

# AHS facts

2023-2024 School Year

## Alexander High School

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Douglasville, GA 30135  
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School website: [ahs.dcssga.org](http://ahs.dcssga.org)

**Principal** Lora McAdams

Student Enrollment 1,820

Total Staff 152

Certified Staff 113

Certified Staff with

Advanced Degrees 67%

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing are from November, 2023.*

### 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.



### Message from the Principal

At Alexander High School, our faculty and staff strive to provide a learning environment that engages and challenges students for life beyond high school. Our mission is 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 successful extracurricular organizations, with region and state champions among the masses. With so many opportunities for leading and learning, Alexander continues to be a place where students “Belong, Have Fun, And Learn.”

– LORA MCADAMS , PRINCIPAL



### 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

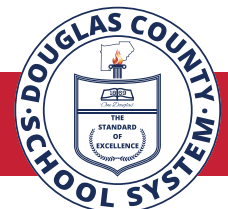
Spanish

U.S. History

World History

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## 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  
Bass Fishing  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Flag Football  
Football  
Golf  
Literary  
One Act  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

# Liberal Arts College Preparatory Magnet Program

A liberal arts education provides a strong background in all academic areas. The curriculum includes in-depth studies in mathematics, sciences, languages, literature, social studies, and fine arts, as well as opportunities to explore technology, and career concentrations. Students grow in their abilities to read, write and speak effectively, and to examine ideas critically. The rigorous curriculum of the liberal arts program requires the student to stretch academically, complete homework in all classes, and meet high expectations in behavior.

College preparatory students complete a rigorous course of study that is consistent with the entrance requirements at public and private four-year colleges around the world. The faculty and administration at AHS believe that students should be prepared academically, physically, socially, and ethically.

All Liberal Arts College Preparatory candidates entering the program as 9th graders must earn a total of 28 Carnegie units. Students must maintain high academic standards, attendance and behavioral expectations to remain in the Liberal Arts College Preparatory program at Alexander High School. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the student from the program. Students are required to take one course each year in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies and earn 3 units in one foreign language. Students will also be required to complete one Advanced Placement (AP) course in order to graduate from the Alexander High Liberal Arts College Preparatory Program.



## 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

The next application window will open in the fall of 2024 for applicants entering 9th grade in the fall of 2025. Exact dates and times for the timeline will be announced as they are set.

Informational Meeting: October, 2024

To apply: (link to online application will be provided)

Interviews Conducted: November, 2024 - January, 2025

Applications Due: December, 2024

Student Notifications Mailed: February, 2025

Commitment Letters Due: February, 2025

## Magnet Program Contacts

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## Student Organizations

*Art Club*

*Band*

*Beta Club*

*Black Student Union*

*Bowling*

*Chorus*

*Creative Writing Club*

*Cougar Pals*

*DECA*

*FBLA*

*FCA*

*FCCLA*

*FFA*

*French Honor Society*

*Gay/Straight Alliance*

*Habitat for Humanity*

*Hispanic Honor Society*

*HOSA*

*JROTC*

*Key Club*

*Math Team*

*National Honor Society*

*One Act*

*Project 7*

*Scholar Bowl*

*Science Olympiad*

*Student Government Association*

*Thespan 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 Rate - Class of 2023

Alexander High School	90.4%
Douglas County Overall	88.6%
Georgia	84.4%

## 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.

	# of AHS Students
Georgia Highlands College	1
Kennesaw State	1
University of West Georgia	76
West Georgia Technical College	58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>

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



Information contained in this document reflects the most recent data available as of November, 2023.

## AHS Highlights

- 2022-2023 Young GA Authors Winner 12th grade
- 6A Basketball State Champions, 2023
- Three 6A Individual State Track & Field Champions, 2023
- State Reading Bowl Champions, 2021
- State Reading Bowl Runner Up, 2019
- Student appointed to Air Force Academy, 2022
- 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
- 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
- 2022 District Star Student
- 2022 Girls State Track and Field Championship
- Choral and Band performances in Tampa, Orlando, Ireland, Italy, Washington DC, and Carnegie Hall 2017-2023
- Superior Ratings in marching band competitions, 2016-2022
- Superior Ratings at Large Group Performance Evaluations in Instrumental and Vocal Music, 2016-2023

## AHS Class of 2023 earned over \$9.6 million in scholarships.



Approximately 244 students qualified for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships.

