in the school year 2017-18.

All students not enrolled in a DeKalb County School District school must also earn a 75th percentile (or higher) total reading score, 75th percentile (or higher) total math score on the baseline M.A.P. assessment taken in the school year 2017-2018.

Students applying for the high school high achiever's magnet programs must also successfully complete grade level prerequisite courses.

Students enrolled in the magnet programs for high achievers must maintain an overall numerical core average of 80, a numerical minimum grade of 71 in all core subjects, and meet the promotion criteria each semester.

Students who do not maintain the academic performance criteria are placed on probation for one semester.