

# FAQ for Prospective Cadets

## ***What is a normal day like at DMA?***

DMA runs a block schedule with four full blocks and a mini block class. The majority of block courses run for a semester and the mini block class generally runs all year long. There are two classes in the morning (before mini block and lunch) and two in the afternoon. Our school day starts at 0725 and ends at 1435 (7:25 am to 2:35 pm).

## ***Is there an obligation to the military upon graduation from DMA?***

There is no obligation for our alumni to serve in the armed forces but if you chose that path, you will be well versed in all branches of the service. After fourteen graduating classes, 86% of our graduates went on to a college program after graduation. Our mission is to prepare all our graduates to enter a four or two year college program but we recognize that some cadets choose to enter the military, trade school or an apprenticeship program after graduation. If you choose to enlist in the military, you are eligible to enter two pay grades higher because you have completed a Junior ROTC program.

## ***How do uniforms work at DMA?***

Uniforms are provided for cadets from the Department of the Navy and DMA. Each year, there is an enrollment fee that covers all uniform pieces (except socks and undergarments). Upon graduation, all Navy issued uniform pieces are returned. In the event that a Navy issued uniform piece is damaged or no longer fits, it is replaced free of charge (if returned due to a sizing issue, it must be dry cleaned). DMA issued uniform pieces (PT gear) must be purchased if a new size is needed or it is damaged.

## ***Does DMA offer honors or college level courses?***

DMA offers honors level courses starting in ninth grade. Incoming freshmen must meet the DMA requirements for entrance to honors level courses. Cadets can enter honors level courses at any time during their high school years provided they meet the admission criteria.

In junior and senior year, cadets have the option of honors, Advanced Placement level courses as well as dual enrollment (college level) courses through Delaware Technical and Community College.

## ***How do I get in to DMA? What is DMA's admission procedure?***

DMA uses the online Delaware School Choice application. The application can be accessed from November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 0800 until January 13<sup>th</sup> at 1159 hours at [www.SchoolChoiceDE.org](http://www.SchoolChoiceDE.org). Each applicant will be required to complete the application which includes an essay. The required essay is ***"How will the culture & environment at the Delaware Military Academy prepare you to reach your future goals?"***

The essay(s) are also used to determine preference in our admission lottery. The order of interview preference are:

- Applicant child of a Founding Board Member
- Applicant child of a current teacher or staff member
- Applicant sibling of a currently enrolled student
- Applicants living within the boundaries of the Red Clay Consolidated School District.
- Applicants with a specific interest as it relates to DMA (military, fire, police, etc.)
- All other applicants

## ***Does DMA have a music or theater program?***

Yes, DMA has an active marching band and concert choir. The band meets during the fall semester but concert choir is a full year course. Marching band (not choir) is considered a "fall sport" so cadets enrolled in band cannot participate in any other FALL sports. DMA offers performing arts electives in theater and piano.