

**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 campus consists of 50,000 square feet of buildings located on 12 acres. Program divisions include the Preschool (2-3 year olds), the Lower School (K4-6 grade), and the Upper School (7-12 grade). For the 2006-2007 school year, Lower School enrollment is 186 and Upper School enrollment is 162 for a total student body of 348 representing 94 area churches. The current graduating class is comprised of 22 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
Lower School Principal	Mr. Shawn Yates
Upper School Assistant Principal	Mr. Michael Holiday

**Faculty**

All faculty members are professing Christians, degreed, and meet SACS standards for qualification. They possess an average of 9 years of teaching experience and an average tenure at DHCA of 4 years. Of the 37 full and part-time faculty, 30% 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 1-9 are administered the Stanford 10 Achievement Test. School-wide average performance scores are in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally.

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 - 2007 resulted in an average of 22.5 with an upper quartile range of 35-26 and a middle 50% score range of 25-19.

## 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 credits
Mathematics	4 credits	Computer	1 credit
Science	4 credits	Foreign Language	2 credits
History	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Bible	4 credits		

## College Admissions (Classes of 2005-2007)

American Intercontinental University

Auburn University

Berea College

Birmingham-Southern College

Brauder College

Calhoun Community College

Centre College

Cottey College

Covenant College

East Tennessee State University

Freed-Hardeman University

Indiana University

Jacksonville State University

Judson College

Mars Hill College

Mississippi State University

Oakwood College

Samford University

Southern Union State Community College

Tennessee Temple

Union University

University of Alabama

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Alabama in Huntsville

University of Mobile

University of North Alabama

University of Rochester

William Carey College