

DECA Vision Statement

DeKalb Early College Academy will be a leader among early college programs at the state and national level with an intense focus on developing scholars who are prepared to succeed in college as well as life.

EXCELLENCE
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DECA Mission Statement

DeKalb Early College Academy creates a dynamic learning community where scholars are immersed in a college preparatory curriculum, community service, and multiple career paths through college exposure.



Administrators

Edward Conner Principal

Kirsten Scott Assistant Principal

Michael Costa Assistant Principal

School Accomplishments

- ◆ 2020 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- ◆ 2013-2019: Top 4 GA High School on CCRPI
- ◆ 2013: #1 GA High School on CCRPI
- ◆ 2012-2019: #1 DeKalb High School on CCRPI
- ◆ 2012-2020: Title I Highest Performing Reward School for being in Top 5% in State Assessments
- ◆ 2012-2020: U.S. News & World Reports Best High Schools Award Recognition
- ◆ 2012: Georgia School of Excellence - First early college model school to receive this distinction
- ◆ 2012-2020 Platinum & Gold Award Winner for Student Achievement and Growth (GOSA)
- ◆ 2011: National Model High School (International Center for Leadership in Education)

DeKalb Early College Academy



What is DECA?

DECA was established in 2006. It is a School of Choice and the DeKalb County School District's only Early College model high school. In conjunction with Georgia State University, our students complete two years of high school education (9th and 10th grade) on our campus and take thirty [30] hours at Georgia State University at Perimeter College their 11th and 12th grade years at little to no cost to scholars' families. If families choose to self-pay beyond that, students would receive their high school diploma and up to 60 credit hours towards an Associate's Degree, with a possibility of earning both the diploma and the Associates degree. If not, then we have programs in place for scholars to earn 30 college credits and an industry certification through CTAE Pathways. Your scholar would be college and career ready upon leaving high school.

Who is eligible to attend?

We look for:

- Students who may be first in their family to attend/graduate college; under-represented populations to the college experience
- Students who may or may not be eligible for free/reduced lunch
- Students who have the drive to be successful with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum
- Students who enjoy academics and understand that we do not offer band or athletic programs (*except at your home school)

What advantages does DECA offer?

- ◆ Smaller class sizes than traditional high schools
- ◆ Opportunity to get a head start on college
- ◆ Student-centered Learning Environment
- ◆ Standards Based Classrooms
- ◆ Six Common Instructional Practices enforced in all classrooms:
 - ◆ Classroom Talk
 - ◆ Collaborative Group Work
 - ◆ Writing to Learn
 - ◆ Literacy Groups/Circles
 - ◆ Questioning Strategies
 - ◆ Scaffolding



Clubs, Organizations, and Student Life

In addition to academics, DECA also offers many clubs/organizations and extracurricular activities.



What do we expect of our students?

- Adherence to established dress code: we are a uniform school
- Satisfactory academic achievement, attendance and self-control
- 20 hours of community services per school year
- Commitment to the college prep curriculum/school program until graduation

How do I apply?

Submit the items below as a packet:

1. DECA Application: 2021-2022 (find on website in December '20)
2. Sealed copy of Discipline, Academic, and Attendance Transcripts
3. Teacher Recommendation Letters—ELA & Math
4. Scores on the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade Georgia Milestones (or alternate standardized assessment based on previous enrollment).



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