

**Decatur Heritage Christian Academy**  
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**Mission**

The mission of Decatur Heritage Christian Academy is to assist families by providing their children with an education that is excellent and which instills Biblical principles to guide their lives.

**Vision and Values**

As the school fulfills its mission, it will stand as a lighthouse to those seeking a Christ-centered place of excellence in academics, activities, and athletics – a place from which students can then launch into adult life equipped with the character and skills to navigate successfully. The school seeks to be characterized by a four-fold commitment to integrity, relationships, spiritual and scholastic excellence, and a Christ-centered education.

**The School**

Established in 1995, DHCA is a non-denominational Christian school serving the greater Decatur area. The new campus consists of nearly 70,000 square feet of buildings located on 36 acres. Program divisions include the Lower School (K5-6<sup>th</sup> grade) and the Upper School (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). For the 2011-2012 school year, Lower School enrollment is 175 and Upper School enrollment is 202 for a total student body of 377 representing over 40 area churches. The current graduating class is comprised of 28 students.

**Accreditation and Affiliations**

The school is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and is a member school of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA).

**Leadership**

Headmaster	Mr. Scott Mayo
Chief Learning Leader	Mr. Jeremy Jones
Assistant Principal	Mr. Michael Holiday

**Faculty**

All faculty members are professing Christians, degreed, and meet SACS standards for qualification. They possess an average of 12 years of teaching experience and an average tenure at DHCA of 5 years. Of the 37 full and part-time faculty, 22% have advanced degrees.

**Admissions**

Selection of students is based on achievement as demonstrated in a standardized testing program, grades, the spiritual background of the family, and an interview with the site principal. Transferring students must be in good standing with their current school and must be at grade level academically.

## Testing

All students in grades 3-8 are administered the Stanford 10 Achievement Test. School-wide average performance scores are in the 74<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally.

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students take the Explore Test annually.

All freshmen and sophomores take the PLAN annually.

All sophomores and juniors take the PSAT annually.

Based on the PSAT, the 2006 graduating class contained one National Merit Finalist, one Commended Student, and one National Achievement Scholar.

The ACT scores for the classes of 2005 - 2011 resulted in an average of 23.2 with an upper quartile range of 35-26 and a middle 50% score range of 26-20.

## High School Graduation Requirements and Course of Study

The Upper School operates on a seven period day, allowing for 28 possible credits over four years.

DHCA requires 25 credits for graduation, exceeding the minimum state standards. Those requirements are distributed as follows:

English	4 credits	Physical Education	1 credit
Mathematics	4 credits	Computer	½ credit
Science	4 credits	Speech	½ credit
History	4 credits	Foreign Language	2 credits
Bible	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit

## College Admissions (Classes of 2005-2011)

Alabama A&M University	Lipscomb University
Alabama State University	Mars Hill College
American Intercontinental University	Mississippi College
Auburn University	Mississippi State University
Auburn University at Montgomery	Mississippi University for Women
Ball State University	Oakwood College
Berea College	Samford University
Birmingham-Southern College	Southern Union State Community College
Brauder College	Tennessee Temple
Calhoun Community College	Troy University
Centre College	Union University
Clemson University	University of Alabama
Cottey College	University of Alabama at Birmingham
Covenant College	University of Alabama in Huntsville
East Tennessee State University	University of Mississippi
Freed-Hardeman University	University of Mobile
Harding University	University of North Alabama
Indiana University	University of Rochester
Jacksonville State University	University of South Alabama
Judson College	University of West Florida
LeTourneau University	William Carey College