



# 2011-2012 DEKALB HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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## ABOUT US

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of DeKalb CUSD #428 is to educate our students to reach their potential while preparing them to contribute to our global society.

### ACCREDITATION AND MEMBERSHIPS

North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement

### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

**DeKalb High School has moved into a beautiful NEW 400,000-sq-ft facility located on an 80-acre site. The building and site represent a community that values and supports education, our staff and students.** Home to Northern Illinois University, DeKalb is a small city (pop. 39,018) with diverse and international roots. As a result, students at DeKalb High School (approx. 1750 students) are exposed to a wide range of careers, cultures and ideas both in and outside the classroom. Through the avenues of academics, sports, community service and performance, students consistently create a lasting impact on the world around them.

### STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

68%\* White, 16% Hispanic, 11% Black, 2.5% Multiracial/Ethnic; 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American. Nearly 37% of the students meet low-income qualifications. DHS has a 87% graduation rate. An increasing percentage of our students elect to begin their higher education experience at 2-year colleges. A list of schools to which our graduates matriculate is included. \*percentages are rounded.

### FACULTY

Over half of the 100 teachers on the DHS faculty have earned a Master's Degree or beyond. The average teaching experience is almost 13 years.

### STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Six school counselors assist the students with personal, social and academic concerns, college selections and career/vocational plans. One counselor serves as the assessment coordinator. Additional department staff are a secretary, two social workers, two psychologists, a school nurse and 2 assistants, and a registrar who processes all transcript requests for students.

### COUNSELORS

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## COURSEWORK

### CURRICULUM

DeKalb High School operates on an eight-period day. All classes passed receive .5 credits per semester. Students are required to earn 22 credits to graduate. Pluses and minuses are on transcripts but are not calculated into GPA or class rank. All courses utilize a 4.0 scale with the exception of AP courses, which follow a weighted scale (A=5.0, B=4.0, C=3.0).

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (in credits)

4.0	English / Humanities (including Sophomore Speech)
3.0	Mathematics
2.0	Science
2.5	Social Studies (including US History, US Government)
1.0	Fine Arts Elective
1.0	Career Tech Elective (.5 computer-based course; .5 Agriculture, Business Education, Home Economics, or Industrial Education)
.5	Economic Education/Economics
.5	Driver Education Classroom
.5	Health
3.0	Physical Education (waivers for Marching Band and 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> year athletics)
4.0	Other Electives <sup>*</sup>

\* None of the electives needed to graduate can be taken in Physical Education.

### AP CLASSES

DHS currently offers year-long Advanced Placement courses in Art (Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design), Biology\*\*, Calculus, Chemistry, English Language (listed as Humanities English III AP), English Literature (listed as Humanities English IV AP), European History, Government and Politics: United States and Comparative, Music Theory\*\*, Spanish, and U.S. History. These courses are weighted. Historically, and currently, four years of French have been taught. The 4th year is NOT identified as an AP course; however, some students choose to sit for the AP French language tests during their 4th year of study. Beginning this year, courses taken in the Engineering Academy at Kishwaukee College are weighted and taken for dual credit. There is no limit to the number of AP courses a student can take.

\*\*Not taught this year; Music Theory offered as independent study

### HONORS CLASSES

Honors classes are offered in Chemistry, Geometry, and Humanities (Freshman and Sophomore). These courses are NOT weighted. Additionally, students CANNOT elect to take Honors Humanities I, II, or Honors Speech (part of the sophomore curriculum). Students are placed into these classes by the district according to standardized test scores, teacher recommendation, and writing samples at the time of transition from eighth grade to the high school.

## GRADES / TEST SCORES

### WEIGHTED GRADES

Weighted grades are earned in the following AP classes: Art: Drawing, 2D and 3D Design classes, Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Comparative Government, European History, Humanities English III Honors (English Language), Humanities English IV Honors, Music Theory, Spanish, US Government, and US History. Students enrolling in the Engineering Academy at Kishwaukee College received weighted grades for the dual-enrolled classes in math and science.

Our weighted grade system was developed to recognize students who have taken the most rigorous course offerings. However, students who have taken the same number of AP courses but more regular education courses and thus more total course credits can receive a lower GPA.

As mentioned in the HONORS CLASSES section, these classes are NOT weighted and students cannot self-select into Honors Humanities classes but can self-select into Honors Chemistry and Honors Physics at this time.

### CLASS RANK

Class rank is determined according to a weighted GPA. We do not offer an unweighted GPA to students. If students have the identical GPA, they will hold the same rank.

### AP REPORT 2009-10

#### Enrollment in Courses

DHS offered 8 AP courses.

8% of all DHS students were enrolled in at least 1 AP course.

#### Testing

128 students took 203 exams

85% of students enrolled in an AP course chose to take at least 1 AP test.

37% took at least 2 exams.

9% took 4 or more exams.

#### Breakdown of those who tested:

11% of those who tested were on free or reduced lunch.

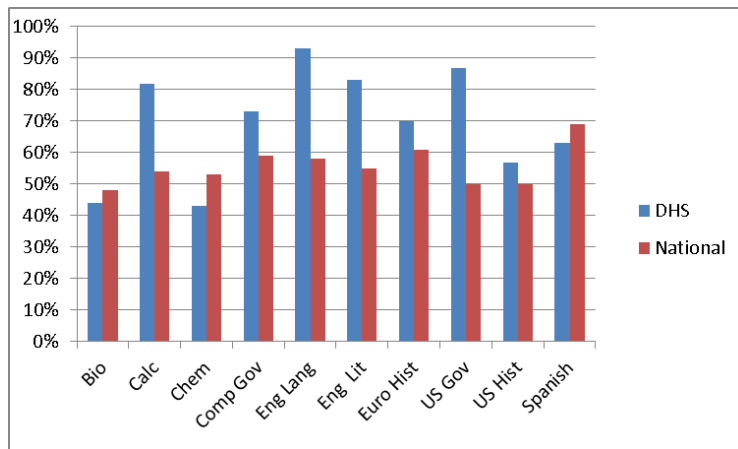
85% were Caucasian.

2% were African-American.

8% were Hispanic.

5% were Asian.

2009-2010 AP Scores



### ACT RESULTS

In Illinois, **all** students are required to take the ACT in April of their Junior year as one day of the state achievement testing program. These scores reflect the graduating class of 2010 best ACT scores.

ACT Score Range	Percent of 2010 DHS Graduates in that Range			
	English	Math	Reading	Science
33-36 .....	4%	2%	2%	2%
28-32 .....	7%	5%	9%	5%
24-27 .....	14%	18%	15%	14%
20-23 .....	17%	17%	20%	31%
16-19 .....	21%	39%	23%	23%
13-15 .....	17%	17%	19%	13%
1-12 .....	19%	1%	11%	12%

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At DHS students and staff run more than 35 school-sponsored clubs, ranging from ethnic clubs to activities in the arts, culture, academics, philanthropy, and social activism. DeKalb students devote significant time to many different extracurricular activities: joining sports teams, writing and publishing the school's award-winning *New Pennies* magazine, the school newspaper or yearbook, serving in student government, or community-service roles, and participating in the theatre productions and music performances.

DHS offers varsity and lower-level participation in football, volleyball, baseball, basketball, soccer, wrestling and softball. Students can also compete at the varsity and junior varsity in cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field, badminton, bowling, cheerleading and pom poms. Our athletic teams are subject to the IHSA rules, and our teams participate in the Northern Illinois Big 12 Conference. Students can also participate in intramurals. DHS offers intramural basketball and volleyball for recreational teams.

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

## Illinois State Scholars, 42 in 2011

### **New Pennies student literary magazine:**

2010 National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Award 2010 and 2008 National Council of Teachers of English's Highest Award.

2007 Finalist National Scholastic Press Association's Pacemaker Award.

Member, National Scholastic Press Association's Hall of Fame 1973-2004, 2006-2010 "All-American" ranking by the National Scholastic Press Assoc.

**Forensics** (DHS Speech team) 2011; have won 12 straight Regional Titles (16 of the last 17), 7 consecutive Sectional Titles, and the last 7 conference titles - 2 years in the Upstate 8 and 4 years of the Western Sun conference and inaugural Northern Big 12 conference championship; 5 state qualifiers; 1 State Finalist;

### **2010 State Champion in Radio**

### **DHS Music Department - 2010-11**

Marching Band is named best band in class AAA, Sycamore Pumpkin Parade. 10/2010; Accepted to the McDonald's State St. Thanksgiving Day Parade, 11/2010; 25 students selected to participate in the IMEA All-State Music Festival- 1/2011. Note: DHS is in the **top three schools statewide** for the number of students placed in All-State, 1/2011; Percussion Ensemble accepted as a featured performer at IMEA All-State Music Festival in Peoria- 1/2011. DHS was the **only percussion ensemble** invited to perform this year, 1/2011; Jazz Ensemble competes in the Essentially Ellington competition, 1 student recognized for outstanding musicianship ensemble Director offered a full scholarship to attend the Essentially Ellington Band Director Academy for the group's superior efforts in the competition, 2/2011; Percussion Ensemble selected to appear at the Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival at the Music for All National Music Festival in Indianapolis, IN, 3/2011; 7 Choir Students selected to the National Men's and Women's Honors Choirs at American Choral Directors Association National Conference, 3/2011 in Chicago, representing the 300 best men and women in the country ages 15 to adult, also participated in rehearsing and performing with the National Honor Choirs at the National Convention, 3/2011; the department placed 4th overall @ IHSA State Music Competition for Class AA, 4/2011; IHSA Organizational Contest: Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Concert Choir, Varsity Choir, Boys and Girls A Cappella all receive Division I, Superior ratings, 4/2011; Symphony Orchestra invited to perform at the IMEA, All-State Music Conference, 1/2012. This is the fourth DHS music ensemble to receive this honor since 2005: Jazz Ensemble in 2005, Boy's A Acappella in 2008, Percussion Ensemble in 2011, and Symphony Orchestra in 2012.

### **Conference Champions:**

Art Competition 2011  
Baseball 2010  
Boys Soccer 2010, 2011  
Boys Swimming 2010  
Girls Basketball 2011  
Girls Bowling 2010, 2011  
Softball 2011  
Volleyball 2010, 2011  
Wrestling 2009

### **Athletic Regional Champions:**

Baseball 2010  
Boys Basketball 2010  
Boys Golf 2009  
Boys Soccer 2009  
Softball 2011  
Volleyball 2011  
WYSE (Science Team) 2011

### **Athletic Sectional Champions:**

Girls Bowling 2010  
Baseball 2010  
Softball 2011

### **Athletic Super Sectional Champions:**

Baseball 2010

### **IHSA State Place:**

Baseball 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010  
Boys Basketball Sweet 16 2010  
Boys Soccer Sweet 16 2010  
Girls Bowling 20<sup>th</sup> 2010; 12<sup>th</sup> 2011  
Softball Elite 8 2011

### **IHSA Individuals:**

Boys Basketball 2010 1 All State Player  
Boys Cross Country 2009 1 State Qualifier  
Boys Golf 2009 2 State Qualifiers Girls Bowling 1 All State Bowler  
Boys Swimming 2011 4 State Qualifiers  
Boys Track 2011 1 All-State placer  
Boys Tennis 2010 2 State Qualifiers  
Girls Cross Country 2011 1 State Qualifier  
Girls Gymnastics 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> State and National All-Around Champion  
Girls Swimming 2011 1 State Qualifier  
Girls Volleyball 2010 1 All State-Player  
Softball 2010 1 All-State Player  
Wrestling 2011 1 All State Wrestler; 1 State Qualifier

**2010 DHS Graduates went on to NCAA Athletics=20**

## Schools to which DHS graduates matriculated 2008-2011

American Academy of Art	Jacksonville University	St. Olaf College
American University	Johnson and Wales University	St. Xavier University
Art Institute of Milwaukee, Pennsylvania, and Colorado	Joliet Junior College	Simpson College
Ashford University	Kankakee Community College	Somerset College
Augsburg College	Kishwaukee College	Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Edwardsville
Augustana College	Knox College	Taylor University
Aurora University	Lawrence University	Texas A & M
Austin Community College	Lewis University	University of Chicago
Ball State University	Lincoln College	University of Colorado
Blackburn College	Lincoln Culinary School	University of Dallas
Blackhawk College	Longwood University	University of Dubuque
Boise State University	Loras College	University of Illinois Chicago
Bowdoin College	Loyola University Chicago	University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
Bowling Green State University	Luther College	University of Iowa
Bradley University	Marquette University	University of Kansas
Carleton College	Marrion University	University of Michigan
Carroll University	Michigan State University	University of Minnesota
Carthage College	Millikin University	University of Nebraska
Central College	Missouri Valley College	University of New Mexico
Chicago College	Montana State University	University of Pittsburgh
Clarke University	Moody Bible Institute	University of Rochester
Coastal Carolina	Morrison Institute of Technology	University of South Dakota
College of DuPage	Murray State University	University of Texas
Colorado State University	New York University	University of Washington
Columbia College	Nicholls State University	University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Platteville, Whitewater
Concordia University	Notre Dame University	Vanderbilt University
Cornell College	North Central College	Washington University
Cornell University	North Park University	Waubensee Community College
Cowley College	Northern Illinois University	Western Illinois University
Creighton University	Northern Michigan University	Western New England College
DePaul University	North West College	Westpoint Academy
Eastern Illinois University	Northwestern University	Westwood College
Electrician Apprenticeship Union	Oakland University	Wheaton College
Elgin Community College	Ohio State University	Xavier University
Elmhurst College	Oklahoma State University	York College
Everest College	Parkland College	
Florida State University	Parsons School of Design	
Fox College	Pima Community College	
Grinnell College	Purdue University	
Illinois Institute of Art	Rice University	
Illinois Institute of Technology	Rock Valley College	
Illinois State University	Rockford College	
Illinois Wesleyan University	Roosevelt University	
Indiana University	Rose-Holman	
Iowa State University	Sauk Valley College	
	St. Louis University	