



Decatur High School

Profile 2008-2009

What Is Special About Our School?

The mission of Decatur High School is to create diverse learning opportunities that reflect the skills and attitudes required for self-directed life-long learning and career preparation.

Advanced Placement (AP) and Pre-AP programs at Decatur are growing. The school's largest numbers of AP students ever, are participating in Biology, Calculus AB, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, French Language, Physics B, Spanish Language, Statistics, United States Government and Politics, United States History, and World History during the year. The Pre-AP program for 9th and 10th graders includes English, History of the Pacific Region, Science 9, and Biology.

A comprehensive Career and Technical Education program includes courses in American Sign Language, Art, Automotive Technology, Business Education, Careers with Children, Commercial Photography, Design Technology, Engineering (Project Lead the Way), Family Psychology, Financial Literacy, Health, Horticulture, Leadership, Marketing, Nutrition and Wellness, Sports Medicine, and Yearbook.

The Decatur community has established a reputation for respect for all. With a diverse student population, the staff, students, and parents operate on two tracks: the education of students and a safe environment. The differences in hues in the fabric of the population make Decatur a bright and appealing place to be.

Decatur High School serves grades 9-12 with a student population of 1,423. Decatur is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

No Child Left Behind Report Card

The No Child Left Behind Act requires all schools and school districts in the United States to prepare annual reports for parents and the public detailing their academic achievement. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction's web site makes this information available on-line at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/> Click on Federal Way in the "Summary" box, then choose your school from the list. You may also request a paper copy of the report card at your school's office. For more information about the NCLB Act, go to <http://www.nclb.gov/index.html>.

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Federal Way, WA 98023**

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Principal: Tom Leacy (since 2003)

**School Built: 1976
School Last Remodeled: 2002
Number of Classrooms: 68**

Academic and Student Programs

ADL Club	FCCLA Family Career Community Leaders of America
Advanced Placement/Pre-AP	French
American Sign Language	Gators Taking Action (World Affairs Club)
AmeriCorps	Horticulture Program
Art	Key Club
Associated Student Body ASB	Leadership
Athletics – SPSL League	Math Team
Automotive/VICA NATEF Cert.	National Honor Society
AVID (Advance Via Individual Determination)	Odyssey of the Mind
Badminton Club	Orchestra
Band (Concert, Wind Ensemble, Marching, Drum Line, Pep & Jazz)	Pacific Islander Club
Cheer Squad/Team	Photography
Chess Club	Project Lead the Way
Choir (Treble, Concert & Jazz)	PTSA
Creative Writing Club	REACH Club
Dance/Drill Team	School Newspaper/Journalism
DECA/Student Store	Spanish
Diversity Club	Spanish for Heritage Speakers
Drama	Special Ed Inclusion
Driver's Education	Special Ed Resource Room
ELL English Language Learners	Special Ed Self-contained
ELO Extended Learning Opportunities	Sports Medicine
Fashion	Summer School/Classes
FBLA Future Business Leaders of America	Yearbook/Annual

**Student Characteristics
Distribution of Student Ethnicity
(percentage)**

	2006	2007	2008
African American	13.49	15.40	16.78
Asian	14.36	12.90	12.42
Hispanic	11.65	12.90	14.63
Native American	1.85	1.80	1.37
White	55.14	52.40	48.76
Pac Islander	2.83	3.30	4.29
Multi-Racial	.49	.80	1.43

Other Student Characteristics

	2006	2007	2008
Number of Students (Oct.)	1,600	1,529	1498
Free/Reduced Meals	35.4%	36.7%	35.0%

How Are We Using Our Financial Resources?

**Our District
"Per Pupil" Expenditures for 2007-08**

Total Expenditure	\$8,902.00
Supplies & Instructional Materials	\$512.00
Equipment	\$51.00

**Our School
Funding**

Building Expenditures	\$361,469.32
ASB (Associated Student Body) Expenditures	\$694,794.00

Decatur High School used resources to support student learning and academic achievement. Costs include library reference materials, textbooks, printing, copying, capital replacement, and building repairs.

**High School
Graduation Requirements for the
Class of 2008**

Because student learning is the critical product of education, the Federal Way Public Schools Board of Education has established grade level expectations for students to receive a high school diploma.

With the Class of 2000 and beyond, students shall achieve 23.5 high school graduation credits to be eligible to receive a high school diploma. The equivalent of 90 class periods of 50 minutes each equals 0.5 credits toward graduation.

To qualify for high school graduation in Federal Way Public Schools, students must receive at least a "C-" grade in each of the required courses. For information on specific course requirements, see the following web site:

www.fwps.org/info/policies/2000/2410.htm

**Washington Assessment of
Student Learning (WASL)**

Percentage Meeting Standard in:

Grade 10				
Math	2005	2006	2007	2008
School	52.0	51.0	54.0	48.0
District	51.0	54.0	53.0	51.0
Reading	2005	2006	2007	2008
School	83.0	88.0	82.0	83.0
District	79.0	87.0	87.0	87.0
Writing	2005	2006	2007	2008
School	74.0	87.0	82.0	90.0
District	75.0	84.0	87.0	92.0
Science	2005	2006	2007	2008
School	31.0	37.0	34.0	35.0
District	33.0	36.0	38.0	45.0