



DRUID HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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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 matriculate into DHMS are: Avondale, Briar Vista, Fernbank, Laurel Ridge and McLendon. After 8th grade, our attendance area students matriculate into Druid Hills High School. Students may apply for the Diploma Program(DP) or Career Program(CP) at DHHS for 11th and 12th grade.

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, Individuals 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 is 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: Head of School (Principal) and three assistant principals, one for each grade level. Our Student Support Team includes: three counselors - one for each grade, Multi-Tier Support Specialist (MTSS), Academic Coach, IB Coordinator, Lead Teacher for Special Education (LTSE), 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.



Druid Hills DRAGONS

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 Clubs	Drama Club	Future Business Leaders of America	Maker Club	SGA (Student Government Association)
Band	Cheerleading	Environmental Club	Geography Bee	My Brother's Keeper	Soccer
Baseball	Chess Club	First Lego League (FLL) Robotics/Technology Student Association (TSA)	Jazz Band	My Sister's Keeper	Volleyball
Basketball	Dragon Ambassadors	Football	Junior Beta Club	Reading Bowl	Track & Field
Beta Club	Dragon News	French Club/ Spanish Club	Library Helpers	Science Fair	Ultimate Frisbee

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. DHMS chorus performed with Indigo Girls, the nationally acclaimed American Folk-Rock Duo and alumnae of Shamrock High School.

DHMS Accomplishments

- *4 Star GA School Climate Rating
- * DeKalb County Spelling Bee (District and State Participants)
- *GA First Lego League – Fernbank LINKS Regional Core Values Award
- *Cougar Volleyball Classic Champions
- *Boys Track & Field Challenge Runner-Up
- *2nd Place MLK Chess Tournament
- *Math Counts Competition: First Place Individual and Second Place Team
- *Distinguished Family School Award
- *Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year