



Donelson Christian Academy

2025-2026 School Profile

CEEB/ACT Code: 431-657

Founded in 1971 and located in Nashville, Tennessee, DCA is a Christian private school that serves approximately 990 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 (485): Grades 9-12 (273); Grades 6-8 (212). There are 57 students in the Class of 2026.

The secondary school is comprised of 42 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, 5 band ensembles, 3 choral groups, 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.

2026 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
24.0	Total credits

Class of 2026 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 While we do not publish a specific numerical class rank, cumulative weighted and unweighted GPAs are listed on the transcript and a distribution by quintile of all weighted GPAs for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 2026 is provided below. There are 57 students in the class.

<u>Quintile</u>	<u>GPA Range*</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
First	4.442 - 4.280	12
Second	4.226 - 4.054	11
Third	4.026 - 3.827	11
Fourth	3.797 - 3.431	12
Fifth	Below 3.431	11

*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
 H/DE PHY 2017
 H/DE SPE 1000

Honors Courses

H Advanced Theatre Arts
 H Algebra I (8th 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 2025 – Class Size: 47

Post-Secondary Plans

55.3%	(26)	4-Year Public University
34.0%	(16)	4-Year Private University
10.6%	(5)	2-Year College/Technical
0.0%	(0)	United States Military
0.0%	(0)	Other
83.0%	(39)	In State
17.0%	(8)	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: **24.06**, Math: **21.81**, Reading: **25.32**,
 Science: **23.06**, with an overall average of **23.56**.
Composite Middle 50% = 20-25
Top 25% Composite Average = 29.5

College Level Courses

66% (31) of the Class of 2025 participated in college level courses through Dual Enrollment and/or Advanced Placement programs during grades 11 and 12.
570* 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 2025 took 55 AP exams in 6 subjects. 82% (45) of those exams resulted in 3s or higher (15 = 5, 19 = 4, 11 = 3).

AP and National Merit Recognitions: 6 AP Scholars with Distinction; 1 AP Scholar; 1 National Merit Commended Student

The Class of 2025 logged over 3,100 service hours through DCA sponsored activities and projects, not including mission trips.

Each senior served approximately 40 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 Days and Letters of Encouragement.

100% (47) of the Class of 2025 received scholarship offers from various colleges, universities, and organizations.

94% (44) of the Class of 2025 academically qualified for the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship (21 ACT or 3.0 UGPA).

7 Students (15%) also academically qualified for the General Assembly Merit Scholarship (29 ACT and 3.75 UGPA).

83% (39) of the Class of 2025 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.

8 Student athletes (17%) from the Class of 2025 will continue their sport at the collegiate level.

5 Student artists (11%) will continue their vocal, instrumental, theatrical, and/or visual artistic endeavors at the collegiate level.

College Acceptance / Attendance (2022 – 2025)

Abilene Christian U.	Eckerd College	Morehouse College	U. of Alabama, Birmingham
Alabama A & M	Elon U.	Mount Vernon Nazarene U.	U. of Alabama, Huntsville
Alabama State U.	Emory U.	Murray State U.	U. of Alaska, Anchorage
Appalachian State U.	Fisk U.	New York U.	U. of Arkansas
Arizona State U., Tempe	Florida International U.	Northwest Nazarene U.	U. of Central Florida
Auburn U.	Florida State U.	Northwood U. – FL	U. of Dayton
Augustana U.	Freed-Hardeman U.	Ohio State U., The	U. of Evansville
Austin Peay State U.	Furman U.	Old Dominion U.	U. of Florida
Ave Maria U.	Georgia Inst. of Technology	Olivet Nazarene U.	U. of Hawaii, Manoa
Baker U.	Georgia Southern U.	Palm Beach Atlantic U.	U. of Houston
Baylor U.	Grambling State U.	Pellissippi State C.C.	U. of Kentucky
Belmont Abbey College	Grand Canyon U., Traditional	Pepperdine U.	U. of Louisville
Belmont U.	Greenville U.	Point Loma Nazarene U.	U. of Memphis
Berry College	Harding U.	Point U.	U. of Mississippi
Bethel U.	Hawaii Pacific U.	Purdue U.	U. of North Alabama
Birmingham Southern College	High Point U.	Rhodes College	U. of Rochester
Boston U.	Indiana U., Bloomington	Saint Joseph's U.	U. of South Carolina, Columbia
Bryan College	Indiana Wesleyan U.	Saint Louis U.	U. of Tampa
Campbellsville U.	Jackson State U.	Samford U.	U. of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Carroll College	Kentucky Wesleyan College	Savannah College of Art & Design	U. of Tennessee, Knoxville
Carson-Newman U.	King U.	Sewanee, U. of the South	U. of Tennessee, Martin
Catholic University of America	Laramie County C.C.	South Carolina State U.	U. of Tennessee, Southern
Centre College	Lee U.	Southern Illinois U., Edwardsville	U. of The Cumberland
Citadel Military College of S.C.	Liberty U.	Southern Nazarene U.	U. of York
Clemson U.	Lincoln Memorial U.	St. Olaf College	Vanderbilt U.
Cleveland State U.	Lindsey Wilson College	Stonehill College	Virginia Polytechnic Inst.
Coastal Carolina U.	Lipscomb U.	Taylor U.	Volunteer State C.C.
Colby College	Louisiana State U.	Tennessee State U.	Wabash College
College of Charleston	Loyola U., New Orleans	Tennessee Tech. U.	Welch College
Concordia U. – NE	Lyon College	Texas A&M U.	Western Kentucky U.
Covenant College	Marquette U.	Texas Christian U.	West Virginia U.
Cumberland U.	Maryville College	Trevecca Nazarene U.	Wheaton College – MA
Defiance College	Mercer U.	Tulane U. of Louisiana	Wingate U.
DePaul U.	Middle Tennessee State U.	Union U.	Winston-Salem State U.
Eastern Kentucky U.	Milligan U.	United States Coast Guard Acad.	
East Tennessee State U.	Mississippi State U.	U. of Alabama	

2025-2026 Secondary School Administration

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