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Community

The Delaware Military Academy resides within the boundaries of the Red Clay Consolidated School District in New Castle County, Delaware. As a charter school, DMA serves students in all districts in New Castle County. Eighty-two percent of the cadet population are residents of the Red Clay Consolidated School District, which includes inside the city limits of Wilmington. It is important to note that 24% of DMA cadets are at or below the poverty level and that 2.8% are identified as having special learning needs.

The School

Delaware Military Academy (DMA) is a public charter school serving approximately 580 cadets in grades 9-12. The school opened in 2003 and graduated its first class in June of 2006. The school's charter is authorized by the Red Clay Consolidated School District and accredited by the Middle States Association for Secondary Schools. In accordance with the charter, any high school student in Delaware can gain admission to the Academy but preference is given to those applicants that reside in Red Clay Consolidated School District. The school offers Delaware high school students a tuition-free, four-year, college preparatory curriculum. DMA has consistently performed well and earned the rating of "Exceeds Expectations" under the new Delaware accountability system.

DMA is a military themed high school that uses military values to teach ethics, personal and civic responsibility and leadership. This strong value system promotes and develops integrity, citizenship, service, fitness, patriotism, leadership, teamwork, and self-esteem. DMA is the first successful all Junior ROTC Military Charter School in the United States and is considered the "flagship" of the Navy's Junior ROTC programs. The United States Navy has consistently rated our Corp of Cadets as a "Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors." This designation entitles the Delaware Military Academy to nominate twelve (12) seniors to attend service academies (six to the United States Naval Academy, three to the United States Military Academy at West Point and another three to the Coast Guard Academy) each year for qualified applicants.

Our Mission

The Mission of the Delaware Military Academy is to prepare young men and women for their next level of education by providing them with a foundation that leads to good citizenship. Encouraged by military training, learning will take place within an environment that embraces both mental and physical health. This holistic approach to education fosters an understanding of the obligations of citizenship and self-discipline.

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In addition, cadets are exposed to positive moral ideals while being afforded opportunities to engage in appropriate social activities.

Curriculum

Our academic program is intended to ensure that every graduate is prepared, and qualified, to enter a 4-year post-secondary program of study. There are no general courses offered at DMA and all cadets are expected to participate in the college prep, honors, AP or dual enrollment programs. Our teachers have high standards in the classroom and cadets are expected to work at a high level each day to ensure they are prepared for the rigors of college, the armed services or the corporate world. Cadets are strongly encouraged to complete at least two honors level courses while at the Academy.

The academic program is organized on a modified block schedule. Cadets are enrolled in four credit hours per semester with a maximum of nine credit hours available per year. Cadets take four 90 minute classes and one 45 minute class per day. Most classes run on a semester schedule and last for half the school year. There are a few exceptions: Naval Science and all AP level courses are full year courses, In addition, classes that meet during the 45 minute block are full year courses that meet each day. Block scheduling was instituted at DMA in September 2016. DMA offers a total of 18 honors level courses in English, Math, Science and Social Studies starting in 9th grade.

The following AP® courses are offered at DMA: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Physics and Computer Science A. Cadets must meet specific criteria in order to enter AP level courses. In addition, DMA offers a full complement of dual enrollment courses through the Delaware Technical and Community College and the University of Delaware. Our DTCC dual enrollment options include Critical Thinking and Academic Writing (ENG101), Composition and Research (ENG102), US History: Pre Civil War (HIS111), World History II (HIS210). Admission criteria for dual enrollment courses is defined by Delaware Technical and Community College. In addition, we will be offering dual enrollment courses through the University of Delaware starting with the 2020-2021 school year. These courses include Introduction to Sociology and Introduction to Astronomy.

Navy Junior ROTC Program

DMA is the only public school in the country where every student (cadet) is a member of the Navy Junior ROTC Corp of Cadets. Our NJROTC program is supported by our Naval Science curriculum. All cadets at DMA are enrolled in Naval Science, our leadership course, for all four years. The Naval Science program exposes cadets to the precepts of citizenship, the elements of leadership, and the value of scholarship in attaining life goals. The program is also designed to engender a sound appreciation for the heritage and traditions of the United States of America with a focus on the historical significance of sea power. The Naval Science curriculum includes advanced instruction in the areas of astronomy, meteorology, navigation skills, sea power, national security, and naval history. Hands on leadership skills are developed through cadet involvement in teaching new cadet drill, proper uniform care, and managing unit activities.

The senior year Naval Science course includes instruction in theoretical and applied aspects of leadership, training, and evaluation of performance. Cadets are taught the techniques to create motivation, to develop

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goals and activities for a work group, and the proper ways to set a leadership example. The practicum part of the course focuses primarily on practical leadership techniques and implementation. The intent is to assist seniors in understanding leadership and improving their leadership skills by putting them in positions of leadership in the NJROTC unit. As part of the NJROTC program, cadets earn rank and take on leadership roles at the platoon, company, battalion and regimental level. A cadet's daily responsibilities include project management, supervision of staff and interacting with adults in a professional manner both inside the school and in the local community. **The highest rank a cadet can earn in this program is Cadet Captain which is reserved for our Regimental Commanding Officer and/or Regimental Executive Officer.**

Grading Scale, Grade Point Average and Class Rank

	Unweighted			Honors Weighted			College Level Weighted	
	Letter Grade	Quality Pts		Letter Grade	Quality Pts		Letter Grade	Quality Pts
90 – 100	A	4		A	4.5		A	5
80 – 89	B	3		B	3.5		B	4
70 – 79	C	2		C	2.5		C	3
66 – 69	D	1		D	1		D	1
65 and below	F	0		F	0		F	0

DMA calculates GPA utilizing the above quality points. All final grades, whether pass or fail, are included in the grade point average. DMA calculates both a weighted and non-weighted grade point average for each cadet at the end of each semester (January and June). A minimum of 27 credits are required for graduation. Cadets earn an additional weight of 1.0 for all college level courses (AP and dual enrollment) where they earn a grade of C or higher. In addition, cadets earn an additional weight of .5 for all honors level courses where they earn a grade of C or higher. Cadets are ranked based on weighted and unweighted GPA. Unless otherwise specified by the college, the academy provides weighted GPA and class rank for all college applications. **The highest GPA in the Class of 2020 was 4.0 (unweighted) and 4.33 (weighted).** The grading scale has been updated as of the 2020 – 2021 school year and GPA was recalculated for all classes earned while at DMA.

Post High School Placement

Class of 2020*

- 57% matriculated to a 4-year college program*
- 30% matriculated to a 2-year college program
- 8% entered a branch of military service
- 5% entered a trade program, apprenticeship or the work force

* The number this year have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as many of our cadets have opted for the 2-year college option. In Delaware, graduates with a 2.5 cumulative GPA can go to community college free for two years.

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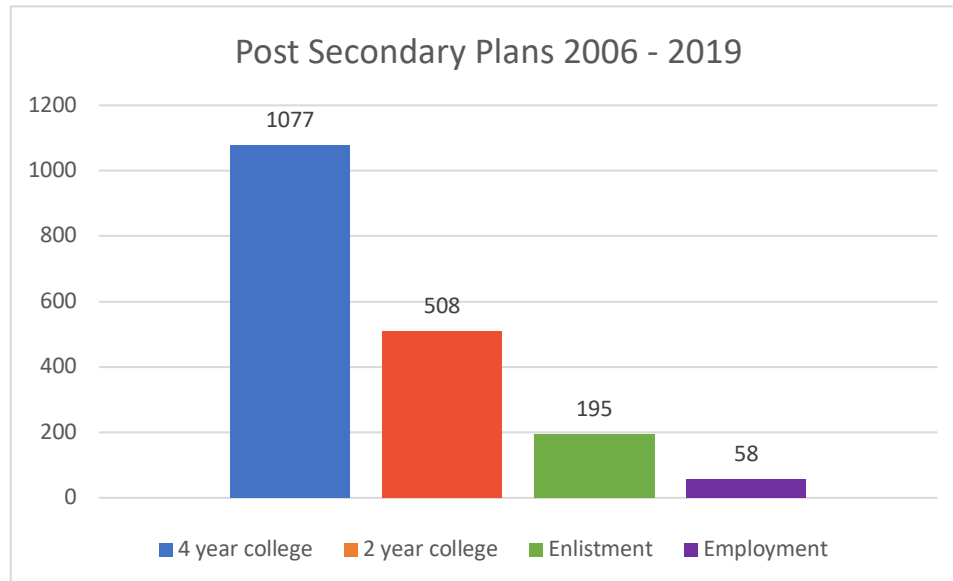
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Over the last fifteen years, the Delaware Military Academy has graduated 1,838 cadets. Our cadets have gone on to a wide variety of colleges, internships, trade schools and military branches of service. Our goal is to support all our graduating seniors in following their path. Since 2003, thirty-six of our graduates have entered a United States Service Academy after graduation. The chart below identifies the path our cadets have chosen after graduation.



Our graduates have attended the following schools over the last four years:

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| Alabama State | Clark Atlanta University | Elon University |
| Albright College | Coastal Carolina University | Embry Riddle Aeronautical University |
| Alfred College | Coker College | Fairleigh Dickinson University |
| American University | Coppin State University | Ferris State University |
| Arcadia University | Cornell College | Florida Atlantic University |
| Arizona State University | Dean College | Florida Southern College |
| Baylor University | Delaware State University | Florida Institute of Technology |
| Bloomsburg University | Delaware Technical and Community College | Franklin Pierce University |
| Bridgewater College | Delaware Valley University | Frostburg State University |
| Butler University | DeSales University | Gannon University |
| Cabrini College | Drexel university | George Mason University |
| Caldwell University | Dusquene University | Georgetown University |
| California State University - Northridge | East Carolina University | Georgian Court University |
| Camden County | East Stroudsburg University | Goldey-Beacom College |
| Catholic University | Eastern Kentucky University | Gwynedd Mercy University |
| Cedar Crest College | Elizabeth City State University | High Point University |
| Chatham University | Elizabethtown College | Hofstra University |

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Holy Names University
Hood College
Immaculata University
Indiana University
Indiana University of PA
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Kansas Wesleyan University
Kean College
Keystone College
King's College
Kutztown University
La Salle University
Lebanon Valley College
Liberty University
Limestone College
Lock Haven University
Los Angeles City College
Lynchburg College
Maine Maritime Academy
Mary Baldwin University
Marywood University
Massachusetts Maritime
Academy
McDaniel College
Mercyhurst College
Messiah College
Millersville University
Misericordia University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Mount St Mary's College
Neumann University
New Jersey Institute of
Technology
Newberry College
Niagara University
North Carolina Central
University
North Carolina State
University
Norwich University

Notre Dame of Maryland
University
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Old Dominion University
Pace University
Penn State Berks
Penn State Brandywine
Penn State Harrisburg
Penn State Main Campus
Pfeiffer University
Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Point Park University
Radford University
Randolph College
Rider University
Roanoke College
Robert Morris University
Roger Williams University
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Saint Francis University
Saint Leo University
Salisbury University
Seton Hall University
Seton Hill University
Shippensburg University
St. John's University
Stetson University
Stevenson University
SUNY Maritime College
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Tennessee State University
The Citadel
Towson University
United States Coast Guard
Academy
United States Merchant
Marine Academy

United States Military
Academy at West Point
United States Naval Academy
University of Central Missouri
University of Akron
University of Delaware
University of Evansville
University of Harford
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Maryland
Baltimore County
University of Maryland
Eastern Shore
University of Mississippi
University of Nebraska
University of North Florida
University of North Texas
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Scranton
University of South Carolina
University of Tampa
University of the Sciences
University of West Florida
Ursinus College
Valencia College
Valley Forge Military
Virginia Military Institute
Washington College
Washington State University
Wesley College
West Chester University
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Wheeling Jesuit University
Whittier College
Widener University
Wilkes University
Wilmington University
York College of PA
... and many more!

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