



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 runs a block schedule with four full blocks and a mini block class each day. The majority of block courses run for a semester and the mini block class generally runs all year long. Our school day starts at 0720 and ends at 1420 (7:20 am to 2:20 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 nineteen graduating classes, 86% of our graduates have attended 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 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 three years of a Junior ROTC program.

How do uniforms work at DMA?

The Monday through Thursday uniform is provided at no cost from the Department of the Navy. Parents/guardians will be responsible for the cost of Friday PT gear. Upon graduation, all Navy issued uniform pieces are returned to the Academy. 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). For the Friday PT uniform, a new set 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 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 in to DMA? What is DMA's admission procedure?

DMA uses the online Delaware School Choice application. The application can be accessed from November 4th at 8:00 am until January 8th 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(s) 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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