



## ACADEME OF THE OAKS AT A GLANCE

2017–2018

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### OUR MISSION

Adolescents today are inheriting a world with multi-faceted challenges. To meet those challenges and solve ever more complex problems, our young men and women will need a strong sense of ethical responsibility, imagination, inner strength, diverse and deep knowledge, and the ability to work and communicate with each other in a global context.

At *Academe of the Oaks*, our mission is to redefine the high school experience by educating our students to be resourceful, clear, and flexible thinkers, capable of making profound and positive contributions to the fast-changing world they inherit.

### HISTORY AND ACCREDITATION

- Founded in 2002
- Operations began in 2003 with 11 students
- Current enrollment: 90 students
- The school has 501 (c)(3) status
- Governed by the Board of Trustees, the School Director and the Leadership Group
- *Academe of the Oaks* is a part of the international Waldorf school movement and a member of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA)
- *Academe* has full accreditation through AWSNA/Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- *Academe of the Oaks* has membership with Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) and Atlanta Association of Independent Schools (AAIS)

### LOCATION / CAMPUS

- *Academe of the Oaks* is located in Decatur, Georgia, between Agnes Scott College and Avondale MARTA Station
- The address is 146 New Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030
- The phone number is (404) 405-2173
- The web address is [www.academeatlanta.org](http://www.academeatlanta.org)

### ACADEMICS

- *Academe of the Oaks* is a college preparatory high school offering the international Waldorf high school curriculum
- Courses are taught with an emphasis on active involvement, discovery, rigor, and creative thinking
- Course reading materials are typically primary sources, not textbooks
- Students are encouraged to be resourceful, independent, and proactive in solving unfamiliar problems
- The curriculum is arranged to inspire students in each stage of their development during high school
- The curriculum takes a global perspective, including projects involving Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Asia
- The school is non-sectarian
- Honors courses are offered

- AP Exams administered in May of each year
- Semester grades and written reports twice a year and progress reports twice a year
- Parent/student/teacher conferences twice a year

#### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS

- Offered as electives: Model UN, Computer Science, Debate, Art, Aborigines Technology, Mythology, Photography, Architecture, Entrepreneurship, Drama
- Offered as clubs: Debate, Robotics, Green Club, Cycling Club, Running Club, Fencing Club, Film Club, International Club
- Georgia Governor's Honors program
- United States Senate Youth program
- National Merit honorees and semi-finalists
- American Mathematics Competition
- State Trigstar Competition
- National Spanish Competition
- All-State musicians: instrumental and vocal
- Book Award winners for many colleges
- Literary Magazine
- Yearbook

#### ARTS/MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Fine and practical arts offered
- Theatrical performances twice a year (grade 10 and grade 12)
- Offered as electives: string orchestra, guitar ensemble, drumming ensemble, jazz ensemble and choir
- Advanced choir (*Academe* Singers)
- All-school music performances twice a year
- *Academe* students are selected for All-State Orchestra, All-State Chorus, and GISA All-Select Chorus
- Student talent show

#### TRIPS

- *Academe* offers many trips for grades 9 through 12, including a week-long trip for each grade level.

#### INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

- *Academe of the Oaks* offers international exchange opportunities with schools in Peru, Argentina, Spain, France, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Israel and Japan
- *Academe* is approved to issue the I-20 for international students

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- A minimum of 40 community service hours is required each year

#### ATHLETICS

- Girls volleyball

- Girls and boys basketball
- Co-ed soccer
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Track and field
- Swimming
- Golf

#### COLLEGES

- Comprehensive college counseling program
- 90% of *Academe* students are accepted to college of their choice, ranging from Ivy League schools to local colleges and universities

#### FACULTY

- Advanced degrees, full-time faculty: 87 %
- Advanced degrees, part-time faculty: 67 %
- 7 full-time faculty and 6 part-time faculty
- Student/teacher ratio: 10

#### STUDENTS

- 92 Students
- Socio/economic/international diversity
- 44% Students of Color
- 12 classes graduated

#### PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Parent Council
- Booster Club
- Volunteer work, fundraising

#### TUITION

- Tuition for grades 9 to 12 — \$17,850
- Fee for grades 9 and 10 — \$1500
- Fees for grades 11 and 12 — \$1800

#### FINANCIAL AID

- Need-based financial aid program
- Awards range from 10 % to 50 %

#### NON- DISCRIMINATION POLICY

- *Academe of the Oaks* does not rely upon or refer in any way to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation in reviewing applications for admission, nor in establishing and administering its student policies and programs (including financial aid or participation in extra-curricular activities) or according students rights, privileges, and responsibilities. Nor does *Academe of the Oaks* rely upon any of those characteristics in hiring, firing, or the administration of employee rights and responsibilities, including compensation and promotion.