



# Delaware Military Academy

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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 program" 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: Algebra 1, 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 17 honors level courses in English, Math, Science and Social Studies starting in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

The following AP® courses are offered at DMA: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Physics and Computer Science. 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. Our dual enrollment options include Critical Thinking and Academic Writing (ENG101), Composition and Research (ENG102), US History: Pre Civil War (HIS111), US History: Post Civil War (HIS112), World History II (HIS210), College Algebra (MAT180), Pre-calculus (MAT190), and Calculus (MAT281). Admission criteria for dual enrollment courses are defined by Delaware Technical and Community College.

## 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 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

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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 Regimental Executive Officer.***

## Grading Scale, Grade Point Average and Class Rank

	Letter Grade	Quality Pts
93 – 100	A	4
85 – 92	B	3
77 – 84	C	2
70 – 76	D	1
Below 70	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 2018 was 4.0 (unweighted) and 4.34 (weighted).***

## Post High School Placement

### Class of 2018

- 68% matriculated to a 4-year college program\*
- 20% matriculated to a 2-year college program
- 10% entered a branch of military service
- 2% entered a trade program, apprenticeship or the work force

\* This number includes three graduates who entered a United States Service Academy and four who earned ROTC scholarships

Over the last thirteen years, the Delaware Military Academy has graduated 1,567 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-four of our graduates have entered a United States Service Academy after graduation. The chart below identifies the path our cadets have chosen after graduation.

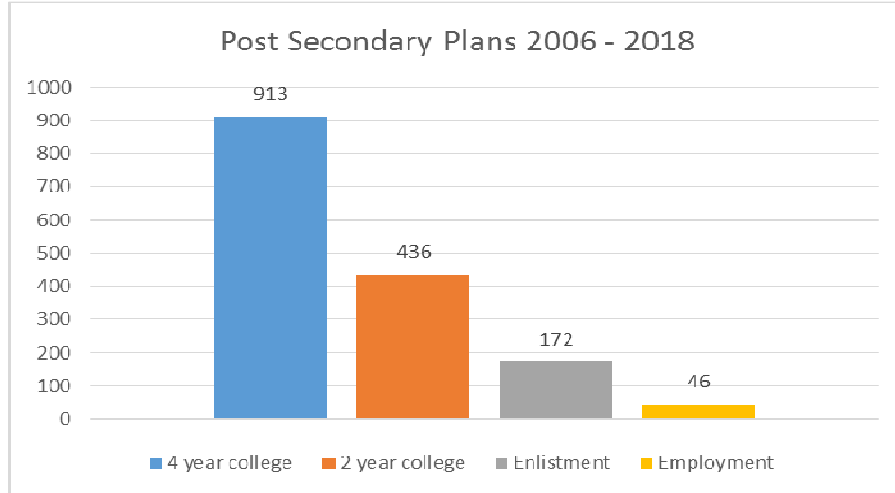
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Our graduates have attended the following schools over the last four years:

Alabama State  
 Albright College  
 Alfred College  
 American University  
 Arcadia University  
 Arizona State University  
 Baylor University  
 Bloomsburg University  
 Bridgewater College  
 Butler University  
 Cabrini College  
 Caldwell University  
 California State University - Northridge  
 Camden County  
 Catholic University  
 Cedar Crest College  
 Chatham University  
 Clark Atlanta University  
 Coastal Carolina University  
 Coker College  
 Coppin State University  
 Cornell College  
 Dean College  
 Delaware State University

Delaware Technical and Community College  
 Delaware Valley University  
 DeSales University  
 Drexel university  
 Duquesne University  
 East Carolina University  
 East Stroudsburg University  
 Eastern Kentucky University  
 Elizabeth City State University  
 Elizabethtown College  
 Elon University  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Fairleigh Dickinson University  
 Ferris State University  
 Florida Atlantic University  
 Florida Southern College  
 Florida Institute of Technology  
 Franklin Pierce University  
 Frostburg State University  
 Gannon University  
 George Mason University  
 Georgetown University  
 Georgian Court University

Goldey-Beacom College  
 Gwynedd Mercy University  
 High Point  
 Hofstra University  
 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

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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  
Univ 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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