



# Donelson Christian Academy

## 2024-2025 School Profile

CEEB/ACT Code: 431-657

Founded in 1971 and located in Nashville, Tennessee, DCA is a Christian private school that serves approximately 950 students from preschool through twelfth grade. Our mission is to serve Christ by assisting parents in providing students with a challenging, college-preparatory education taught from a nondenominational biblical worldview that develops the whole person into a Christlike leader in the home, church, and community.

**Donelson Christian Academy is accredited by Cognia (formerly AdvancED)**, and is a member of: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, National Association for College Admission Counseling, National Christian School Association, North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.

**Secondary School Enrollment (450): Grades 9-12 (245); Grades 6-8 (205). There are 48 students in the Class of 2025.**

The secondary school is comprised of 43 teachers and administrators, 54% of whom hold advanced degrees. All students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities through one of our 60 athletic teams, 3 choral groups, 5 band ensembles, theatrical plays and musicals, or one of our many clubs or service organizations.

**Discipline:** DCA encourages students to be forthcoming with colleges and universities regarding their disciplinary record. When asked, the Academy will provide disciplinary information to colleges and universities regarding infractions that result in suspension.

### 2025 Graduation Requirements

<u>Units</u>	<u>Subject</u>
4.0	English
4.0	Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and PreCalculus)
3.0	Science (Biology, Chemistry, and 1.0 additional Science)
3.0	Social Science (Civics, World History, U.S. History, and 0.5 additional Social Science)
1.0	Fine Arts
2.0	World Language
2.5	Bible
0.5	Lifetime Fitness or Strength Training
0.5	Health
0.5	Personal Finance
3.0	General Electives
<b>24.0</b>	<b>Total credits</b>

### Class of 2025 GPA by Quintile

Donelson Christian Academy's Grading Scale and Weighting System are provided on our transcript. While we do not publish a specific numerical class rank, cumulative weighted and unweighted GPAs are listed on the transcript and a distribution by quintile of all weighted GPAs for the class of 2025 is provided below. There are 48 students in the class.

<u>Quintile</u>	<u>GPA Range*</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
First	4.426 - 4.191	10
Second	4.188 - 3.923	9
Third	3.915 - 3.719	10
Fourth	3.667 - 3.322	9
Fifth	Below 3.322	10

\*GPA is calculated through grade 11.

### Scholars Diploma and Valedictorian Track

A **Scholars Diploma** is awarded for successfully completing at least eight of the following advanced level courses.

To be eligible for **Valedictorian**, a student must take at least 8 Honors or H/DE courses, and at least 5 AP courses at DCA.

#### Advanced Placement

AP 2-D Art and Design  
 AP Biology\*  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP English Language  
 AP English Literature  
 AP Environmental Science\*  
 AP European History  
 AP United States History

#### TNU Dual Enrollment

H/DE ENG 1020, 1080, 2000  
 H/DE HIS 2010, 2020

#### WC Dual Enrollment

H/DE MAT 2111  
 H/DE PHY 2007 (2003 + 2013)  
 H/DE PHY 2017 (2006 + 2016)  
 H/DE SPE 1000

#### Honors Courses

H Advanced Theatre Arts  
 H Algebra I (8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 H Algebra II  
 H Anatomy  
 H Band~  
 H Biology I  
 H Chemistry I  
 H Chinese III  
 H English I, II, III  
 H Geometry  
 H Legacy Show Choir  
 H Lifetime Fitness~  
 H Portfolio Art  
 H PreCalculus  
 H Spanish III  
 H Studio Art  
 H World History

\*Offered alternating years. ~Honors credit can be earned (all 4 years for Band; after completing 2 semesters of Fitness or Strength). Above AP and DE classes are available to grades 11 and 12 only. DCA partners with Trevecca Nazarene University (TNU) and Welch College (WC) to provide the above listed Dual Enrollment courses on our campus. We do not limit the number of AP classes; however, scheduling conflicts and required course progression typically will not allow a student to take more than 2 or 3 APs in one year.

## Class of 2024 – Class Size: 52

### Post-Secondary Plans

51.9%	(27)	4-Year Public University
38.5%	(20)	4-Year Private University
7.7%	(4)	2-Year College/Technical
1.9%	(1)	United States Military
0.0%	(0)	Other
78.9%	(41)	In State
19.2%	(10)	Out of State/International

### ACT Scores

All students are required to take the ACT. Each student's highest score is included in the following class averages:  
 English: **25.29**, Math: **22.44**, Reading: **26.31**,  
 Science: **23.81**, with an overall average of **24.46**.  
**Composite Middle 50% = 21-26**  
**Top 25% Composite Average = 28.5**

### College Level Courses

87% (45) of the Class of 2024 participated in college level courses through Dual Enrollment and/or Advanced Placement programs during grades 11 and 12.  
**816\* total credit hours were earned.**

**\*AP course credit hours are based on a score of 3 or higher on the corresponding AP exam. AP students are required to take the exam.**

17 members of the Class of 2024 took 50 AP exams in 7 subjects. 90% (45) of those exams resulted in 3s or higher (7 = 5, 16 = 4, 22 = 3).

**Class of 2024 AP Scholars: 4 AP Scholars with Distinction / 1 AP Scholar with Honor / 4 AP Scholars**

**The Class of 2024 logged over 2,700 service hours during 2023-24 through DCA sponsored activities, not including Mission Trips.**

Each senior served approximately 45 hours in our surrounding community as part of their Bible 12 class. Additional service was given through Senior Service Plus and special projects, such as High School Community Service Day and Letters of Encouragement.

**98% (51) of the Class of 2024 received scholarship offers from various colleges, universities, and organizations.**

**100% (52) of the Class of 2024 academically qualified for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship (21 ACT or 3.0 UGPA).**

4 Students (8%) also academically qualified for the General Assembly Merit Scholarship (29 ACT and 3.75 UGPA).

75% (39) of the Class of 2024 received additional academic, athletic, art, service, or citizenship scholarships from colleges, universities, or organizations, above and beyond the HOPE, GAMS, Aspire, Tennessee Promise, or TSAA.

**6 Student athletes (12%) from the Class of 2024 will continue their sport at the collegiate level.**

**8 Student artists (15%) will continue their vocal, instrumental, and/or theatrical endeavors at the collegiate level.**

## College Acceptance / Attendance (2021 – 2024)

Abilene Christian U.	<b>Florida Atlantic U.</b>	Northwest Nazarene U.	U. of Arkansas
Alabama A & M	Florida State U.	Ohio State U., The	<b>U. of California, Irvine</b>
<b>Alabama State U.</b>	<b>Freed-Hardeman U.</b>	Old Dominion U.	U. of Evansville
American U.	Furman U.	Olivet Nazarene U.	U. of Florida
Arizona State U., Tempe	George Mason U.	<b>Orange Coast College</b>	U. of Hawaii, Manoa
<b>Auburn U.</b>	George Washington U., The	Palm Beach Atlantic U.	<b>U. of Kentucky</b>
Augustana U.	Grambling State U.	<b>Pellissippi State C.C.</b>	<b>U. of Louisville</b>
<b>Austin Peay State U.</b>	<b>Grand Canyon U., Traditional</b>	<b>Pennsylvania State U.</b>	U. of Memphis
Ave Maria U.	Greenville U.	Point Loma Nazarene U.	U. of Miami
Baker U.	<b>Harding U.</b>	<b>Point U.</b>	U. of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Baylor U.	Hawaii Pacific U.	Providence College	<b>U. of Mississippi</b>
Belmont Abbey College	High Point U.	Purdue U.	<b>U. of Montana</b>
<b>Belmont U.</b>	<b>Indiana U., Bloomington</b>	Rhodes College	<b>U. of North Alabama</b>
Benjamin Franklin Cummings IT	Indiana Wesleyan U.	<b>Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech.</b>	U. of North Texas
<b>Berry College</b>	Jackson State U.	Saint Louis U.	<b>U. of Rochester</b>
<b>Bethel U.</b>	<b>Keiser U., Flagship</b>	<b>Samford U.</b>	<b>U. of South Carolina, Columbia</b>
<b>Birmingham Southern College</b>	Kentucky Wesleyan College	<b>Sewanee, U. of the South</b>	U. of South Florida
<b>Boston U.</b>	King U.	South Carolina State U.	U. of Tampa
Campbellsville U.	<b>Laramie County C.C.</b>	<b>Southern Illinois U., Edwardsville</b>	<b>U. of Tennessee, Chattanooga</b>
Carroll College	<b>Lee U.</b>	Southern Nazarene U.	<b>U. of Tennessee, Knoxville</b>
Carson-Newman U.	<b>Liberty U.</b>	St. Olaf College	<b>U. of Tennessee, Martin</b>
Centre College	Lincoln Memorial U.	<b>Stonehill College</b>	U. of Tennessee, Southern
Clemson U.	<b>Lindsey Wilson College</b>	<b>Taylor U.</b>	U. of Toronto
Coastal Carolina U.	<b>Lipscomb U.</b>	<b>TCAT – Murfreesboro</b>	U. of Washington, Seattle
Colby College	Louisiana State U.	<b>Tennessee State U.</b>	U. of Wisconsin, Madison
College of Charleston	Loyola U., New Orleans	<b>Tennessee Tech. U.</b>	<b>U. of York</b>
Concordia U., Nebraska	Lyon College	Texas A&M U.	<b>Vanderbilt U.</b>
Covenant College	<b>Maryville College</b>	<b>Texas Christian U.</b>	<b>Volunteer State C.C.</b>
<b>Cumberland U.</b>	Mercer U.	<b>Transylvania U.</b>	Wabash College
Defiance College	<b>Middle Tennessee State U.</b>	<b>Trevecca Nazarene U.</b>	<b>Welch College</b>
Eastern Kentucky U.	Michigan State U.	Tulane U. of Louisiana	<b>Western Carolina U.</b>
Eastern Nazarene College	Milligan College	<b>Union U.</b>	<b>Western Kentucky U.</b>
<b>East Tennessee State U.</b>	Mississippi State U.	<b>U. of Alabama</b>	West Virginia U.
<b>Elon U.</b>	Mount Vernon Nazarene U.	<b>U. of Alabama, Birmingham</b>	Willamette U.
<b>Emory U.</b>	<b>Murray State U.</b>	<b>U. of Alabama, Huntsville</b>	Wingate U.
Fisk U.	<b>Nashville State C.C.</b>	U. of Alaska, Anchorage	Winston-Salem State U.

## 2024-2025 Secondary School Administration

*Keith M. Singer, Ed.D.* – Head of School

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