

Acceleration Academies

Program Overview for the Board of Education

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Program Overview

Who is Acceleration Academies?

Acceleration Academies is a national dropout re-engagement partner that works with public school districts to bring back students who have fallen behind or left school before graduating.

Through flexible, personalized learning plans, blended instruction (in-person and virtual), career and college readiness pathways, and intensive wraparound supports, students earn a standard high school diploma.

DeKalb County School District has partnered with Acceleration Academies to serve overage, under-credited, and disengaged students who need a different pathway to graduate.

13+

Years of Service

24

District Partners

7,000

Students Served

>50%

Achieve Success

Unique Program Components

Flexible Schedule

- Students own their schedules
- Evening & weekend availability
- Remote learning options
- Year-round enrollment

One Course at a Time

- Intensive focus builds momentum
- Quick wins restore confidence
- Mastery-based progression
- Prevents student from being overwhelmed

Days of Operation

- Extended operating hours
- Flexible days to fit student life
- In-person + virtual modalities
- Community-accessible locations

Blended Model

- Nontraditional academic setting
- Online Edmentum curriculum
- Human coaching layer
- Postsecondary planning

Target Audience

"I didn't drop out — I was pushed out."

Off-Cohort Students

Students who have fallen behind their graduation year due to credit deficiencies or interrupted enrollment.

Disengaged Students

Students who have stopped attending or are chronically absent but remain enrolled in district schools.

Overage, Under-Credited

Students who are older than typical grade-level peers and significantly behind on credits needed to graduate.

Approximately 7,000 students drop out of high school every day in the United States.

Recruitment & Enrollment Process

1

Identification

District data analysis identifies overage, under-credited, and chronically absent students eligible for re-engagement.

2

Outreach

Dedicated Acceleration Academies coaches make direct contact with students and families through calls, visits, and community touchpoints.

3

Enrollment

Students are enrolled and a personalized learning plan is created based on transcript audit and individual goals.

4

Onboarding

Students are matched with an academic coach, complete orientation, and begin a single course to build momentum.

5

Ongoing Support

Wraparound services including social-emotional support, mentoring, and postsecondary planning continue throughout enrollment.

Data Collected & Tracked

Students

- Enrollment & re-enrollment counts
- Attendance rates & trends
- Credit accumulation progress
- Previously enrolled school data

Academics

- Course completion rates
- GPA and assessment scores
- Credit hours earned
- Personalized learning plan progress

Outcomes

- Graduation and diploma attainment
- Post-secondary placement rates
- Return to home school rate
- Re-engagement success metrics

ROI

- Average Daily Attendance (ADA)/Average Daily Membership (ADM) enrollment recovery
- Funding recovered for district
- Cost-per-graduate comparison
- Revenue share model performance

Program Performance Data Celebrations & Successes

180

Enrollment

Total Students Served Today

34

Students Graduated

Among Enrolled Students

955

Credits Earned

Avg. 5.5 / Student

1910

Courses

Total completed courses to date

18.92

Days

Avg. Days to complete a course

80%

Success Rate

Graduated, Returned to HS or Actively Enrolled

85%+

Attendance

Avg. Weekly Attendance Rate

3x

Enrollment Growth

Growth over 12 Months

Graduation by Cohort Year

14

4-Year

41% of total

4

5-Year

12% of total

15

Graduate Recovery

44% of total

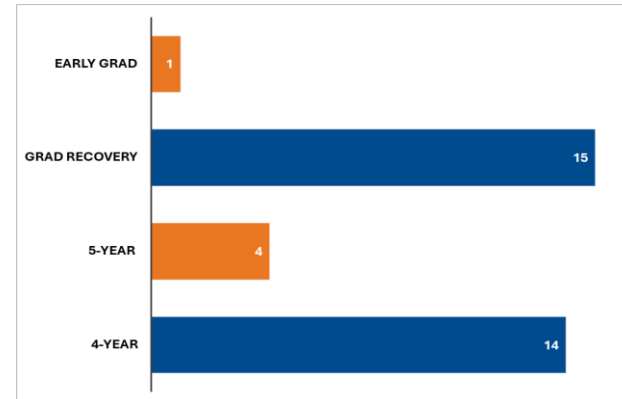
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Early Grad Recovery

3% of total

34

Total
Graduates



Proposed District Hub Expansion Model

In partnership with Acceleration Academies, DeKalb County School District proposes establishing three school-based hubs to expand access and re-engagement opportunities across the district.

Hub 1
Clarkston HS

Hub 2
Cross Keys HS

Hub 3
McNair HS

How Each Hub Operates

- Operating hours: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Facilitated learning support provided on-site by trained staff
- In-person academic coaching and wraparound support available
- Operated in partnership with Acceleration Academies

Main Site Access

- Students retain access to the primary Acceleration Academies site
- Scheduled support sessions available for students with additional needs
- Main site serves as a resource and escalation point for hub students
- Ensures no student is limited by geography or schedule constraints

Goal: Expand re-engagement capacity district-wide by bringing support closer to where students already are.

Questions?