AHS facts 2021-2022 School Year

Alexander High School
6500 Alexander Parkway
Douglasville, GA 30135
770-651-6000
School website: ahs.dcssga.org

Principal  Dr. Chris Small
Student Enrollment  1,833
Total Staff  168
Certified Staff  112
Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees 70%

Numbers for enrollment and staffing are from October, 2021.

Mission
The mission of Alexander High School is to provide a quality education for all students in a safe, supportive environment.

Vision
Our vision is to build a community of lifelong learners who become responsible individuals, independent thinkers, and productive citizens.

Community
From atop a ridge overlooking Bear Creek in southwest Douglas County, Alexander High School (AHS) has stood since 1986 with a firm dedication to excellence. From its inception, the school has sustained vitality as the community surrounding it has moved from a semi-rural area to a burgeoning, commercialized suburban region.

Curriculum
The academic program at AHS is organized on an eight period hybrid schedule, with the option to enroll in blocked courses. Students may earn up to eight credits per year. The school strives to meet diverse student interests, ranging from fine arts to computer technology. AHS offers a plethora of Advanced Placement classes as well as Career, Technical and Agricultural (CTAE) pathways.

Advanced Placement Courses
- 2-D Art
- Biology
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- French
- Human Geography
- Language and Composition
- Literature and Composition
- Microeconomics
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Research
- Seminar
- Spanish
- U.S. History
- World History

Message from the Principal
At Alexander High School, our faculty and staff work each day to provide a learning environment that engages and challenges students for life beyond high school. We want to prepare our students to be leaders in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree, the workforce, or the military.

As a Liberal Arts Magnet School, we provide many challenging educational opportunities with our college preparatory track that includes Honors and AP level courses. Additionally, we provide many career pathways with our CTAE, Business, Fine Arts, and Performing Arts courses. To round out our opportunities for learning and leadership development, we offer many extracurricular organizations. With so many opportunities for leading and learning, Alexander continues to be a place where students “Belong, Have Fun, And Learn.”

— DR. CHRIS SMALL, PRINCIPAL

Together, we shape the future. dcssga.org
Liberal Arts College Preparatory Magnet and AP Capstone™ Programs

Alexander High School is the home of a magnet program which features a liberal arts curriculum and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Alexander began offering the Liberal Arts College Preparatory Magnet in 2016. The rigorous liberal arts curriculum requires students to challenge themselves academically and meet high expectations for attendance and behavior. Students must earn 28 Carnegie units, including three units of a foreign language, complete at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course, and document 20 hours of community service in order to graduate with the Liberal Arts Diploma Seal.

Because of high AP enrollment and test scores, AHS was chosen in 2014 as one of 125 schools worldwide to pilot AP Capstone™, an innovative program that allows students to engage in the rigorous development of skills critical for success in college: inquiry, research, collaboration, and writing. The program includes a two-course sequence: AP® Seminar and AP Research. Developed in response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admissions officers, AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific rigor of AP courses and exams. Any student at Alexander, including those in the Liberal Arts College Preparatory program, may elect to take the AP Capstone courses.

Four students were awarded the 2021 Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program in recognition of their outstanding academic promise.

Career Pathways
Agriculture Veterinary Science
Agriculture Horticulture/Plant Science
Agriculture Forestry/Wildlife
Advanced Finance Accounting
Advanced Business Accounting
Army ROTC
Computer Science
Early Childhood Education
Engineering
Finance Banking
IT Computer Programming
IT Web/Digital Design
Law Enforcement and Services
Marketing Management
Nutrition and Food Science
Teaching as a Profession
Therapeutic Services
Medical Transportation and Logistics
Work Based Learning

World Languages
French
Spanish

Athletics, GHSA Competitions
Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Literary
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track and Field
Volleyball
Wrestling

2021 Theatre production of Shrek the Musical
Magnet Program Admission Process

Students outside of Alexander’s attendance zone may apply for the magnet program during fall of their 8th grade year. Any AP student in the district for Alexander may choose to participate in the magnet program without going through an application process. Under special circumstances, students may apply for the magnet program at Alexander after 9th grade.

In the application process, Alexander uses a rubric to select students for the magnet program. Included on the rubric are middle school grades, standardized assessments, teacher recommendations, answers to application questions, and records on attendance and behavior.

Magnet Program Application Timeline

Informational Meeting: November 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
To apply: Please visit ahs@dcssga.org for a link to the online application.
Applications Due: December 13, 2021
Student Notifications Mailed: February 2, 2022
Commitment Letters Due: February 11, 2022

Magnet Program Contacts

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Magnet Program Recognitions

2021 AP STEM Honor School, Georgia Department of Education

Habitat for Humanity Club members recognized with funding donation

Magnet Program Achievement Data

2020 - 2021
34 AP Scholars
3 AP Scholars w/ Honors
1 AP Scholars w/ Distinction
4 AP Capstone Certificates
5 AP Capstone Diplomas
47% of AHS students who took an AP exam scored a 3 or higher

Student Organizations

Art Club
Band
Bass Fishing
Beta Club
Bowling
Chorus
Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy
Creative Writing Club
Cougar Pals
DECA
FBLA
FCA
FCCLA
FFA
French Honor Society
Girls Who Code
Gravity Games
Habitat for Humanity
Hispanic Honor Society
HOSA
International Club
JROTC
Key Club
Math Team
National Honor Society
One Act
Project 7
Riderz Skateboarding
Robotics
Rubik’s Cube
Scholar Bowl
Science Olympiad
Student Government Association
Thespian Society
Tome Society
West African Drumming
**Graduation Rates**

The graduation rate is defined as the percentage of students who graduate from secondary school with a regular diploma in the standard number of years.

**Graduation Rates 2020-2021**
Alexander High School 92.6%
Douglas County 87.7%
Georgia 83.7%

**Dual Enrollment**

Through Dual Enrollment, students in grades 9-12 who qualify to participate may enroll on a part-time or full-time basis to take college courses. Students receive high school and college credit simultaneously when attending and passing approved college classes.

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To access state-mandated test scores including the GA Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.

**AHS Highlights**

- One Governor’s Honors Program Participant in Science, 2019
- Two Governor's Honors Program Participants in Science and Agricultural Science, 2018
- Two Governor’s Honors Program Participants in Science and Music, 2019
- Choral and Band Performance in Tampa, Orlando, Ireland, Italy, Washington, D.C. and Carnegie Hall, 2017-2020
- Superior Ratings in Marching Band Competitions 2016-2019
- Superior Ratings in Large Group Performance Evaluation in Instrumental and Vocal Music, 2016-2019
- Young Georgia Authors County Winner for 10th grade, 2018-2019
- State Superior Ratings in Foreign Language, West Metro Forum, 2017-2019
- State Finalist in FFA Competition, 2017-2018
- Student Appointment to Air Force Academy, 2018
- JROTC Raider Team placed first in State Competition, 2019
- JROTC Drill Rifle Exhibition Team placed first in all five categories at Regional Competition, 2019, 2021
- JROTC Program awarded Honor Unit with Distinction from Cadet Command, 2008-2019
- 6A Girls Track State Champs, 2017-18
- Five Individual State Champs in 6A Girls Track, 2017-19
- 6A Boys Cross Country State Champs, 2016-17
- 6A Wrestling Duals/Traditional State Champs, 2016-17

**AHS Class of 2021**

earned over

$14.3 million
in scholarships.

Approximately 260 students qualified for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.

Information contained in this document reflects the most recent data available as of October, 2021.