

Recognitions

- ◆ The top performing Magnet students with the highest Magnet GPA receive full-ride scholarships to University of Georgia (VAL/SAL for Magnet) every year.
- ◆ The following awards were won by Magnet students during the 2016-2017 school year: STAR Award (Darion Isom), Coca Cola Academic Award (Alisha Williams) & Posse Scholar Award (Perry Worthey).
- ◆ Southwest DeKalb High School won the 2016 Advanced Placement Honors from the Georgia Department of Education.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ The Southwest DeKalb NJROTC program received the Distinguished Unit Award for the last two years.
- ◆ Approximately 2.5 million dollars in band scholarships are offered to SWD students each year.



Principal

Dr. Thomas Glanton, Jr.

Assistant Principals

Mr. Marco Jackson- 9th Grade

Dr. Gayle McNair- 10th Grade

Mr. Doug Ward-11th Grade

Dr. Tarri Simmons-12th Grade



Counseling Center

Mrs. Melanie Calloway-9th Grade

Mrs. Alicia Teague-10th Grade

Ms. Robin McDonald (Head Counselor)-11th Grade

Mr. James Demmons- 12th Grade



SWD Magnet Coordinator

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Southwest DeKalb High School

Magnet Program for High Achievers



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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 1100 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 only approximately 140 in the entire country) 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 offered in high school. Southwest DeKalb High School currently offers the following AP classes:

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

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

SWD Magnet Eligibility

Completed application and a 3.0 (or higher) core subject grade point average on the 2018-2019 fall report cards for students applying for grades 9-12.

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 – FEBRUARY 2019, WITH A LATE DEADLINE OF AUGUST 2019.

Rising 9th graders only:

75th percentile (or higher) total reading score on the 2018-2019 Measures of Academic Progress test (M.A.P.)

75th percentile (or higher) total math score

** Private and home-school applicants must provide M.A.P. test scores by January 2019 and attach the fall 2018-2019 report card to the Magnet Programs application to be eligible.*

Prerequisite Courses Required

Rising 9th Graders

Math level will be determined by current Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) scores or Measures of Academic Progress test (M.A.P).

Rising 10th Graders

Advanced English, General or Accelerated Math I, General or Advanced Biology, Beginning French or Spanish or German or Latin.

Rising 11th Graders:

Advanced English, General or Accelerated Math II, General or Advanced Chemistry, French or Spanish or German or Latin.

Rising 12th Graders:

Advanced Core and World Language classes beyond the eleventh grade requirements.

We have instituted programs such as the Ninth Grade Academy, Advisement Tutorials, Departmental Tutorials, Saturday School, and the Kaplan SAT Review, which have resulted in increased performances on standardized tests, including the Georgia Milestone, Advanced Placement Exams, the SAT, and the ACT. Scores on the English and Writing portions of the Georgia High School Graduation Test are consistently high and rank among the top ten in the county.

SWD offers a variety of extra-curricular activities, 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 24 consecutive years. Southwest DeKalb has consistently received top county athletic honors for excelling in all sports. Academically, Southwest DeKalb is distinguished and has been recognized by the College Board as an Exemplary AP Honor School as a result of the school's historical performance on the various Advance Placement Exams. Our faculty and staff work diligently 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.

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.