



Delaware Military Academy

2019 National Blue Ribbon School
20 years STRONG in developing Citizens and Scholars
to lead our Nation through the 21st century!



FAQ for Prospective Cadets

What is a normal day like at DMA?

DMA has a new schedule for the 2026-2027 school year which includes rotating classes. You will see six of your nine classes each day. Our school day starts at 0720 and ends at 1420 (7:20 am to 2:20 pm) ~ dismissal begins at 2:14 pm.

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

There is NO obligation for our graduates to serve in the armed forces but if you chose that path, you will be well versed in all branches of the service. After twenty graduating classes, 86% of our graduates have gone on to attend a post-secondary 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 graduates choose to a different path including the military, trade school or an apprenticeship program. If you choose to enlist in the military, you will be eligible to enter two pay grades higher because you have completed at least 3 years of our Junior ROTC program.

How do uniforms work at DMA?

The Monday through Thursday uniform is provided, at no cost to the family, by the Department of the Navy. Parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of Friday PT gear. This cost is included as part of our administrative fee. Upon graduation, all Navy issued uniform pieces are returned to the Academy. If 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). For the Friday PT uniform, a new set must be purchased if a new size is needed or it is damaged. If a uniform piece is lost, the cadet will be responsible for purchasing a replacement at the DMA supply office.

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 outlined in the curriculum guide.

In 10th, 11th and 12th grade, cadets have the option of honors, Advanced Placement and dual enrollment (college level) courses through Delaware Technical and Community College and Wilmington University. Course offerings are adjusted each year to ensure a top-notch experience for our cadets.

How do I get into DMA? What is DMA's admission procedure?

DMA uses the online Delaware School Choice application. The application can be accessed from November 2nd at 8:00 am until January 13th at 11:59 pm at www.SchoolChoiceDE.org. Each applicant will be required to complete the online application which includes an essay. This essay is a critical part of our admission process and should be a quality writing sample.

The essay is also used to determine preference in our admission lottery. The order of interview preference is:

- 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

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