



DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Empowering the Mind, Engaging the Soul

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN HIGH SCHOOL

9TH GRADE COURSES

- Algebra 1 or Honors Geometry
- Biology
- English 9 or Honors English 9
- Spanish 1
- Bible
- Physical Education

10TH GRADE COURSES

- Honors Algebra 2 or Geometry
- English 10 or Honors English 10
- Spanish 2 or Honors Spanish 2
- World History
- AP Biology & Pathway
- Bible

FLEX CLASSES

- ASB Student Leadership
- Athletic Performance
- Computer Science
- Creative Cuisine
- Elementary Teaching Aides
- Film Analysis
- Graphic Design*
- Guitar
- Musical Programming
- Sports Medicine*
- Visual Art*
- Worship Team
- Yearbook*

**Denotes A-G approved team*

11TH GRADE COURSES

- Algebra 2 or AP Precalculus
- English 11 or
AP English Language & Composition
- US History or AP US History
- Spanish 3 or Honors Spanish 3
- Chemistry
- Bible

12TH GRADE COURSES

- AP Calculus / Statistics
- Economics
- Physics
- English 12 or AP English Literature
- Life Skills
- Government or AP Government
- Bible

COLLEGE GUIDANCE

- In 9th grade, students begin keeping a personal record, including awards, honors, volunteer work, extra-curricular activities and athletics.
- 10th grade students continue to monitor and update their personal record. PSATs are required for all Sophomores and students should begin to visit colleges of interest.
- 11th grade students continue to update their personal record, register for PSATs to qualify for National Merit Scholarship, register for SAT and/or ACT, complete registration for NCAA eligibility if they plan on playing sports in college, take AP tests, tour colleges of interest to finalize list, and work on college essays and resume.
- 12th grade students register for SAT and/or ACT in the fall if they need to raise their scores, take AP tests, complete college applications. Student athletes must complete the NCAA eligibility form, and complete FAFSA and CSS profile (if required by college). Seniors, also need to visit www.collegeboard.com for a list of schools requiring CSS profile. Students continue to visit colleges, ask teachers for letters of recommendation, and decide on a college by May 1st. 12th grade students work in close contact with the Guidance Counselor through the entire application process.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Community service hours are an important way to live out the Christian faith in the context of our school by serving others in our community and churches. It is our desire that all community service activities be attempts to invest time in Christian ministries; however, other service activities will also count towards hour totals.

Freshmen and Sophomores are required to complete 25 hours of community service.

Juniors and Seniors are required to complete 35 hours of community service. Community service hours should be pre-approved by their Bible teacher. Community service hour forms can be found and returned to their Bible class on Canvas.

QUICK FACTS

Founded: 1977

Non-Denominational

Total School Enrollment: 760

ACCREDITATION

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

COLLEGE PREPARATORY

DCA is recognized by the College Board with Gold status on the AP School Honor Roll.

ENROLLMENT

Preschool	85
Elementary	290
Middle School	175
High School	175
Conqueror Connect	35



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ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **ASB HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES** - Each house will elect one student from their house to the House Council and three students to the House Triads. The House Council serves as an executive committee with equal power and oversees the year's activities while the Triads are split into mixed House committees that help create and plan those activities. In the spring of each year, students will be given the opportunity to run for House positions for the following year.
- **ASB HOUSE SYSTEM** - Students are randomly sorted into one of four houses comprised of 9-12 grade students for the entirety of their high school career. Houses compete in various activities during the year for Spirit Week champions and for the House Cup. This system is to foster community and leadership throughout all grades.
- **ASB SPONSORED ACTIVITIES** - Throughout the course of the year House Committees will sponsor activities for the student body including Spirit Week, Battle of the Sexes and more!
- **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE** - Seniors will participate in a Baccalaureate service, which is a church service that is a time for faculty and family to honor the graduates.
- **GRADUATION CEREMONY** - DCA high school graduations are like no other graduation you have attended! Every detail is planned to make the evening memorable and personal. Everything from the video presentation to the heartfelt addresses made by the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, to the presentation of the diplomas, represents the family community at DCA. We know that you will be blessed by attending our one of a kind graduation ceremonies.
- **HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** - The high school retreat is a great opportunity to build community as a student body and foster individual spiritual growth. Students spend three days away off campus at a retreat site to connect with God and others, worship the Lord together, and hear teaching on how to apply our faith to our everyday lives. Every fourth year the high school retreat takes place at the Grand Canyon for an extra special opportunity to take in a mighty piece of God's creation. Our next Grand Canyon trip will be in 2030.
- **INHALE/EXHALE DAYS** - Once a semester, high school students participate in a spiritual emphasis day. The first semester is called "Inhale" and the second semester is called "Exhale." These days are not on the calendar and are a surprise day of spiritual focus and renewal for the students.
- **OFF CAMPUS** - Juniors and Seniors have the opportunity to go off campus for lunch on Fridays. Seniors will be given the privilege of being released from class 5 minutes early.
- **PROM AND DANCES** - The Homecoming Dance takes place in the fall and is open to all High school students. A Junior/Senior Prom is held in the spring.
- **SENIOR TRIP** - The Senior class will take a trip to Sacramento for water rafting fun! While camping under the stars at Rock-n-Water Christian Camp, the seniors will be able to "realize God through adventures in His creation" (Rock-n-Water's mission statement).
- **SPIRIT WEEK/HOMECOMING** - This is a great time of showing school spirit and working together as a house. Festivities include themed dress up days, a class spirit cheer performed at the end of the week, Homecoming Court, and Homecoming Dance.

ATHLETICS

DCA offers the following athletic opportunities to our high school students:

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| • Varsity 11-Man Tackle Football (fall) | • Freshman Girls Volleyball (fall) | • Varsity Softball (spring) |
| • Cheerleading (fall) | • Varsity Girls Soccer (winter) | • Varsity Baseball (spring) |
| • Varsity Girls Volleyball (fall) | • Varsity Boys Soccer (winter) | • Varsity Mens Volleyball (spring) |
| • Varsity Girls Flag Football (fall) | • Varsity Girls Basketball (winter) | |
| • JV Girls Volleyball (fall) | • Varsity Boys Basketball (winter) | |

MISSION STATEMENT

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