



Frequently-asked Enrollment Questions

How much is tuition? DeKalb Brilliance Academy is a 100% tuition-free public school. There is no cost to attend.

Who is eligible to attend DeKalb Brilliance Academy Charter School? For the 2025-2026 academic year, rising Kindergarten through Fifth Graders who are zoned to any Atlanta Public or DeKalb County School are eligible.

What is the age cut off for enrollment in Kindergarten and First Grade? Kindergarteners must be 5 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten for the school year. First Graders must be 6 years old on or before September 1 to be eligible to enroll in First Grade for the school year.

How do I apply? Submit your application through the application link on our website at <https://dekalbbrilliance.org/enroll>. You can also email enrollment@dekalbbrilliance.org to schedule an appointment with our enrollment team.

When will I know if my application has been accepted? Results of the lottery and waitlists by grade, will be shared through our enrollment platform beginning March 7, 2025. Families have one week from notification to accept their seats.

Is anyone given preference in the lottery? Yes. The only preferences given at DeKalb Brilliance Academy are for siblings of currently-enrolled students and the children of staff, faculty, or Board members so that we can keep families together. Please see [here](#) for admission & enrollment policies.

How will I be notified about the results of the lottery? Results of the lottery, and waitlists by grade, will be shared via email and a follow up phone call from an operations team member beginning March 7, 2025. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure that DeKalb Brilliance Academy has the most updated contact information for notification purposes. If you would like to check your student's application status, or update contact information, please email enrollment@dekalbbrilliance.org

How do I know what steps I need to complete for registration? Please see our enrollment checklist [here](#).

If I have questions about enrollment, whom should I contact? Please email enrollment@dekalbbrilliance.org.

What can I expect for my child when they graduate from DeKalb Brilliance Academy in 8th grade?

- **Real-world Project Portfolio:** Our students will enter high school with a portfolio of eighteen different complex projects in design, law, engineering, finance, social justice, the arts, and more.
- **Dream Team:** Each student will have a Dream Team consisting of a school-based coach, family, and other meaningful mentors. Dream Team members offer mentorship to help the student stretch even further.



- **Legacy Maps:** Our students will clearly define three long-term paths to the impact students want to have on their communities. In addition, the paths will include research of a network of contacts in the field, required schooling/training, timeline, and financing required for each path.
- Additionally, DeKalb Brilliance Academy has planned for staff to support students in high school application, selection, and transition.

Where is the school located? The school is located at 2575A Snapfinger Road, Decatur, GA through the 2024-25 school year. In the 2025-16 school year, we move into our permanent home, a 60,000 SF, brand-new building at 2364 Park Central Blvd, Decatur, GA 30035

Does DeKalb Brilliance Academy offer transportation and/or aftercare? Bus transportation will not be provided for the 2025-26 school year. We surveyed our families and concluded that the need for bus transportation significantly decreased. Community partnership with before/after care programs offer drop off beginning at 6:30am and transportation to/from school. See all our before/aftercare partnerships [here](#).

What is the school calendar? The calendar for the 2025-26 school year is still being reviewed/approved by the school's Governing Board (see 2024-25 calendar [here](#)).

What are school hours?

- Our instructional day is 8:00-3:00 (*arrival and dismissal happen prior to/after these hours*). On Fridays, the instructional day ends at 1:00 PM, but after care will be provided starting at 1:30 PM.
- After school care: DeKalb Brilliance Academy partners with multiple community partners to provide before and after care offsite and after care onsite and at other locations in the community so each family can select the option that is best for them. See all our before/aftercare partnerships [here](#).



Does DeKalb Brilliance Academy have student uniforms? Uniforms at DeKalb Brilliance Academy are **REQUIRED** for every student. DeKalb Brilliance parents may purchase navy uniform bottoms from any store, but must purchase embroidered, uniform polo's, cardigan, etc. from our [uniform vendor online](#).

What size are the classes? Our teacher: student ratio is 1:10. Our class size is approximately 25 students.

DeKalb Brilliance Academy utilizes slightly-smaller-than typical elementary school class size (25 students/class) for certain parts of the day (lunch, recess, enrichment) so that additional educators can rotate through classes for core components of the day (math and reading foundations) allowing students to work in groups of 6-7 students with a teacher at the level that is right for those students. Students also work in teams of 6-7 students for their humanities/project-based learning work.

What meals are offered at school? DeKalb Brilliance Academy provides free breakfast and lunch to all students.



What technology and supplies does the school require/offer? DeKalb Brilliance Academy will provide school supplies and a computer for use at school for every student. There are no required school supplies beyond basic materials to complete school homework.

Can students receiving special services enroll at the school? Any student with an IEP or 504 plan will receive all appropriate services through Special Education-certified staff and contracted vendors. To ensure the integration of special education into the general education programming, teachers will plan together during common planning sessions.

What is the school's approach to family involvement/communication?

Partnership to support your child:

- **Family Welcome Visits:** Prior to the school year, teachers will visit with families virtually to learn about the child's strengths, talents, and interests, and the family's goals for the child.
- **Learning Partnership Plans:** Based on family welcome visits and initial assessment data, we outline individual learning plans with academic, emotional, and community impact goals for each student.
- **Monthly Phone Calls From Teachers:** Teachers will have dedicated planning time to call families to ensure that each family gets a phone call at least once a month to learn about their child's progress.
- **Collaborative Conferences:** Three times a year, families, staff, and students will have a collaborative conference to reflect on student growth and commit to how each stakeholder can help the student reach his/her goals.

Additional ways to be involved:

- **Family Advisory Council:** Advisory Councils will meet each month to discuss topics and determine topics to bring to the full governing board.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Families can volunteer at events, field trips, or to be a project partner mentor! However no minimum parent volunteer hours are required.

Does the school offer field trips? As part of our work to awaken our students' imaginations, DeKalb Brilliance offers multiple field trips each year.

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