

PAGE/Georgia Academic Decathlon

GAD HISTORY

The Academic Decathlon program was inaugurated in 1968 by Dr. Robert Peterson, superintendent of Orange County Schools in California. It was expanded in 1979 to a statewide competition, and the first national academic program was held in 1982 with 19 states participating. Twenty-six (26) states and five (5) foreign countries participated in the 1983 competition as the program expanded on a national basis.

Georgia Academic Decathlon held its first competition in 1987. Mr. Howard Stroud, assistant superintendent of Clarke County Schools, served as the first state director of Georgia Academic Decathlon. Clarke County Schools, aided by a state grant, directed and hosted the Georgia Academic Decathlon for seven years.

Beginning in 1993, the Professional Association of Georgia Educators became the sponsoring agent with Gwinnett County Public Schools serving as the host school district for the state competition. Participation in GAD has grown slowly but steadily.

The goal of PAGE/Georgia Academic Decathlon is to move steadily toward having every high school in Georgia participating in Academic Decathlon.

State Championship Teams:

1993 – H.V. Jenkins High School Chatham County	2004 – Division I – *Berkmar High School, Gwinnett County
1994 – Cedar Shoals High School Clarke County	Division II – Columbus High School Muscogee County Schools
1995 – Cedar Shoals High School	2005 – Division I – *Berkmar High School, Gwinnett County
1996 – Cedar Shoals High School	Division II – Columbus High School Muscogee County Schools
1997 – Cedar Shoals High School	2006 – Division I – *Berkmar High School, Gwinnett County
1998 – Cedar Shoals High School	Division II – Lakeside Ft. Oglethorpe HS Catoosa County
1999 – Cedar Shoals High School	2007 – Division I
2000 – Cedar Shoals High School	Division II
2001 – Division I – Cedar Shoals High School Division II – Central High School Bibb County	2008 – Division I
2002 – Division I – Central High School Bibb County Division II – Savannah Arts Academy Chatham County Schools	Division II
2003 – Division I – *Berkmar High School Gwinnett County Division II – Savannah Arts Academy Chatham County Schools	

* Howard Stroud Winner – State Championship Team