

# DEKALB EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

## Executive Summary

Established in 2006, DeKalb Early College Academy is the only early college model high school for the DeKalb County School District. In conjunction with our educational partner – Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus – our students take their upper division courses on a college campus. They receive high school units towards graduation and post-secondary credits *simultaneously*. Upon completion of the program, students will earn their high school diploma and up to 60 credit hours towards an Associate's Degree, with the possibility of earning both the diploma and the degree. Since these courses are paid with Move On When Ready [MOWR] funding, there are minimal costs incurred by scholars and their families.

In keeping with the fundamental principles of the national early college high school initiative, we strive to maximize college exposure to young people who can excel in this rigorous academic environment, namely underrepresented populations such as low-income (Title I school), likely first-generation college goers, and students of color. The increased academic rigor, compressed timeframe for beginning post-secondary work, and required commitment to community service can lead to tremendous successes as a school and for our numerous graduates who have gone on to highly esteemed universities to pursue Bachelor's degrees and so much more.

### Highlights:

#### 2014-15

- ◆ Two Gates Millennium Scholarship Winners out of a graduating class of 76 scholars
- ◆ *U.S. News & World Reports* Best High Schools – National Bronze Medal Recipient
- ◆ Title I Highest-Performing Reward School from GA DOE - Top 5% in State Assessments

#### 2013-14

- ◆ Highest Rated Georgia High School on the CCRPI [99.3]
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#### 2012-13

- ◆ Georgia School of Excellence for Highest Progress:
  - ⇒ Recognition for making the greatest gains on the College and Career-Ready Performance Index (CCRPI Score = 95.2, 4<sup>th</sup> place in Georgia)
  - ⇒ First early college model high school to receive this distinction in Georgia
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#### 2011-12

- ◆ National Model High School Recognition (International Center for Leadership in Education)
- ◆ Featured School for the annual Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning Conference (Indianapolis, IN)

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### 2010 - 2012 GA High School Writing Test Comparisons Of Meets/Exceeds Percentage Rates (\*Phased Out w/ GA Milestones)

Year	DECA	DeKalb County	Georgia
2012	100%	90%	93%
2011	100%	90%	91%
2010	100%	93%	94%

### 2014 End-of-Course Tests Comparison Of Meets/Exceeds Percentage Rates

Subject	DECA	DeKalb County	Georgia
Biology	98.6%	61.5%	76.1%
Physical Science	100%	65.6%	83.9%
US History	96.1%	65.6%	73.5%
Economy	97.9%	78.7%	81.9%
American Literature	100%	88.1%	92.4%
9th Grade Literature	100%	78.6%	88.4%
Analytical Geometry	71.6%	33.7%	41.3%
Coordinate Algebra	64.6%	27.0%	40.7%