



DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Empowering the Mind, Engaging the Soul

ELEMENTARY PROFILE 2024-2025

QUICK FACTS

Founded: 1977

Non-Denominational

Total School Enrollment: 725



Founded in 1977, Desert Christian Academy is a private, non-profit, college preparatory school serving students in preschool through 12th grade. We provide exceptional academic training, centered on God's Word, that is designed to raise productive citizens and leaders. Our elementary school program is designed to prepare students to be strong readers and analytical thinkers and equip them for their next stage in their educational journey. Emphasis is placed on character development to challenge students to grow to be more like Christ.

ACCREDITATION

DCA is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Association of Christian Schools International.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

OUR APPROACH

We understand that elementary education is the foundation for all learning and that future learning depends on the skills and knowledge gained in the Kindergarten through 5th grade years. With this in mind, DCA's approach to elementary education is to place major focus on the development of the core skills of reading, writing and computation. These are the skills that will serve each student the most in every subject for the entirety of their academic career.



Content areas such as history and science become the laboratories where students get to practice and master their core skills while they enjoy more active learning. Biblical truth is integrated throughout the curriculum and our teachers challenge students to dig deeper and answer questions using higher-level thinking.

DEDICATED FACULTY

The individualized attention provided by our teachers creates an engaging, safe, and nurturing learning community for students to thrive.

OUR PROGRAM

DCA's educational program prioritizes Bible, English language arts and mathematics as core instruction. These content areas are taught in the morning hours when student learning is the most productive. Our students also enjoy a variety of enrichment classes like art, fitness, and music. Our late day instruction is when students enjoy more hands-on learning such as science and history labs. Additionally, our 1st - 5th grade students receive individualized support in both reading through our WIN (What I Need) program, which is focused on strengthening areas of needed improvement as well as sharpening strengths through higher level development. Students who need additional support also have the opportunity to work with a Reading Intervention Specialist teacher in individualized or small group instruction. We conduct regular benchmark assessments to help teachers make informed instructional decisions in the classroom in order to ensure student growth.

ENROLLMENT

Preschool	92
Elementary	294
Middle School	184
High School	155

MISSION STATEMENT

Desert Christian Academy's mission is to train students to glorify Jesus Christ by growing spiritually, academically, physically, and socially.