



DRUID HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Middle Years
Programme

An International Baccalaureate School

Druid Hills Middle School is an authorized International Baccalaureate World School. Our student body includes an extremely diverse population with a myriad of academic abilities and ethnic backgrounds representing over 47 nations. We serve 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from the Druid Hills cluster. The five elementary schools that feed into DHMS are: Avondale, Briar Vista, Fernbank, Laurel Ridge and McLendon. After 8th grade, our attendance area students feed into Druid Hills High School.

Quality Teaching...Quality Learning

Our mission is to develop engaged critical thinkers, with an intercultural view of the world, who are responsible, understanding, compassionate and free of stereotypes. By strengthening their foundation of reading, writing and problem solving, students will become self-motivated lifelong learners.

We support our student's development in these areas by implementing the curriculum framework of IB that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. The Middle Years Program (MYP) framework has eight subject groups: Language and Literature (ELA), Mathematics, Science, Individual and Societies (Social Studies), Physical and Health Education, Art (Visual or Performing: Band, Orchestra, Chorus), Language Acquisition (World Language: French or Spanish), and Design (Business Ed or Technology). Every student will take the four core content courses and either French or Spanish. Each student will be randomly assigned one of the following: Art, Technology, Business Education, and Health/Physical Education. A student may choose if they wish to take a Performing Art class (Band, Orchestra, or Chorus). All three music classes are yearlong.



Our Administration and Staff

DHMS has 4 administrators: Principal Jacqueline Taylor and three assistant principals. Our student supports include: three counselors - one for each grade, Student Support Specialist, Academic Coach, IB Coordinator, Lead Teacher for Special Education, and a full-time nurse. 75% of our teachers hold a degree higher than a bachelor's degree and are gifted certified.

Collaborative Enriched Media Center



The DHMS Library is a welcoming space for collaboration and learning. Our goal is to develop lifelong readers and lifelong learners. We have coined the library as "the heart of DHMS" due in part to the many book clubs, creative learning space, frequent author visits, and actively engaged students.



Extracurricular Activities

DHMS embodies its purpose of providing programs and activities that promote and value the IB Learner Profile traits: Risk-Taker, Communicator, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Caring, Reflective, Open-Minded, Principled, Balanced, and Inquirer. As such, we offer the following activities:

Academic Bowl	Book Club	Environmental Club	Library Helpers	Running Club	Track & Field
Badminton Club	Cheerleading	Future Business Leaders of America	Soccer	Ultimate Frisbee	
Band	Chess Club	Geography Bowl	Maker Club	Spelling Bee	Volleyball
Baseball	Cricket Club	Dragon Ambassadors	Math Club	SGA	Yearbook
Basketball	Dragon News	Drama Club	Jazz Band	Reading Bowl	Technology Club

Community and Service

A requirement of being an IB-MYP School is that students in grades 6 to 8 are strongly encouraged to participate in Community and Service, which helps students develop a sense of belonging and responsibility to their community. We ask the students to meet the following minimum hours of Community and Service: 6th grade (5 hours), 7th grade (10 hours), and 8th grade (15 hours). In 8th grade, students are required to complete a Community Service Project.

Award-Winning Music Program



DHMS music program consists of band, orchestra, and chorus. It is recognized as one of the best programs throughout DeKalb County and Metro Atlanta. Each group has consistently received superior ratings at Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) and other performances. In 2018, DHMS chorus performed with Indigo Girls, the nationally acclaimed American Folk-Rock Duo and alumnae of Shamrock High School.

Our Most Recent Accomplishments

- 2019 CCRPI Score of 79
- 2019 4 Star GA School Climate Rating
- 2019 DeKalb County Spelling Bee Winner
- 2019 District Award for PBIS
- 2019 1st Place Regional Special Olympics Basketball
- 2019 3rd Place DeKalb County Basketball Championship
- 2019 Distinguished Family School Award