



Federal Way
Public Schools

Decatur High School

Profile 2007-2008

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, English Language and Composition, English Literature, Environmental Science, Physics, Government, U.S. History, and World History during the year. The Pre-AP program for 9th and 10th graders includes English, History of the Pacific Region, Global History, Freshman Science, 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, Family Psychology, Health, Horticulture, Leadership, Marketing, Nutrition and Wellness, Sports Medicine, Woodworking, 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 attractive place to be.

Decatur High School serves grades 9-12 with a student population of 1,600. 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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Principal: Tom Leacy (since 2003)

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

Academic and Student Programs

- Advanced Placement (8 subjects)
- AmeriCorps
- Associated Student Body (ASB)
- Athletics – SPSL League
- Automotive Technology (NATEF Certification)
- AVID (college prep class)
- Band (Concert, Wind Ensemble, Jazz, Pep)
- Cheerleading
- Choir (Treble, Concert, Jazz)
- Dance Team
- DECA/Student Store
- Diversity Club
- Drama (award-winning)
- Driver's Education
- English Language Learner classes
- Focus (Photography Club)
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Community Career Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Honor Society
- Horticulture
- Key Club
- Leadership
- Math Club
- Newspaper
- Orchestra
- Pacific Islander Club
- REACH Club
- Spanish for Heritage Speakers
- Special Education (consultant, inclusion, resource room and self-contained)
- Speech
- Step Team
- WASL preparation classes
- Woodbridge Credit Union
- Yearbook

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

	2005	2006	2007
African American	12.89	13.49	15.40
Asian	16.60	14.36	12.90
Hispanic	10.42	11.65	12.90
Native American	2.06	1.85	1.80
White	56.09	55.14	52.40
Pac Islander	1.06	2.83	3.30
Multi-Racial	.77	.49	.80

Other Student Characteristics

	2005	2006	2007
Number of Students (Oct.)	1,615	1,600	1,529
Free/Reduced Meals	28.4%	35.4%	36.7%

How Are We Using Our Financial Resources?

**Our District
"Per Pupil" Expenditures for 2006-07**

Total Expenditure	\$8,296.00
Supplies & Instructional Materials	\$432.00
Equipment	\$52.00

**Our School
Funding**

Building Expenditures	\$328,822.60
ASB (Associated Student Body) Expenditures	\$583,590.46

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	2004	2005	2006	2007
School	42.3	52.0	51.0	54.0
District	42.0	51.0	54.0	53.0
Reading	2004	2005	2006	2007
School	63.5	83.0	88.0	82.0
District	66.4	79.0	87.0	87.0
Writing	2004	2005	2006	2007
School	72.3	74.0	87.0	82.0
District	70.1	75.0	84.0	87.0
Science	2004	2005	2006	2007
School	22.0	31.0	37.0	34.0
District	24.0	33.0	36.0	38.0