



ACADEME OF THE OAKS FACT SHEET 2022-23

OUR MISSION

Cutting edge education for your child, rooted in rigorous academics and a classical approach. Rather than focusing on standardized tests or textbooks, we emphasize active involvement, creative thinking, and the exciting process of intellectual discovery. 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: 85 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

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
- Phenomenological, hands-on, project based approach
- Independent study is offered for high achieving students
- 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

- International Exchange program-3 month study abroad program for 10th and 11th grade students (Language of the target country may be studied in place of Spanish)
- Offered as electives: Model UN, Computer Science, Debate, Art, Aborigines Technology, Photography, Forensic Science, Entrepreneurship, Rock Band
- Offered as clubs: Green Club, Feminist Club, Fencing Club, Film Club, International Club, Drama Club, Amnesty International, Black Student Alliance, Queer Straight Alliance, Community Service Club, Bee Keeping Club
- Student Council
- Academe Honor Council
- Georgia Governor's Honors program
- Global Nomads Program
- Bright Futures peer tutorial program
- Young Physician Initiative
- National Merit honorees and semi-finalists
- American Mathematics Competition
- State Tristar Competition
- National Spanish Competition
- All-State musicians: instrumental and vocal
- Book Award winners for many colleges
- Literary Magazine
- Yearbook
- Local Gallery Art Show

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

CLASS TRIPS

- Academe offers many trips for grades 9 through 12, including a week-long trip for each grade level
 - 9th History on Ossabaw Island
 - 10th Canoe trip on Suwanee River
 - 11th Service work in Puerto Rico
 - 12th Marine Biology in Maine
- Senior solo - 3 days alone in the woods
- Junior astronomy trip to Deer Lick
- Day trips to The King Center, The Shakespeare Tavern, The High Museum, The Paper Museum, GA Tech Chem labs, Emory Research Labs, EJI in Montgomery AL, Human Rights Museum, and many more.

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

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: 72 %
- 7 full-time faculty and 6 part-time faculty
- Student/teacher ratio: 10

STUDENTS

- 85 Students
- Socio/economic/international diversity
- 46% Students of Color
- 17 classes graduated

PARENT INVOLVMENT

- Parent Council
- Booster Club
- Volunteer work, fundraising

TUITION

- Tuition for grades 9 to 12 — \$21,500
- 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.