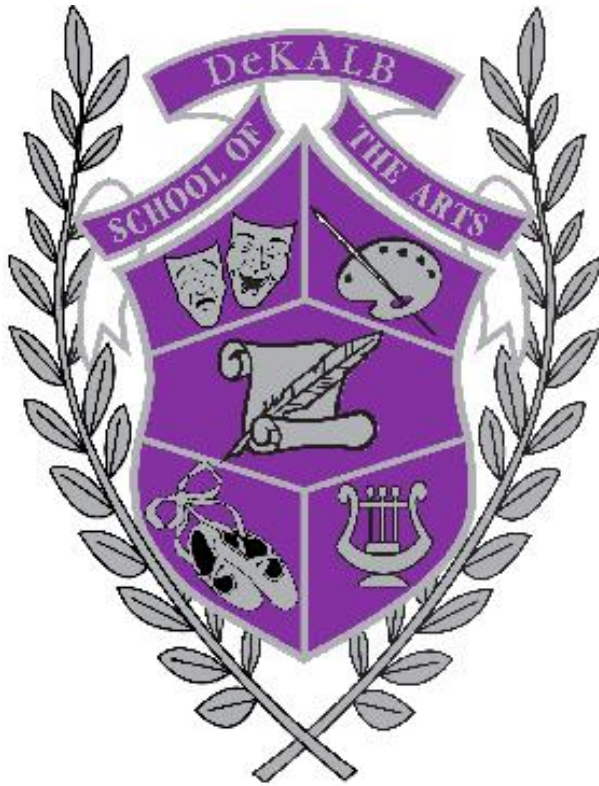


Welcome to



DeKalb School of the Arts

2009 Blue Ribbon School

*2016-2018 Arts School Network
Exemplary School*

Mission: To provide the highest quality education through academics and the arts.



DSA is one of several specialized magnet programs in the DeKalb County School District.

- *30 years ago, began as "school within a school" at AHS: DeKalb Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA)
- *1999 – moved to another location as stand-alone school:
DeKalb School of the Arts (DSA)
- *2009 – returned to this location, maintained unique school status
- *Cafeteria, media center, gym, fitness lab, arts annex

► *Upgrades to all programs and modernized facilities*



Upper Level - Main Entrance



Lower Level - Theater Entrance

LEGEND

- MUSIC
- DANCE & LOCKERS
- THEATER, BLACK BOX, DRESS.
- LOBBY

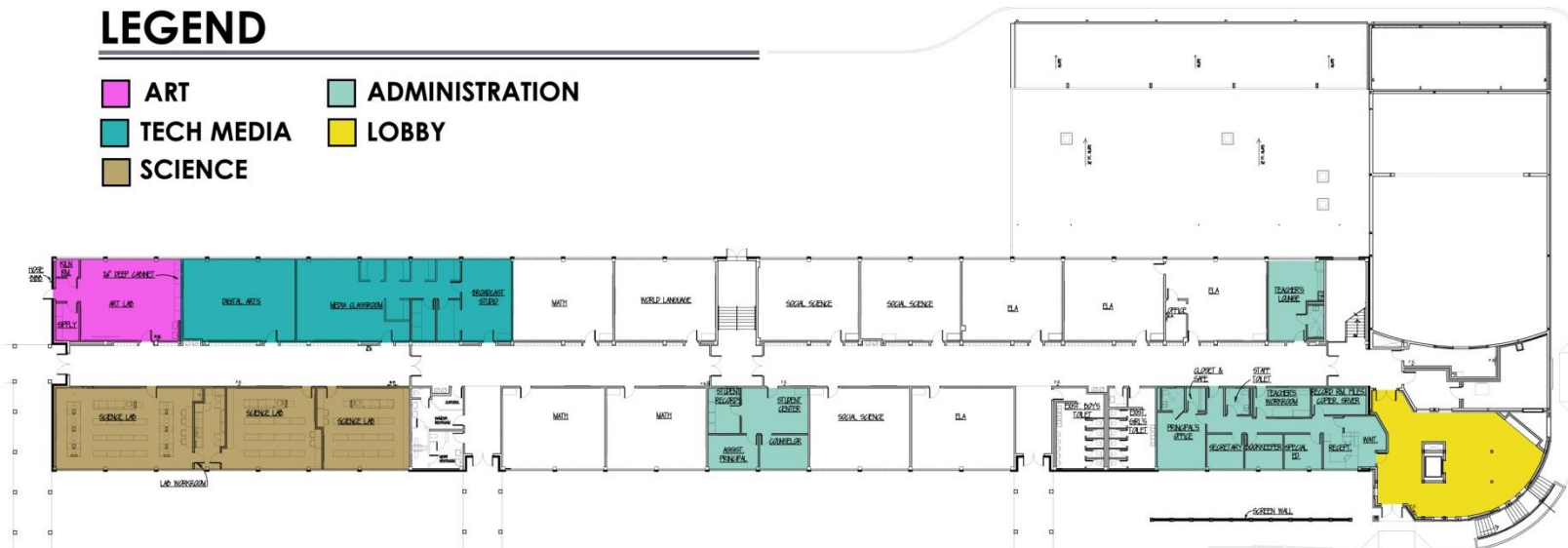


Floor Plan

Lower Level

LEGEND

- ART
- ADMINISTRATION
- TECH MEDIA
- LOBBY
- SCIENCE



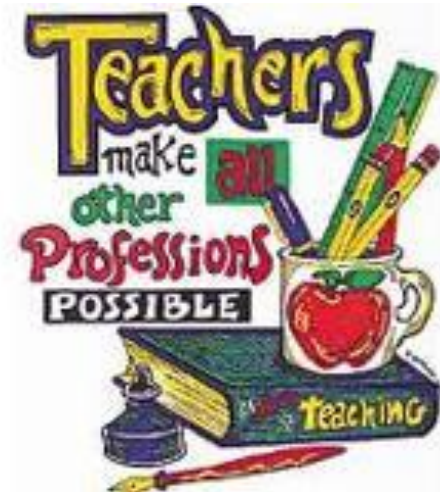
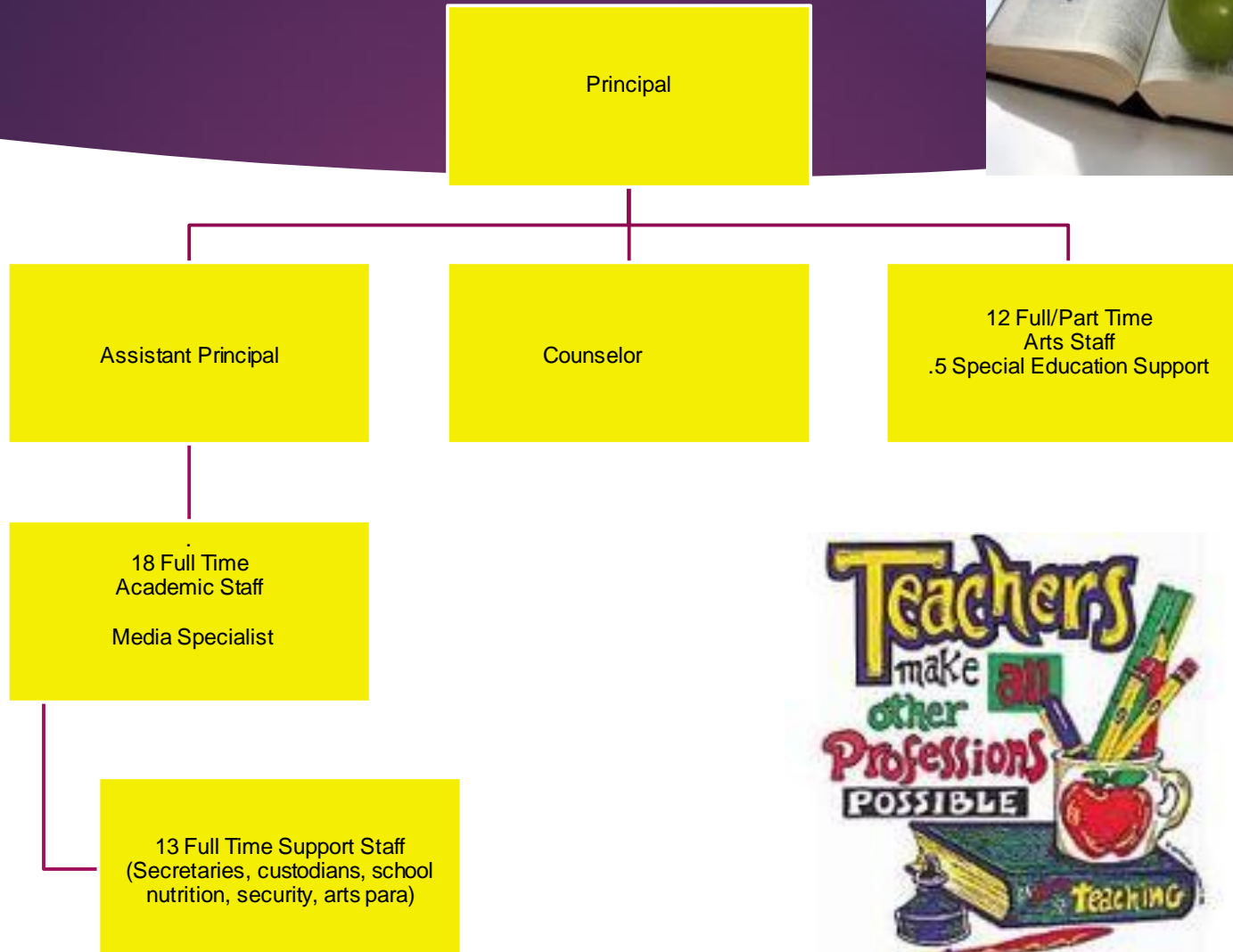
Upper Level

Additional Spaces

- ▶ Gym
- ▶ Cafeteria
- ▶ Media Center
- ▶ Fitness Lab



Faculty and Staff



Quick Facts

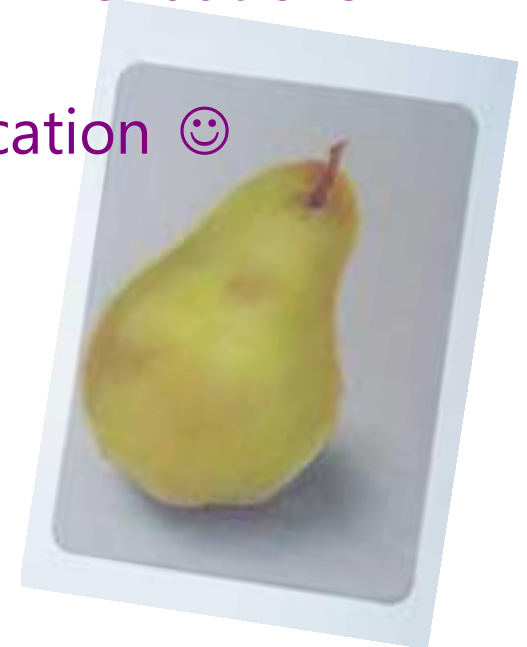
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- ❖ *408 students in grades 8-12 from all areas of DeKalb County*
- ❖ *District based school nutrition program utilized*
- ❖ *Admission is merit based: academics, auditions, interviews, recommendations, application*
- ❖ *Must be current DCSD eligible student.*



Eligibility and Admission to DSA:

- Open to all current eligible DeKalb County School System students in grades 8-12
- Complete application with 4 teacher recommendations
- Just follow the check list on front of application 😊
- Audition in two arts areas
- Maintain 80% GPA
- Pass all classes with 71 or higher

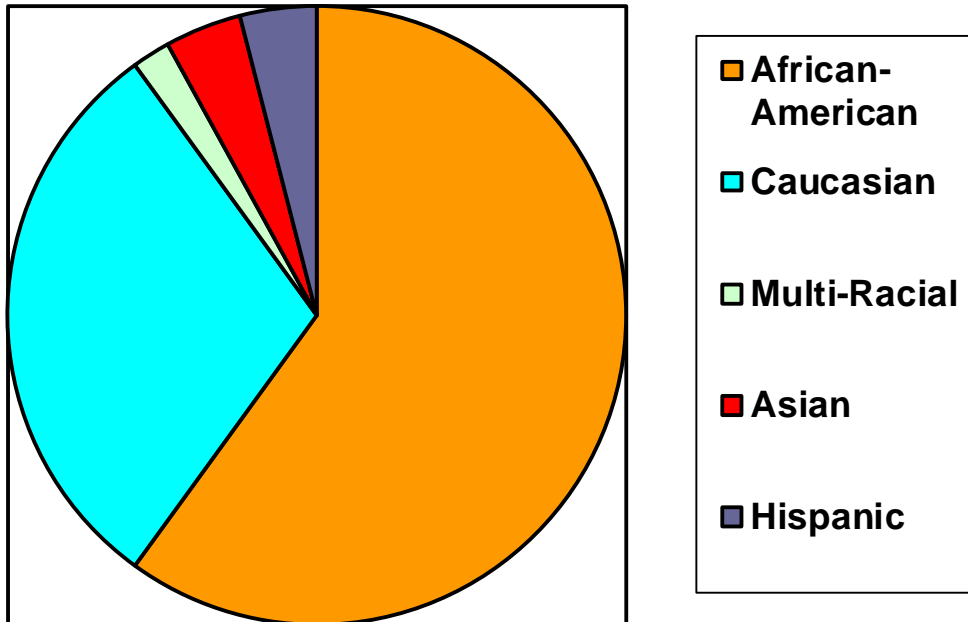


Transportation

- ◆ Transportation provided through limited satellite shuttle system for all students effective 1/6/09
- ◆ Satellites buses go to Memorial Stadium, then to various programs
- ◆ 2017-2018 Budget consideration (not yet determined)
- ◆ 2016-2017 Satellite Schools:
 - *Lakeside HS*
 - *Cedar Grove HS*
 - *Stephenson HS*



DSA Demographics



28% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch program



Male – 26%

Female – 74%

Georgia Milestones

8th - End of Grade – *Promotion Requirements

- reading*, language use, math*, science, social studies

9-12 End of Course (20% of final grade)

- Coordinate Algebra & Analytic Geometry
- Biology & Physical Science
- 9th & 11th Grade Literature
- US History & Economics
- Must sit for test to graduate



A mandala was being created to honor His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's installation as a Presidential Distinguished Professor.

CCRPI -

College Career Readiness Performance Index
(accountability index for all GA public schools)

- ▶ 2015-2016
- ▶ Middle School: 88.6
- ▶ High School: 103.1
- ▶ Combined: 100.4

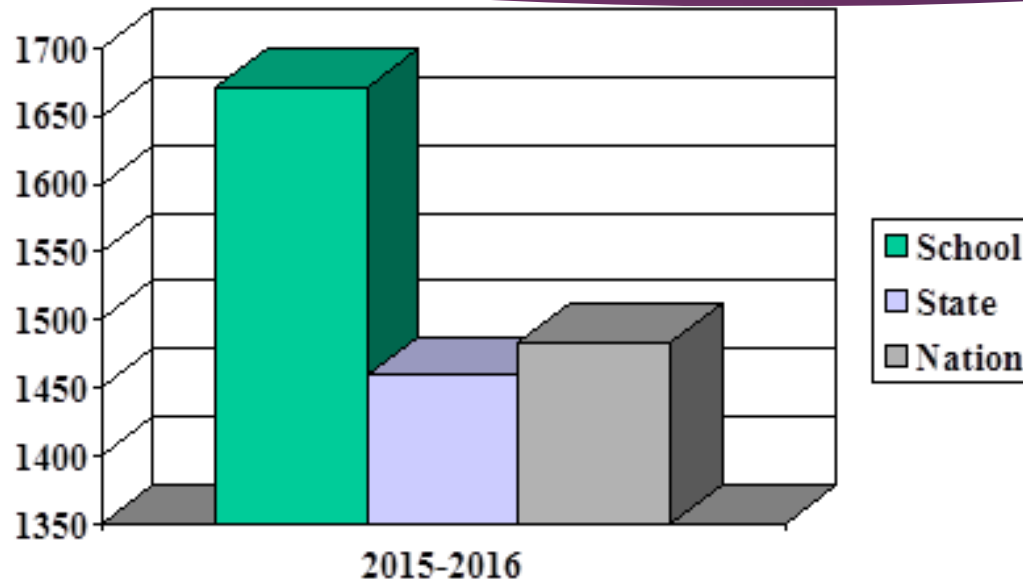
College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)

Dr. John D. Barge
State School Superintendent



DSA 2016 SAT Scores

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New SAT format in March 2016 –
Writing portion no longer required – max
score reverts to 1600

DSA 2015-2016 ACT Scores

English 26.5*
Math 22.6*
Reading 26.2*
Science 23.7*
Composite 24.9*



*Above state and national average
.1 Composite average gain from
14/15

Other Notables...

- ❖ National AP Honors School (February 2016): access, equity and achievement
- ❖ 2016 US News/World Report: **DSA #102 National, #3 State**
- ❖ Washington Post High School Challenge: 2016 #276 National, #13 State
- ❖ 2016 Drama Ensemble – Region Champion
- ❖ Drama Ensemble chosen to perform at 2016 ThesCon Conference
- ❖ Performing groups promote arts and arts education throughout the Metro-Atlanta area with a variety of touring groups
- ❖ Student choreography and dancers regularly chosen for National High School Dance Festival
- ❖ Arts Schools Network Exemplary Program for 2016-2018
- ❖ Art, film, writing competitions
- ❖ Numerous writing, media, visual arts, All-State band, chorus and orchestra
- ❖ District nominees to Governor's Honors Program (GHP) in arts and academics



“Tree of Life” – Glazed Tile Mural

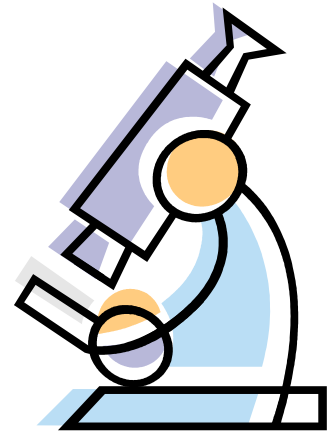
Daily Routine

- ▶ *Current Start: 8:10*
- ▶ *Current End: 3:10*
- ▶ *Breakfast 7:30-8:00*
- ▶ *Alternating Block Schedule:*
 - ▶ *8 consecutive classes*
 - ▶ *4 per Day 1, 4 per Day 2*
 - ▶ *90 minute blocks*
 - ▶ *30 minute lunch*
- ▶ *Tutoring: 3:15-3:45*
- ▶ *Rehearsals: 4- 5:30 or 7*



Academic and Arts Curriculum

- ◆ **Arts:** creative writing, dance, drama, instrumental music (band and orchestra), media/film studies, vocal music, technical theater, and visual art
- ◆ **Academics:** general, gifted, accelerated (math only), and Advanced Placement
- ◆ **Other:** World Languages (French, Latin, Spanish), yearbook, PE/Health



8th Grade Schedule

- ▶ 4 Core Academics
- ▶ Major and minor
- ▶ PE/Health – 1 Semester Each
- ▶ Business Education*

Fall 2009	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00 AM	CHEM 101 LAB N1 (30576)		BIOL 107 LAB D19 (30399) BS CW 102		
9:00 AM		CHEM 101 LEC H1 (30544) C E1 60		CHEM 101 LEC H1 (30544) C E1 60	BIOL 107 SEM E12 (39657) BS G 116
10:00 AM					MATH 113 LAB K7 (31328) CAB 229
11:00 AM	BIOL 107 LEC A01 (32934) ETL E1 001	MATH 113 LEC K1 (31287) TL B 2	BIOL 107 LEC A01 (32934) ETL E1 001	MATH 113 LEC K1 (31287) TL B 2	BIOL 107 LEC A01 (32934) ETL E1 001
12:00 PM		ENGL 122 LEC A21 (38981) HC L 4		ENGL 122 LEC A21 (38981) HC L 4	
1:00 PM	SOC 100 LEC A2 (31818) TL 12		SOC 100 LEC A2 (31818) TL 12		SOC 100 LEC A2 (31818) TL 12
2:00 PM		CHEM 101 SEM L10 (30555)			

- ▶ Accelerated math for those students having Math 7/8 on Middle School Transcript*
- ▶ *Carnegie Unit Classes (count towards HS GPA)

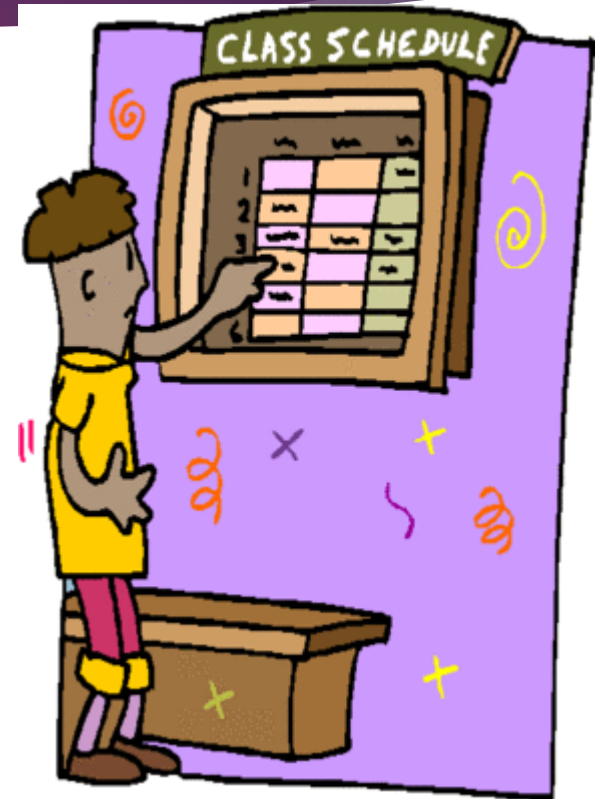
9th & 10th Grade Schedule

9th Grade

- ▶ 4 Core Academics
- ▶ PE/Health – 1 Semester Each
- ▶ World Language
- ▶ Major and minor

10th Grade

- ▶ 4 Core Academics
- ▶ World Language – same as 9th
- ▶ Major and Minor
- ▶ Additional PE (DCSD Requirement)



Advanced Placement

- ▶ **Math:** Calculus A/B* and Statistics* (11th and/or 12th grade)*
- ▶ **Social Studies:** World History (10th) and U.S. History (11th), Micro/Macro Economics (12th)
- ▶ **ELA:** Language (11th or 12th) and Literature (all 12th)
- ▶ **Science:** Environmental Science (12th)
- ▶ **Arts:** Music Theory*, 2D Art*, 3D Art*
- ▶ **Other:** Psychology**, Art History**
- ▶ * - Prerequisites required
- ▶ ** - School wide elective – 11th/12th Grade
- ▶ Some AP classes may not be offered every year due to class interest and staffing needs.
- ▶ Full or partial payment for AP exams is required



Rigor and Expectations

- ▶ **This is a rigorous program** – please carefully examine your child’s current academic success, work ethic, levels of support needed, and potential to be an independent learner in a high school setting as your family considers applying for DeKalb School of the Arts.



**WORK HARD
HAVE FUN
AND
NO DRAMA
PLEASE**

Technology

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- ▶ *Integrated technology throughout program*
 - ▶ *video editing, presentations, on-line submissions (TurnItIn.com), peer editing, daily delivery of instruction*
 - ▶ *Edmodo*
 - ▶ *Music Technology lab*
 - ▶ *Digitally integrated light and sound design*
 - ▶ *Testing and Assessments*
 - ▶ *iPADS carts, Laptop Carts*
 - ▶ *Interactive Boards*
 - ▶ *100% Wireless*



Production Credit Requirement:

- Instill student investment in program
- Must earn 2 credits per year
- School and departmental productions only
- 1000+ credits available



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Sound

Costumes

Show submissions

Talent

Stage Crew

Lighting

Cover Art

Video

Productions and Schedule

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2016-2017 *main-stage event

- Tour Show Premieres* - late September
- TYA: "Jungal Book" October
- Music Department: Fall Concert October
- Creative Writing: "Dark Night*" November (drama & CW)
- Winter Music Department Concert (band, chorus and orchestra)
- Nutcracker in a Nutshell December
- Black History Tour Show: January 2017
- *Winter Dance Concert : February 2017
- GMEA Music Adjudication
- *Spring Musical: "Memphis" March/April 2017*
- Fringe Festival (all student produced works over a 4 day period) – 1st full week of May
- Creative Writing: 2017 Black History Tour Show, Poetry Cafe
- Art Shows, Media/Film Festivals, Productions for DCSD & businesses

Touring Shows

- ◆ *HighLeit (show choir)*
- ◆ *Dance Repertory Company*
- ◆ *Drama Ensemble*
- ◆ *Black History Tour Show*
- ◆ *Thespians*
- ◆ *Select vocal and instrumental ensembles*



Other Opportunities.....

- ▶ *All-State Band, Chorus, and Orchestra*
- ▶ *DeKalb Youth Symphony, Emory Youth Symphony, Metropolitan Youth Symphony*
- ▶ *Various theater conventions and workshops*
- ▶ *Governor's Honors Program (arts and academic areas)*
- ▶ *Field trips to support both arts and academics*
 - ▶ *(High Museum, Dance Companies, workshops at various local colleges and universities)*

Other Student Based Activities:

- ◆ Yearbook
- ◆ National Honor Society
- ◆ Beta Club
- ◆ Student Government Association (SGA)
- ◆ Students for the Performing Arts (SPA)
- ◆ Students regularly participate in outside arts organizations, literary and arts competitions as well as service organizations.
- ◆ National Art Society
- ◆ National High School Dance Society
- ◆ Thespian Club
- ◆ No sports/cheerleading



Parental Involvement Opportunities:

- PTSA: committees, meetings, volunteer activities
- 20 volunteer hours per semester per family
 - ◆ *Chaperones: field trips and productions*
 - ◆ *Set, costume, and other production support*
 - ◆ *Program design, office help, newsletter, landscaping, publicity, guest presenters*
- School council



Where do students go after DSA?

- Class of 2016 earned over \$8 million in grants and scholarships
- 50/50 to arts, academics, some choose trade schools or gap year
- Matriculation for the class of 2016 includes:
 - Syracuse University, FSU, Columbus University, SMU, GSU, UGA, Kennesaw, Vassar, USC Film/Writing, Valdosta, Hampton
 - Graduates have pursued careers in the arts, business, law, and academics
 - Class of 2017 – Yale GA Tech, SCAD, UGA, Kennesaw, Columba State, North Carolina@ Chapel Hill,
 - **College Recruiters come to us...**no shortage of college bound information!!!!



Application/Audition Process

- **Application Deadline:**
February 3, 2017 2 pm
- Only complete, on-time applications will be processed for auditions.
- **Submit all application materials at the same time directly to DSA!!!!**
- Do not wait – start application now!
- DSA will call between February 15th & 19th with audition day(s) and time(s)
- Auditions February 21-24, 2017
 - Afterschool 4-9 pm
- Notification mailed by March 19, 2017
- Must accept by March 31, 2017



Thank you for visiting

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