



# 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 600 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 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 limited 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 19 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 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 Wilmington University. 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), Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJ101) and General Psychology (PSY121). We currently offer one dual enrollment course through Wilmington University, Principles of Management (BBM201). Admission criteria for dual enrollment courses is defined by the College. DMA offered two dual enrollment courses through the University of Delaware in the 2020-2021 school year. These courses included 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.

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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 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
Below 66	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). 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 2021 was 4.0 (unweighted) and 4.33 (weighted).**

A minimum of 27 credits are required for graduation.

## Post High School Placement

### Class of 2021\*

- 65% matriculated to a 4-year college program
- 16% matriculated to a 2-year college program
- 8% entered a branch of military service
- 11% entered a trade program, apprenticeship or the work force\*

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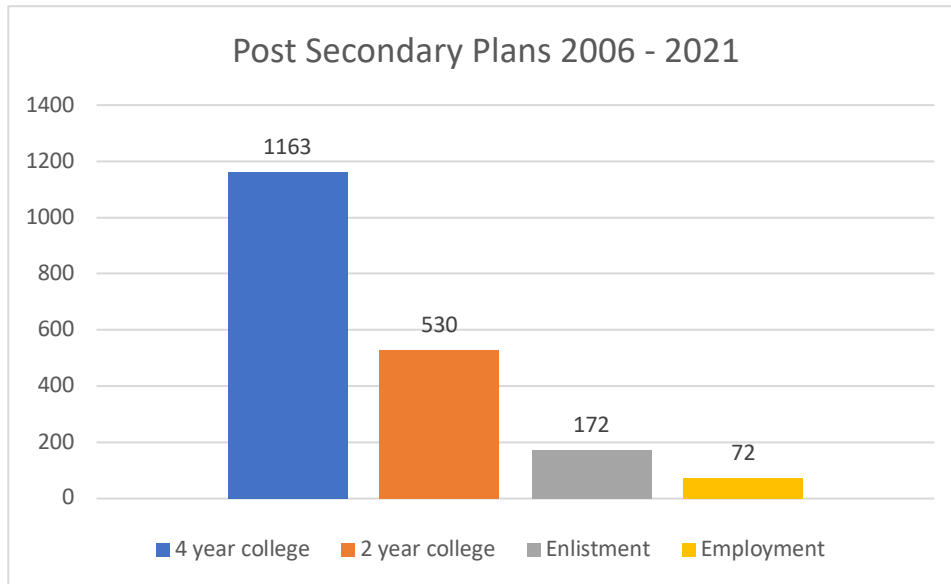
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\* The number this year have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as a larger number of our cadets have opted for trades or have gone directly to the workforce.

Over the last sixteen years, the Delaware Military Academy has graduated 1,971 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:

- |                              |                             |                                      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Alabama State                | California State University | Community College                    |
| Albright College             | Camden County               | Delaware Valley University           |
| Alderson Broaddus University | Catholic University         | DeSales University                   |
| Alfred College               | Cedar Crest College         | Drexel university                    |
| Allegheny College            | Chatham University          | Dusquene University                  |
| American University          | Clark Atlanta University    | East Carolina University             |
| Arcadia University           | Coastal Carolina University | East Stroudsburg University          |
| Arizona State University     | Coker College               | Eastern Kentucky University          |
| Baylor University            | Colorado Mesa University    | Elizabeth City State University      |
| Bloomsburg University        | Coppin State University     | Elizabethtown College                |
| Bridgewater College          | Cornell College             | Elon University                      |
| Butler University            | Dean College                | Embry Riddle Aeronautical University |
| Cabrini College              | Delaware State University   | Fairleigh Dickinson University       |
| Caldwell University          | Delaware Technical and      |                                      |

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Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Franklin Pierce University  
Frostburg State University  
Gannon University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgian Court University  
Goldey-Beacom College  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
High Point University  
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  
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  
Portland State University  
Radford University  
Randolph College  
Rider University  
Roanoke College  
Robert Morris University  
Roger Williams University  
Rowan University  
Rutgers University  
Saint Francis University  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Leo University  
Salisbury University  
Seton Hall University

Seton Hill University  
Shenandoah University  
Shippensburg University  
Southwest Minnesota 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 Alabama  
University of Delaware  
University of Evansville  
University of Florida  
University of Harford  
University of Maine  
University of Maryland  
University of Maryland Baltimore County  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore  
University of Maryland College Park  
University of Mississippi  
University of Nebraska  
University of North Florida  
University of North Texas  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rhode Island

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University of Scranton  
University of South Carolina  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of the Sciences  
University of West Florida  
Ursinus College  
Valencia College

Valley Forge Military  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Polytechnic 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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