



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 feed into DHMS are: Avondale, Briar Vista, Fernbank, Laurel Ridge and McLendon. After 8th grade, our attendance area students matriculate 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 Sheveeta Bonner and three assistant principals. Our student supports include: three counselors - one for each grade, Student Support, 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.

Our Media Specialist, Marcia Kochel, was selected as 2021 Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year.

Award-Winning Music Program

DHMS music program consists of 220 band members, 150 orchestra members, and 100 chorus members. 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 Jazz Band received recognition as the Top Middle School Jazz Band in Georgia. DHMS Chorus received Superior ratings at the Solo & Ensemble Festival.





6th Grade Bell Schedule

1st period	8:50 to 9:40	CORE CLASS
2 nd period	9:40 to 10:40	CORE CLASS
3 rd period	10:40 to 12:25	CORE CLASS and 25 minute Lunch
4 th period	12:25 to 1:25	CORE CLASS
5 th period	1:25 to 2:25	CORE CLASS
6 th /7 th periods	2:25 to 3:55	CONNECTIONS BLOCK

Connections (Specials)

Students alternate between two Connections classes every other day. 6th Grade Connections classes are either 9 weeks or year long. Every student will take 9 weeks of Spanish, French, and Health and will be randomly assigned one of the following: Art, Technology, Business Education, and Physical Education. All three music classes (band, orchestra, and chorus) are yearlong.

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	Cheerleading	Environmental Club	Library Leaders	Science Fair Enrichment
Band	Chess Club	FIRST LEGO League	Math Counts	Track & Field
Baseball	Dragon Ambassadors	Geography Bowl	National History Day (8 th Grade Only by Student Interest)	Ultimate Frisbee
Basketball	Dragon News	Jazz Band	Running Club	Volleyball
Book Clubs	Drama Club	Jr. Beta Club	SGA	
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)		Technology Student Association (TSA)		

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.

Our Accomplishments

- 2021 GA Library Media Specialist of the Year
- 2021 4 Star GA School Climate Rating
- DeKalb County Spelling Bee Winner and GAE Regional Spelling Bee Qualifier
- 2021 National History Day Regional & State Qualifier
- District Recognition for Distinguished PBIS
- 1st Place in the Exceptional Children's Week Board Competition
- 2nd Place DeKalb County Region Football Champs
- 1st Place DeKalb County Region Basketball Champs
- DeKalb County National PTA Reflection Winners: Literature, Film, Music, and Dance; GA State PTA Reflection Winner
- DeKalb Regional Science and Engineering Fair Winners: Plant Sciences and Engineering Mechanics
- Math Counts Southeast Perimeter Competition Invitational Placements

Mark Your Calendars: **CAMP DRAGON:** TBD **BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** TBD