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# **Middle School Parent and Student Handbook 2025-2026**



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### Vision

To prepare graduates to be Christ-centered leaders in their families, churches and communities by thinking critically and living biblically.

### Mission

Delaware Christian School partners with parents and students to promote academic excellence while developing lifelong learners who embrace a biblical worldview.

### Motto

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### Core Values

Biblical Worldview Shaping  
Partnering with Parents  
Academic Excellence

### Carried Out in the DCS Way

#### **Biblical Worldview Shaping — Shown by D: Demonstrate Your Faith**

Delaware Christian School believes that all Christian Education should include teachings and activities based on the Word of God and presented through the perspective of God's sovereign and providential purpose. Isaiah 54:13-17; Mark 12:30; Phil. 1:6; Phil. 2:12-13

#### **Partnering with Parents — Shown by C: Care for Others More than for Yourself**

Delaware Christian School recognizes that children are a gift from the Lord to the family. All education is a cooperative effort between parents, faculty, and the local church. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Ephesians 6:4)

#### **Academic Excellence — Shown by S: Study to the Best of Your Ability**

Delaware Christian School strives to enlighten the understanding and form the habits and manners of students through a solid, evaluated and approved, biblically based curriculum. We believe that the curriculum prepares students for useful service as family members, as active members of local churches, as students in institutions of higher learning, and as valuable members of society. I Timothy 4: 6; II Timothy 2:15



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### Expected Student Outcomes

Recognizing that God is the source of truth revealed in His Word and His creation (Psalm 19; 2 Timothy 3:16–17), we have established the following Expected Student Outcomes for Delaware Christian School.

#### **Spiritual: We expect Delaware Christian School students to**

1. Have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and be connected in a local church. (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12–27)
2. Be growing in biblical knowledge, wisdom, and character. (Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–5; 2 Peter 1:5–8)
3. Be willing to humbly and graciously submit to authority. (Rom. 13:1–7)
4. Be equipped to share the Gospel and other biblical truth to edify other believers and introduce the lost to Christ. (Matthew 28:19–20; Ephesians 4:1–16)

#### **Academic: We expect Delaware Christian School students to**

1. Demonstrate the ability to think critically and communicate effectively. (2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 1:9–11; Philippians 4:8)
2. Be academically prepared to pursue, based upon their giftedness, their individual college and/or career goals. (Colossians 2:8; Colossians 3:23; 1 Peter 3:15)
3. Exhibit good study habits and a commitment to lifelong learning. (Proverbs 1:5; Proverbs 4:13; Proverbs 9:9)

#### **Social: We expect Delaware Christian School students to**

1. Reflect the character of Christ in their interactions with others. (Romans 12:14–21; Philippians 2:1–11)
2. Take responsibility for interpersonal actions in accordance with biblical principles. (Romans 12:9–21; 1 Corinthians 13)
3. Demonstrate a lifestyle of service to others. (Galatians 5:13–14; 1 Peter 4:10)

#### **Physical: We expect Delaware Christian students to**

1. Recognize that each individual is created in the image of God and is of great worth. (Genesis 1:27; Psalm 139:13–16)
2. Maintain a lifestyle of purity. (1 Corinthians 6:18–20)
3. Honor God by treating their body according to biblical standards. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20; 1 Thessalonians 4:3–5)



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### Statement of Faith

Being a ministry of Delaware Bible Church, we hold to the same doctrinal Statement of Faith as fully presented at [www.delawarebible.org](http://www.delawarebible.org). The following statements summarize key points of that document:

1. We believe the **Scriptures** to be the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God.
2. We believe in the triune **God**, eternally existing in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe **Jesus Christ** to be the eternal Son of God, who became man, born of a virgin, to live a sinless life, die, and rise for the redemption of sinful man. He now lives in heaven as the believers' Representative, Intercessor, and Advocate.
4. We believe that the **Holy Spirit** is a Person who convicts the world of sin, is the agent of regeneration, and indwells and seals the believer.
5. We believe that **man** was created in the image and likeness of God, but with Adam's sin inherited a sinful nature and is utterly unable to redeem himself.
6. We believe that **salvation** is a gift of God, brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone.
7. We believe God to be the **Creator** of all things. As Creator, He created in six literal 24-hour days. We believe that God created mankind in His image, assigning gender to His people, male (man) and female (woman), as He created them sexually (identified on a physical level) and biologically (identified at a chromosomal level) different, but with equal personal dignity and value.
8. We believe the **family** is an institution set up by God, beginning with the union of a male and female. The sexual union of a male and female was established within the context of a marriage exclusively. We believe that homosexual activity is condemned in Scripture as a degrading and indecent act.



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### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

#### **Accreditation**

Delaware Christian School is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Delaware Christian School is accredited with Cognia, a national, secular accreditation board.

Delaware Christian School is chartered with the Ohio Board of Education K–12.

The Preschool is chartered and licensed with the Ohio Department of Education.

#### **School Day Schedule**

Secondary Schedule      Grades 6–12                      8:15 A.M.–3:15 P.M.

#### **Drop-off Procedures**

When dropping off students in the morning at DCS, enter the parking lot from the 3rd entrance off Belle. Proceed to the left and circle the parking lot. Please pull as close to the corner as possible to unload your child.

There are parking spaces close for parents in front of the gym lobby entrance. Parents may also park in spaces that are not numbered near the church entrance.

#### **Arrival Schedule**

##### 7:00 A.M.–8:00 A.M.

Only elementary students in BeforeCare will be allowed in the building before 8:00 a.m. Middle school and high school students with sports practices before school will be allowed in the building to participate in their practice. All other students must wait outside the building. The overhang in front of the main entrance will provide a sheltered location to wait for the school to open.

##### 8:00 A.M.–8:15 A.M.

The building is open for all students to come and prepare for class by 8:15 a.m.

#### **Late Arrival**

It is the expectation of DCS that all students arrive at school on time.

Classes begin at 8:15 a.m. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. are considered tardy. Middle school students arriving after 8:20 a.m. must check in with the office before proceeding to class. This will allow all students in the building to be accounted for. Please note below that each unexcused tardy will result in a warning.

Excused tardies include the following: illness, injury, medical or dental appointments, emergency family situations, and other situations approved by the Delaware Christian School administration.





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### Early Dismissal

Students leaving school before the end of the school day should adhere to the following guidelines:

- Secondary students (Grades 6–12) must have parents call or email the Main Office to request an early dismissal. **Students must notify the Main Office when they leave.** Students are responsible for making up any work they miss due to leaving school early.

### Pick-up Procedures

Secondary students are dismissed at 3:15 P.M. Parents of students in Grades 6–12 may pick students up in the parking lot.

Students are not to be on campus after 3:45 P.M. without adult supervision.

### Severe Weather Closings

In the case of severe weather, school closings or delays will be announced via phone call and email, posted on the Delaware Christian School website and Facebook page, and announced on WBNS-TV Channel 10.

### Attendance/Absences

- Excused absences include the following: illness, injury, quarantine, death in the immediate family, medical or dental appointments, emergency family situations, religious holidays, and scheduled college visits..
  - Guidelines for arranging excused absences can be found in Appendix C in the Policies and Procedures Handbook.
  - Students must provide the appropriate documentation for absences longer than three days. Appropriate documentation for absences can be found in Appendix C in the Policies and Procedures Handbook.
- **Unless the administration has given prior approval, students not participating in a school-approved trip are considered absent without excuse.**
- Middle school students who are enrolled full-time must attend at least **half** of their classes (rounded up) to be eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities. Middle school students who are enrolled part-time must attend all of their periods to participate in any extracurricular activities.
  - Students who receive EdChoice funding may not accumulate 20 unexcused absences in a year. Accumulation of 20 or more unexcused absences will result in a report to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), and the student will immediately lose their EdChoice funding. See Appendix C for Ed Choice information.
  - **Middle school students who accumulate 30 or more excused or unexcused absences in a given class will not receive credit and need to retake the class during the summer through**



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an approved online or in person school at the cost of the family. Also, at the discretion of the Delaware Christian School administration, middle school students who accumulate 30 or more excused or unexcused absences in a given school year may be asked to withdraw from the school rather than completing credit recovery and will not be considered for readmission for one full school year following their withdrawal.

*Chronic absenteeism may require the school administration to ask the student to withdraw from the school and notify the local school district per Ohio truancy laws.*

### INTERVENTION SERVICES

At Delaware Christian School, we believe that every student has the ability to learn. While some students may need more support than others, we believe every student can reach their God-given potential. As a private school, we do not offer formal special education classes, services, or resources. Delaware Christian School is a non-public school. Upon entering DCS, parents give up their rights to enforce state and/or city-generated plans and supports, including but not limited to IEPs and 504s. While we use city schools for some testing and resources, we are not bound by the decisions of a student's home district. This does not mean that we are unable to support our struggling students. Every student has access to in-class supports from our teachers and multiple opportunities throughout the day to seek academic assistance. We offer two unique support plans for students who need more specialized support. Our DCS intervention team crafts our support plans and may include direct instruction in areas of difficulty outside of the general education classroom or support inside the general education classroom. We offer some supports to some students to assist them in overcoming some deficiencies to perform at their best.

#### ***Disclosures***

- The Intervention Department follows a strict confidentiality policy. DCS will obtain parental permission before requesting or providing student information. Student information will only be shared on a need-to-know basis.
- Delaware Christian School does not discriminate based on disability. We reserve the right to offer services only to those students who qualify for one of our support plans.
- Student support plans may be amended or removed when academic performance improves over a sustained period of time or when an evaluation determines the student is no longer eligible for support. Specific supports offered to students may be added or removed based on student needs.

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### **Service Plans**

At DCS, we offer the following three service plans to our school families:

- **DCS Academic Service Plan**
- **DCS Accommodation Plan**
- **DCS Health Service Plan**

These plans are designed to meet the unique needs of our students. Because of the specialized support that these plans offer, each plan requires additional time and effort from our staff. Since our mission is to partner with parents and students to promote academic excellence, each plan will require extra time and effort from parents and students. We believe that every student can learn. We also believe that for some students to learn, they must work harder than many of their peers. In the same way, parents of some students must be far more involved in their child's education than parents of other students. DCS support plans are designed to help students progress to a point where they no longer need the plan.



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# Academic Program

### Definition

Delaware Christian School offers a traditional classroom academic program designed to meet the needs of each individual enrolled. The curriculum is developed by teachers and administrators in connection with state standards and standardized testing. A strong emphasis on biblical worldview shaping is made in all grade levels. The faculty and staff at Delaware Christian School strive to train students to see the world through the lens of biblical truth in all disciplines as they “take captive every thought” for the glory of God.

### Textbooks

Students are issued books for one year to use in the classroom. Guidelines for student textbooks can be found in Appendix D of the Policies and Procedures Handbook.

### Grading

The purposes of grading are as follows:

- to provide students and parents with an assessment of the student’s achievement in the current curriculum
- to enable teachers to identify and address areas of needed student improvement
- to provide information necessary for proper student promotion and course placement
- to provide information necessary for high school graduation and college acceptance
- to recognize academic excellence and classroom achievements

Grades, progress reports, report cards, assignments, and homework can be accessed through the student information system provided by the school.

### Grading Scales

The following grading scale is used in all Delaware Christian Middle School classes:

A+	98–100	B+	88–89	C+	78–79	D+	68–69
A	93–97	B	83–87	C	73–77	D	63–67
A-	90–92	B-	80–82	C-	70–72	D-	60–62

All grades below 60% receive an F.

Elementary teachers may use a different scale to denote student progress in areas where numeric grades are not given.

### Homework

Delaware Christian School homework is designed to assist in the fulfillment of specific learning objectives as outlined in the curriculum. Homework is assigned regularly and is aligned to each student’s age and grade. It serves the following functions:

- It is a review and reinforcement or preview and presentation of classroom material.
- It provides meaningful activities to develop mastery of appropriate skills.



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- It aids in the development of self-discipline and conscientious study habits.
- It prepares the student for future responsibilities after graduation.

In Grades 6–8, the following guidelines will apply to all assignments:

- All homework, projects, and written assignment grade reductions and consequences will be handled by the teacher on a case-by-case basis at the teacher's discretion.
- Two (2) "Next Day Passes" will be given to each student for each core subject class taken each quarter. It is the student's responsibility to notify their teacher and turn in a "Next Day Pass" to receive full credit for their homework with no additional consequence. The homework is then due the next time the class meets from the due date. Students may not use both passes on the same assignment. If the pass is not turned in on the assigned homework due date, if a student has used both passes or the assignment is not turned in the following day on the use of the "Next Day Pass", the following consequence will apply to assigned homework:

If a student does not have the assigned homework on the set due date, then the student will be required to **call a parent or guardian** to report the missing assignment **(during the first quarter only)** and will receive a **50% grade reduction** upon turning in the assignment on the following class meeting day. If a student does not have the assigned homework on the second day from the original due date, then the student **will not receive credit** for the assigned homework.

- For longer projects and written assignments not completed by the due date, students will receive one letter grade deduction per day for all late projects and large written assignments. Students will not receive any credit for projects and written assignments completed more than four days after the due date.
- Students with an excused absence must complete missed schoolwork.
  - Upon a student's return, **the student must approach the teacher** to set a due date for missed work. Classroom teachers will set a time to complete missed homework assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests given on the day(s) of the absence. If a student does not arrange a due date with the teacher on the day they return, the teacher reserves the right to give the student a zero on any assignment.
  - Assignments that were assigned before the absence are due on the assigned date, or on the first day the student returns to school.

### Wednesday Homework

For the purpose of facilitating Wednesday night church and youth group attendance, DCS will not assign homework on Wednesday nights.

- No homework or projects will be due on Thursdays. Tests will not be given on Thursdays. Note: Quizzes may be given on Thursdays.
- Homework assignments given on Wednesdays will not be due until Friday at the earliest.



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- *If homework is given in a class on Wednesday and that homework is due on Friday, additional homework will not be given on Thursday in that class.*

### Homework Time Limit

In an effort to give parents more control over their childrens' time, parents may permit their child to stop working on a homework assignment and remain eligible to receive full credit for that homework assignment by observing the following guidelines:

- The student must work on their assignment **at home** for one hour.
- Parents must observe the student working for an hour, not simply sitting at the table for an hour.
- If the student has a study hall before the class where the assigned homework is due, the student must continue working on the assigned homework in that study hall.
- This policy only applies to nightly homework, it does not apply to a longer written assignment paper or project.
- This policy is a one-hour limit per assignment, not per night.
- Graded homework will still be graded. The student's grade will be based on the work they did complete, and they will not be penalized for work they did not complete.

DCS Administration reserves the right to alter homework assignments and due dates in individual cases.

### Study Hall

Study halls are designated times for students to complete class assignments and/or to prepare for upcoming tests or quizzes.

It is the goal of DCS that students only have no more than two study halls per day. Students may be granted the ability to take more than that by administration.

Study halls are a privilege, and students who repeatedly fail to adhere to the following rules will be assigned a detention or an academic course at the discretion of administration.

- Students are required to remain quiet as they work.
- Students are not permitted to sleep.
- Students may not play games unless it is a reward from the study hall teacher.
- Students are required to have a book to read or assignments to complete when reporting to study hall.
- Students may only use computers for assignments with teacher permission during study hall.
- Students may not study together unless given permission by the Study Hall teacher.



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### Extra Curricular Activities

Extra Curricular events include but are not limited to clubs, drama and all sporting practices. Participation in these events are to be determined by the staff member designated by administration. Continued participation in these events may be ended by the staff member and is subject to the following academic guidelines:

Students with two “D’s” or one “F” in any class will not be allowed to participate until the grades are raised.

The staff member in charge of the activity has the right to determine if partial participation while raising the grade is allowed.

### Standardized Testing

Students in Grades 6–11 take a standardized test each spring. This test also meets the graduation testing requirements mandated by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Delaware Christian School also uses the STAR 360 Renaissance test for diagnostic evaluations.

### Academic Probation

Students whose grades are failing and show no improvement will be placed on academic probation and encouraged to raise their GPA. Middle School students with a D grade average or lower will be required to attend after school tutoring or Academic lab sessions. While the student remains on academic probation, periodic review will be made with the student and parent to provide a plan to improve academics as well as risk being removed from participation in extracurricular activities. Extracurricular events include but are not limited to clubs, drama, and all sporting practices and games. In conjunction with the athletic director, coach, or staff leader, the high school principal will determine participation in these events. Participation in these events will based on the following guidelines:

- Students with two “D’s” or one “F” in any class(es) will not be allowed to participate.

The DCS administration reserves the right to create exceptions based on the individual circumstances.

If no discernable effort is made to raise the GPA, students may be asked to repeat the failed course or withdraw from Delaware Christian School.

### Eligibility for Promotion

Delaware Christian School recognizes the importance of carefully evaluating all aspects of a student’s development before making final decisions regarding promotion, retention, or dismissal. Delaware Christian School reserves the right to dismiss or retain a student after proper notification to parent and student.

Satisfactory completion of the middle school grades is determined by the following:



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- receiving a passing grade in all core subjects (Bible, English, Math, Science, and History)
- student performance on standardized tests and assessments
- consultation among parents, teachers, and administrators

### Remediation for Failed Courses

A student receiving a semester failing grade in a core subject will need to complete and pass a remediation course during the summer months as required by Delaware Christian School. The student will be responsible for the cost of the remediation course and transcripts need to be provided showing the passing of the remediation course prior to the start of the new school year. A student will be dismissed if a passing grade is not obtained in the remediation course prior to the start of the new school year. (Note: failure of a core subject does not automatically result in grade retention.)

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Parent conferences may be scheduled by parent, teacher, or administrator request at any time during the school year. (Note: Parents are expected to speak with a teacher regarding all classroom issues before involving a school administrator.)

### Honor Roll and Merit Roll

Middle school students who achieve academic excellence will be recognized on the yearly honor and merit rolls. The honor roll will be reserved for students earning a 3.75 GPA that includes all classes; the merit roll will include students earning 3.5 GPA in all classes. All semester and quarterly grades are cut off for the end of the school year awards one week prior to the last day of school.

### Exams

Only 8th grade students will take exams in the spring. If given, all middle school exams will count toward the final grade for the quarter in which the exam is taken. It is counted as a double test grade.

### College Credit Plus (CCP)

- ❖ College Credit Plus is Ohio's dual enrollment program that can be utilized by students to earn college and high school credits at the same time by taking courses from Ohio colleges or universities.
- ❖ The administration at DCS highly recommends students in Middle School not take CCP.
- ❖ Middle School students may not use CCP classes to replace required courses.
- ❖ Middle School students must take a CCP class outside school hours.
- ❖ Middle School students interested in CCP must meet with the High School academic advisor before signing with the state.





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### Part-time Delaware Christian School Students

Part-time students at Delaware Christian School are defined as students who are taking and paying for one to four classes on campus with no intent to graduate from Delaware Christian School. Classes are defined as academic and/or arts classes that take place during normal school hours.

- Students may take any class that is not already full.
- Chapel will be available at no cost.
- Lunch and Discipleship Groups are available to part-time students by administration decision only.
- Homeschooling students taking one or more classes allows the student to participate in the Delaware Christian School athletic program
- See Appendix for further information.

### SERVICE HOURS

At Delaware Christian School, our core value of Biblical Worldview Shaping involves helping our students understand ministering to others. We are called to serve others as a response to what Jesus has done for us. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

In light of this, here are the goals for DCS service hours:

- To have students serve in all 4 quarters of the school year
- For DCS to give multiple ideas and avenues for students to choose service
- To require service opportunities to be chosen by students and parents, not DCS

Service can fit into 2 categories and can be used in any combination:

1. Any service outside the school or home that is **initiated by the student or parent**. Examples would include but not be limited to:
  - Helping in a Sunday School or Junior Church Class
  - Cleaning or preparing services at a local church
  - Serving with a church on a mission trip or at a nursing home
  - Serving at a Church Food Bank
  - Helping the DCS Community with service posted in the newsletter
  - Helping DCS families with projects or babysitting
2. Any service inside the school that is not created by DCS. Serve Day, Mission Trips, or NHS hours completed during the school day will not count. In school service that will count includes but is not limited to:
  - Helping a teacher with bulletin boards, or any task within the school



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- Helping the office with filing
- Helping admissions with tours

The service hours will be required to be filled as follows:

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Total
6th Grade	<b>3 hours</b> <i>3 may come from summer</i>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>12 hours</b>
7th Grade	<b>3 hours</b> <i>3 may come from summer</i>	<b>3 hours</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>14 hours</b>
8th Grade	<b>3 hours</b> <i>3 may come from summer</i>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>4 hours</b>	<b>15 hours</b>

All service hours must be recorded and submitted in Sycamore. Students must record the date of the service, and in the notes box a brief explanation of the service and the supervising adult of the service completed. Any submissions missing this information will not be approved. The principal will approve all service hours by the end of the quarter.

**Service hours must be completed by the end of each quarter.** Students who do not fully complete and turn in their service hours by the given deadline will be placed on probation. Probation will last until the missed service hours are made up. While on probation, students may not participate in any extracurricular activities including practices and games. Students who remain on probation for an entire quarter will be subject to further consequences that may include possible dismissal from DCS.

*Serving within your own family will not be counted as a consistent source of service hours.*

*Students who are having difficulty finding a place to fulfill their service hours should first talk with their parents about helping them engage in service. Contact the appropriate principal if the students and parents still cannot find a place to serve.*



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### DRESS CODE

At Delaware Christian School, we want to enforce a professional, modest, and clean dress code that gives DCS a unique and recognizable look. Although many items will be available through Educational Apparel, families are not required to purchase uniform items through Educational Apparel.

#### **General Guidelines for Campus Wear**

- Above all, we seek to honor Jesus in the way that we dress. Students should dress in a way that is respectful of their peers and presents a professional, modest and clean appearance.
- Parents are expected to be the first to enforce the Delaware Christian School dress code.
  - If you have any questions, please ask the appropriate principal.
- Students are expected to arrive on campus in dress code-appropriate clothing.
- Outerwear rules (fleeces and coats) only apply during school hours. Students may wear any coat or outerwear to and from school, but not during the school day (8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.)
- All clothing should be clean and in good repair. Clothing with holes, rips, stains, or tears is not permitted.
- Delaware Christian School campus wear must be free of all logos other than brand logos (Nike, Under Armour, Polo) or school logos approved by the administration. No other writing or emblems (such as names, sayings, college logos, or sports team logos) may be on campus wear.
- The hem of shorts, skirts, and jumpers must be no more than three inches above the top of the knee.
- Tops worn on campus must be modestly fitting and cannot be sleeveless, cropped, or show cleavage.
- Boys may not be shirtless while on campus.
- Sweatshirts (hooded, pullover, or zipper) and other forms of non-approved outerwear may not be worn during the school day.\*
- Athletic team warmups or jackets may only be worn on Spirit Fridays. Students may not wear these items on game days if they fall outside of a Friday.
- Delaware Christian School-approved uniform pullovers and coats are considered campus wear and may be worn with a campus-wear collared shirt underneath during school hours.
- Hair should not be distracting to teachers or students.
  - Hair should be of natural color, clean, and neatly maintained.
  - No streaking of unnatural color in hair is permitted.
  - Boys' hair length should not cover any part of their eyes at any time and should not consistently sit on their collar.
  - Boys' hair cannot be worn in a ponytail or a bun.
  - Facial hair is permitted if it is of natural color, clean, and neatly maintained.



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*The DCS administration reserves the right to allow students to wear their hair in culturally appropriate ways at parent request. The administration also reserves the right to require a student to change their haircut or hairstyle.*

- Hats, hoods, and head coverings are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.
- All students must wear footwear.
- No body-piercing jewelry is to be worn at school or school-related events. Only girls may wear earrings. All tattoos, permanent or temporary, must be covered. Writing or drawing displayed on the body is not permitted.
- Only girls may wear makeup, fingernail polish, or toe polish.

### Middle School Daily Dress Code

*Pgs. 19-24 address all Dress Code Guidelines*

Approved Tops	Clarification	Approved Colors
Collared Shirt	Any short or long-sleeved collared polo or oxford shirt that fits appropriately (not overly loose fitting or tight fitting) and does not have text or artwork. A small brand logo on the breast or back is acceptable. The DCS shield is acceptable.	Black, Red, White** (Solid colors only. Shirts may have a small strip of a different color on the collar and cuffs)
Sweater	Any crewneck knit sweater or v-neck sweater (in the Education Apparel style; it does not have to be purchased from Education Apparel) that fits appropriately (not overly loose fitting, tight fitting, or long) and does not have a hood, text, or artwork. Button-down sweaters/cardigans are not approved. A small brand logo on the breast or back is acceptable. The DCS shield is acceptable. It must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation.	Black, Red, White** (Solid colors only. Shirts may have a small strip of a different color on the collar and cuffs)
Sweater vest	Any sweater vest that fits appropriately (not overly loose fitting, tight fitting, or long) and does not have a hood, text, or	Black, Red, White** (Solid colors only. Shirts may have a small strip of a different color on the collar and cuffs)



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	<p>artwork. Button-down sweater vests/cardigans are not approved. A vest may not have pockets other than breast pockets or side pockets. Vests may not have decorative materials (fringe, ruffles, etc.) A small brand logo on the breast or back is acceptable. The DCS shield is acceptable.</p> <p>*** Must be worn with a collared shirt underneath ***</p>	
Vest	<p>Any vest that fits appropriately (not overly loose fitting or tight fitting) and does not have a hood, text, or artwork. A vest may not have pockets other than breast pockets or side pockets. Vests may not have decorative materials (fringe, ruffles, etc.) A small brand logo on the breast or back is acceptable. The DCS shield is acceptable.</p> <p>*** Must be worn with a collared shirt underneath ***</p>	Black, Red, White** (Solid colors only. Shirts may have a small strip of a different color on the collar and cuffs)
Undershirts	Short or long-sleeved solid-colored shirt worn under an approved top.	Black, Red, White** (Solid Colors Only)
Ties	Neckties and bowties are acceptable. No inappropriate artwork or text is allowed. Bolo ties are not allowed.	Any color
Fleece (High School and Middle School Only)	<p>The DCS Sport-Tek Tech Fleece ¼-zip pullover</p> <p>*** Must be worn with a collared shirt underneath ***</p>	Charcoal gray
Coat (High School and Middle	The DCS Port Authority Core	Charcoal gray



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School Only)	Soft Shell Jacket  *** Must be worn with a collared shirt underneath ***	
Coat (High School Only)	DCS Letter Jacket  *** Must be worn with a collared shirt underneath ***	Red or Black
Approved Bottoms	Clarification	Approved Colors
Dress or Uniform Pants	No denim, joggers, jeggings, athletic material, or sweatpants. No cargo pockets. May not be overly loose fitting or tight fitting. Pant cuffs must be hemmed. May not have text or artwork. A small brand logo is acceptable. Dress/golf pants made from dri-fit material are acceptable.	Black, Gray, Brown, Khaki** (Solid Colors Only)
Skirts	No denim or sweatshirt material. May not be shorter than or have a slit higher than three inches above the knee. Not overly tight. May not have cargo pockets. No wrap-around skirts. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation.	Education Apparel DCS Plaid, Black, Gray, Brown, Khaki** (Solid Colors Only)
Skorts	No denim or sweatshirt material. May not be shorter than three inches above the knee. Not overly tight. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation. Short cuffs must be hemmed. Skorts made from dri-fit material are acceptable.	Black, Gray, Brown, Khaki** (Solid Colors Only)
Shorts	No denim or sweatshirt material. May not be shorter than three	Black, Gray, Brown, Khaki** (Solid Colors Only)



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	inches above the knee. Not overly tight. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation. Short cuffs must be hemmed. Dress/golf shorts made from dri-fit material are acceptable.	
Leggings/Tights	May only be worn under a skirt. No cutouts or ornamentation.	Black, Gray, Red, White, Tan** (Solid Colors Only)
Approved Shoes	Clarification	Approved Colors
Athletic Shoes, Dress Shoes, Sandals, Crocs, Uggs	Shoes must be in good repair with no obvious or hazardous damage. No slippers, slides, or flip-flops will be allowed on school campus except during specific dress down days. The difference between a sandal and a flip-flop is the thong strap.	Any Color

\* Fridays are school spirit days. On spirit days, students may wear campus-wear bottoms and any type of top with any type of DCS logo or theme.

\*\* In an effort to ease the financial burden for some families, DCS will phase out the navy blue color.

- Navy blue tops and bottoms will be allowed for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
- Navy blue bottoms will be allowed but NO blue tops for the 2025 - 2026 school year.
- No navy blue will be allowed beginning in the fall of 2026.

### Dress Code for Spirit Wear Fridays

Unless otherwise noted, Fridays are Delaware Christian School Spirit Wear days for all grade levels.

- Students may wear t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, and warmups with the Delaware Christian School logo or name. Tops may have the student's name displayed. Students must wear school uniform bottoms on Spirit Days. All other dress code rules apply.

Students choosing not to wear Delaware Christian School Spirit Wear must dress in the regular school uniform.



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### Dress Code for Gym Class

Students in Grades 6–8 must wear a short or long-sleeved t-shirt that fits appropriately and is in good repair. The shirt may not have any inappropriate artwork, text, or logos. Students must also wear dark colored athletic shorts or athletic pants (no yoga pants, leggings, or tights) that fit appropriately, are in good repair, and are no shorter than 3 inches above the top of the knee. Students must also wear athletic shoes with non-marking soles that are in good repair.

### Dress code for Dress Down Days

Type of Clothing	Examples	Clarification
Bottoms	Jeans, Joggers, Sweatpants, Pajama Bottoms	Pants may not be overly tight-fitting nor so loose that they will fall down. Must be in good repair with no holes, rips, or tears. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation
Shorts	Athletic Shorts, Golf Shorts, Uniform Shorts	Shorts may not be overly tight-fitting nor so loose that they will fall down. Must be in good repair with no holes, rips, or tears. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation. May not be shorter than three inches above the top of the knee.
Skirts	Athletic Skirts, Skorts, Uniform Skirts	Skirts may not be overly tight-fitting. Must be in good repair with no holes, rips, or tears. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation. May not be shorter than three inches above the top of the knee.
Shirts	T-shirts (short or long-sleeved), Polos, Sweaters, Sweatshirts	Tops may not be overly tight fitting. Must be in good repair with not holes, rips, or tears. Must be made from a material that is not see-through in any situation. No tank tops, crops





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		tops, or any shirts with inappropriate words, brands, text, logos, or symbols.
Outerwear	Jackets, Fleece, Warm-Ups, Hoodies	Tops may not be overly tight fitting. Must be in good repair with not holes, rips, or tears. No heavy coats or or any shirts with inappropriate words, brands, text, logos, or symbols. Hoods must be kept down throughout the day. Hats, hoods, and head coverings are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.
Footwear	Athletic Shoes, Dress Shoes, Sandals, Flip-Flops, Slides, boots (no snow or rain boots)	Footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes must be in good repair with no obvious or hazardous damage. No slippers, slides, or flip-flops will be allowed on school campus except during specific dress down days.

### Dress Code for Athletic Events

#### *Spectators*

- Student dress at athletic events should be modest and appropriate for the setting.
- Jeans and other bottom wear should not have holes extending above the knee.
- Tops must be modestly fitting and cannot be cropped or show cleavage.
- Boys may not be shirtless while at DCS athletic events.

#### *Athletes*

- Athletes may wear athletic leggings to practice, provided they are black and are not overly tight or see-through in any situation.
- Athletes must wear their school-approved team uniform for games.
- Athletic team warmups or jackets may only be worn on Spirit Fridays. Students may not wear these items on game days if they fall outside of a Friday.

### Dress Code for Special School Events

Special school events (such as spirit weeks, mission trips, concerts, Awards Day, Graduation, field trips, and spiritual retreats) may require students to follow specific dress code guidelines. Parents and students will receive specific guidelines regarding appropriate dress for these events. Students who do not follow



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the dress guidelines will be asked to change into appropriate apparel or be denied the privilege of participating in the special event.

### **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PLAN**

Being a student at Delaware Christian School is a privilege. Delaware Christian School students are expected to follow the DCS Way in their daily behavior.

The following classifications of behavioral issues and consequences are offered to clarify the school's discipline policy for high school students. The Delaware Christian School administration reserves the right to address behaviors not specifically listed below and to determine the class of offense based on the frequency and severity of the infraction.

- **Class D - Results in a warning**
  - Dress code violation
  - Unexcused tardiness to class
  - Possessing or consuming food or drinks other than water in class.
    - *All water must be in a water bottle with a lid*
  - Public display of affection (for a more thorough definition, please refer to Appendix D in the Policies and Procedures Handbook)
  - Any behavior that violates specific classroom expectations
  - Any behavior that violates general school expectations
- *Warnings will reset at the beginning of the second semester*
- **Class C - Results in a detention**
  - The accumulation of four Class D offenses (See above)
  - Treating students, faculty, staff, or other adults on campus with blatant or persistent disrespect. Including, but not limited to, the following:
    - blatant disregard for instructions
    - talking back
    - voice raising
    - inappropriate attitude displayed through body language, eye rolling, or disrespectful tone.
  - The use of profane, vulgar, or abusive language
  - Leaving a cell phone powered on in the Yondr pouch
  - Cell phone not stored and locked in the Yondr pouch during the school day.
  - Dishonesty - intentionally misrepresenting the truth, lying, or using forged notes or excuses



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- Cheating - plagiarizing or copying answers (working with another student on a class paper, project, quiz, or test is considered cheating unless previously approved by the teacher. Depending on the severity of the incident, such actions may be treated as a Class B offense.)
- Leaving school without permission
- Skipping required school events - chapel, class, lunch, pep rallies, assemblies, or other required school events (This includes signing out in an inappropriate manner. In addition to detention, seniors will lose a week of senior privileges.)
- Trespassing or gaining unauthorized access to the Delaware Christian School building or facilities (Depending on the severity of the incident, such actions may be treated as a Class B offense.)
- Tampering with a teacher's desk or personal property
- *Detentions will be served after school for 45 minutes from 3:25 p.m. until 4:15p.m. Failure to serve a detention will automatically result in an additional detention. Students who are late to a detention assignment may be reassigned to the following week or will be required to stay for the full 45 minutes.*
- *Detentions DO NOT reset at the beginning of the second semester. Only warnings reset at the beginning of the second semester.*
- **Class B - Results in probable suspension**
  - Three detentions will result in a suspension
  - Bullying or cyberbullying (Please refer to Appendix D of the Policies and Procedures Handbook)
  - Fighting or threats of physical harm to others (Depending on the severity and nature of the offense, the administration will decide how to classify each offense.)
  - Sexual behavior including, but not limited to, conversations, innuendos, and use of sexual games, including inappropriate touching of or gestures toward another person
  - Recording, publishing, transmitting, or possessing images deemed inappropriate by the school administration, including inappropriate pictures, images, or texts that mention or refer to Delaware Christian School, Delaware Christian School personnel, or Delaware Christian School students
  - Possession of or the distribution of medicine or other medically controlled substances, including but not limited to pain relievers, allergy medication, vapes, tobacco products, or CBD products (to see the school medication policy, please refer to Appendix H of the Policies and Procedures Handbook)
  - Driving on campus in a hazardous or careless manner
  - Vandalism to property, including school property or the personal property of others
- *Suspensions will occur the day after the offense is addressed and all suspensions will take place out of school. The administration will determine the length of each suspension.*



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- *During the first suspension of the school year, all homework and quizzes due on the day of the suspension will be counted as a zero (0) and will not be eligible for make-up work.*
- *During the second suspension of the school year, all work, including homework, projects, quizzes, and tests due on the day of the suspension, will be counted as a zero (0) and will not be eligible for make-up work.*
- *A student serving a suspension is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activities for that day.*
- *Suspensions will be recorded on a student's permanent school record.*
- **Class A - Results in probable dismissal**
  - A dismissal may occur after any violation of a Class A offense, after the second suspension in the school year, or at the discretion of the Delaware Christian School administration. Delaware Christian School will work with law enforcement officials to handle severe offenses when appropriate and as required by state and federal laws.
  - Assault and battery
  - A bomb threat
  - Possession, use, or transfer of weapons or items designed to threateningly replicate weapons
  - Theft, including possession or sale of stolen property
  - Arson or attempted arson
  - Possessing, using, or selling illicit substances (alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicants)
  - Sexual offenses or blatant immorality
  - Possession, transmission, or exposing other students to nudity or any form of pornography
  - Tampering with or attempting to tamper with school records
  - Severe violations of the Delaware Christian School electronic device or network policies

Any student dismissed from school will be eligible to re-apply for admission once the following conditions have been met:

- Two school years have passed after the conclusion of the year of dismissal
- The student presents a letter explaining why he or she would like to return
- The family collects letters from the student's parent(s), pastor, and a teacher with whom the student has worked since the dismissal

### Behavior Probation

At the discretion of administration a student may be placed on behavior probation due to frequent violation of the student discipline plan. If no discernible effort is made to correct behavior, the student may be asked to withdraw from Delaware Christian School.



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### Technology Philosophy

Delaware Christian School embraces the emergence of technology as an effective tool to enhance learning and to prepare students for real-world experience. Technology, however, cannot supplant the dynamic interaction between the teacher and the learner.

Intentional opportunities to use technology do not include the use of personal devices during the school day. Unintended consequences from the use of personal devices often include poor decision-making, a lack of relationship-building throughout the community, and general disruption within the learning environment.

### DCS School Cell Phone and Smart Device Policy

Any middle school student who brings a cell phone or smart device (ie. smart watch, tablet, air pods, etc.) to school that are not issued by the school will lock the device inside a school issued Yondr Pouch.

**Before students enter the classroom at the beginning of the day, they will:**

- 1) Turn their phone off.
- 2) Place their phone inside their pouch and lock it.
- 3) Present their pouch to a teacher for inspection.
- 4) Place the locked device pouch in their locker for the school day.

\*Administration reserves the right to random locker checks for compliance of phone lock up policy\*

**Middle School students may not store their pouch in their backpack, bag, or person. At the end of the day, each student will open their pouch, remove their phone, and leave the pouch in their assigned locker until the next school day. Middle School students may not take the Yondr pouch home.**

**\* Students arriving late or leaving early will pouch/unpouch their phones in the office.**

All students who bring a cell phone or smart device to school must request a school issued phone pouch. No phones may be at school unless the student has a school assigned phone pouch.

Any student who is found with their phone or smart device during school hours on them, in their bookbag, etc. or found using a phone or smart device will have the phone/device confiscated and placed in the office. The student will need to pay a \$50.00 fine to get the phone back. Each additional offense will result in a \$40 fine, a call home, and a detention. The student's parent will have to pick up the student's phone from the office. Students who damage their pouch beyond normal wear and tear will be issued a \$30 fine.

Any Middle School student who loses their assigned Yondr pouch will be fined \$30 and issued a second pouch. If a student loses more than one pouch in a semester, the student will be fined \$30 per pouch and given a detention.



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Middle School students will not be allowed to have a phone or smart device during any school events, even those that take place off campus unless permission is granted by administration for that event.

If a student must contact a parent during the day, they will be required and permitted to use the phone in the office. If a student has a private personal issue, their privacy will be considered. If a parent needs to contact a student during the day, they will be asked to call the office. The student will be paged and allowed to come to the office or an appropriate message will be given to the student.

If an athletic event is changed or canceled, the Athletic Director will notify coaches and the office. An announcement will be made to the students. Coaches will notify parents via text and email. The event will also be posted on the Athletic website and sports app. If this change in event requires students to change pick-up times, students will be allowed to use an office phone.

If a student is required to have a phone or smart device for medical reasons, an exception will be made. A doctor's statement must be on file in the office. The student will be asked to use the phone or smart device for medical tracking only and may receive a consequence if the phone or smart device is used otherwise.

### **Internet and Network Use**

The use of Delaware Christian School computers and network services is a privilege, not a right. The use of computers during the school day is for academic purposes only. Delaware Christian School provides a strong Internet filtering system, but the school cannot completely eliminate access to all objectionable material or content. Students are expected to use the school's computers and network services in a responsible, ethical, and legal manner that is consistent with the established behavioral guidelines and student code of conduct.

Students will be required to sign the Acceptable Use of DCS Technology Equipment form prior to gaining access to the school's equipment or network. Failure to adhere to the guidelines may result in suspension or revocation of access to network equipment. Willful or intentional misuse could also lead to disciplinary action or criminal penalties according to applicable state and federal laws.

Students given a Chromebook must abide by the guidelines in the ChromeBook Policy Manual. This manual is given to all students at the time they receive the device. Please contact the IT Department if a student has further questions.



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# School Security

### Building Security

Delaware Christian School strives daily to secure the safety of our students. The physical building is locked from the hours of 8:30A.M. to 3:15P.M. during school days. The buildings and playground are surrounded by a locked fence. There are four cameras observing visitor entrances: one is the responsibility of the Church Office, and three are monitored at all times by school office personnel. Visitors must buzz in and be identified in order to enter the building. All visitors (including parents and other guests) then must check in at the school's Main Office, where they may obtain a visitor badge to wear while on school grounds.

- **Volunteers:** We appreciate the support and valuable service of our volunteers at Delaware Christian School. To protect the safety and welfare of our students, we require background checks for any volunteer who will be supervising students when there is not a school employee present. (Examples include, but are not limited to, field trips, sporting events, and work taking place at an individual's home or workplace.) Background checks for volunteers will be provided through Screenpointe, an independent screening company. Screening includes a County Criminal history check, Federal Criminal history check, National Sex Offender records check, Department of Corrections check, and Social Security and name validation.
- **Faculty and Staff:** It is the policy of Delaware Christian School that all teaching and non-teaching employees undergo fingerprinting and background checks through the FBI and BCI when offered employment. FBI checks will be updated for current faculty and staff members every five years.

### Security Cards

Some students at Delaware Christian School work in the modular unit on campus. To facilitate access to the main buildings, they receive a security card, which grants them access to the connector door.

- Students must keep the security card on them or in a teacher designated place at all times while on campus and must not give the card to anyone else at any time.
- A student who misplaces the card will have 2 class days to produce it. Failure to produce the card after 2 class days will result in a \$30.00 fine, and the student will be issued a replacement card.
- A student who misplaces a second card will lose the privilege of carrying a security card.

### Search and Seizure

For the safety and welfare of Delaware Christian School and the orderly administration of school policies and procedures, Delaware Christian School reserves the following rights:

- To ensure that the classroom is a place of learning, the classroom teacher or other staff may confiscate an item or items deemed unnecessary or distracting to the learning process.



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- To ensure the safety of the school family, Delaware Christian School administrators and staff members may conduct an unannounced search of lockers or personal effects and vehicles on school property and seize any item(s) deemed inappropriate or dangerous.

When searches and seizures are carried out they will be done with another staff member as a witness. If the search is made of personal effects, it will be done in private by staff members of the same sex as the student. If a student does not comply with the request, parents will be contacted. As a final step, law enforcement will be called to assist.

### **Bullying**

Bullying occurs when someone in a position of power (physical or social) intentionally and repeatedly engages in behavior that is harmful toward another person. Bullying includes but is not limited to persistent patterns of verbal and/or physical abuse of others and acts of unkindness or cruelty, including threats to other students, slander, utilizing habitually cruel or overbearing comments, utilizing racial slurs, spreading rumors, mocking, belittling, encouraging exclusion, and teasing.

Delaware Christian School has established these guiding principles for students to prevent bullying:

- We will not bully others; rather, we will practice kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness. (Ephesians 4:32)
- We will help others who may be bullied. (Romans 15:1–2)
- We will include all students. (Romans 15:7)
- We will tell an adult at school or at home if we know that someone is being bullied. (Ephesians 5:11–14)

Delaware Christian School will respond to reports of bullying in one of the following ways:

- Students may report observation of bullying or if they themselves are being bullied anonymously by leaving a sealed note in the appropriate principal's mailbox.
- Any false reporting, proven by 3 witnesses will not be considered for consequences.
- In cases where the offense is isolated and incidental, the classroom teacher will handle the situation in accordance with the established classroom rules. The teacher will also communicate with the parents of all students involved.
- In cases where the bullying reports demonstrate a pattern of misbehavior, the situation will be handled by administration in accordance with Delaware Christian School policies. The school administration will also meet with the parents of all students involved.

The consequences for bullying will be proportional to the nature of the offense. The consequences include but are not limited to admonition, counseling, detention, suspension, and/or expulsion. Students may be placed on conduct probation when there is clear evidence that a student's behavior does not meet the standards established by Delaware Christian School.





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An accumulation of disciplinary notices, a serious behavior violation, or other behaviors deemed inappropriate by the administration may result in behavior probation. The length of probation will be determined by an administrator, and the student is expected to correct previous behavior problems during this time.

Students on probation will have weekly meetings with a school administrator to evaluate their progress and receive biblical counseling. Students on probation are generally not allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as sports, field trips, or overnight class trips.

Students who do not demonstrate satisfactory improvement in their behavior during the probationary period will be dismissed from Delaware Christian School.

### Emotional Security/Counseling

Delaware Christian School recognizes that some students may struggle with emotional difficulties. We want all students to feel safe at school and to learn how to address their difficulties within a biblical worldview. Therefore, the following helps are available to all students:

- A nurse is on campus for students to visit. The nurse can help with headaches and breathing problems. The nurse also can provide a private place for a student to rest before returning to class.
- Each student is assigned to a mentor, who leads a discipleship group. The student meets with this group every week. The mentor also is available for conversations with the student as needed.
- A phone is available in the Main Office for any student who feels the need to speak to a parent.
- Delaware Bible Church offers free, trained biblical counselors. This counseling will be made available to all students and their families when a problem arises. We believe that biblical counseling is a better option than other forms of counseling when non-biological issues are in view. If the family so chooses, the school also will contact the family's local church pastor.

Delaware Christian School is equipped to educate students who generally are able to work through the school day without emotional struggles that would take them out of class. Students who cannot gain control of their emotions during a school day, having exhausted the above remedies, will be asked to leave campus (to enter the care of their parents).

Emotional difficulties are always a challenge for students. We believe that the best policy is to allow the adults in a student's life to help guide the student on his or her unique journey. We also realize that students will want to share their journey with their friends. Our wisdom, guided by experience, informs us that the following guidelines should be adopted:

- Students who want to share their emotional difficulties with their friends should ask for prayer and encouragement, but they should share only general information about the things they are facing. (Example: "I'm just feeling anxious lately, but my parents are helping me through it. Would you pray for me?")
- We would ask that students not share any clinical diagnosis or treatment details with their peers. This level of discussion with peers could slow the student's progress and may even influence



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other students to think that they might be experiencing the same things, if only out of sympathy for their friend.

- We expect Delaware Christian School and parents to work together to ensure that students who are going through these difficulties clearly understand the limits of what is wise to share. If a student experiencing emotional difficulties is sharing what we consider to be inappropriate details, then out of love and care for that student and their peers, we will need to evaluate whether Delaware Christian School is the right educational choice for them as they walk this journey.

## **General Information**

### **Students Not Enrolled in Delaware Christian School**

Students not enrolled in Delaware Christian School will not be allowed on campus, either inside or outside the buildings, during school hours. Students not enrolled will not be allowed to participate in DCS school sponsored events or classes. This prohibition does not include family members picking up a student for an appointment or alumni visiting campus.

### **Field Trips and Class Trips**

Field trips are designed to further develop and expand the educational experiences of Delaware Christian School students. A general permission slip covering the school year's field trips will be issued to parents at the beginning of every school year. The slip must be signed before any student can leave campus with a class or school group. Teachers will notify parents via email of the time, location, and duration of the field trip.

- Any parent driving for a field trip must have completed a background check. An email to complete the background check will be provided in the office. Drivers must also provide a copy of their license and insurance.
- Overnight Class Trips: Delaware Christian School facilitates overnight class trips at multiple grade levels in the middle school and high school. While these trips are designed to enhance students' education, participation in a class trip is a privilege, not a right. Students who fail to exhibit appropriate behavior during the school year may not be allowed to participate in overnight class trips. No student will stay overnight with an adult who is not his or her parent without written permission from the student's parent or guardian.
- Class Trip Attendance: Students who attend class trips will be counted as present for each day of the trip. Students who do not travel with their class are expected to attend school while their class is on the trip unless otherwise notified by administration.

### **Transportation**

Delaware Christian School does not provide transportation to and from school. If busing is not provided by the local school district then parents may receive transportation reimbursements from their local school



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district according to ODE guidelines. Delaware City Residents will be provided busing by Delaware City Schools. Contact the Delaware Christian main office to sign up for Delaware City bussing.

### Lunches

Delaware Christian School provides lunches that are available for purchase on a daily basis. Lunch menus will be available on Sycamore. All lunches will be charged and billed monthly through FACTS.

Students may not order food for outside vendors to deliver to the school. Students may not accept outside lunch orders from anyone except their parents. On special occasions, Delaware Christian School faculty may order food from outside vendors for specific pre-approved events.

Students may not leave campus for lunch unless they are accompanied by a parent or have signed permission from a parent to leave campus with another parent, teacher, coach, or pastor.

### Restrooms/Locker Rooms

Students, staff, and visitors will use the restrooms/locker rooms that align with their God-assigned gender. According to the DBC Doctrinal Statement, Section VII. Creation: “. . . *We believe that God created mankind in His image, forming all people from conception in the womb and making them His image-bearers throughout life and until the point of natural death when they breathe their last breath; and assigning gender to His people, male (man) and female (woman), as He created them sexually (identified on a physical level) and biologically (identified at a chromosomal level) different, but with equal personal dignity and value.*”

When maintenance is necessary in a girls’ or boys’ restroom/locker room, the custodian/maintenance personnel will call out from outside the restroom/locker room entrance, asking whether the facility is unoccupied. When maintenance personnel are confident that the facility is unoccupied, they will enter. A sign will be posted outside the door of the restroom/locker room, and/or a person will be at the door, alerting students/staff/visitors not to enter while service is underway.

### Illness

Students who become ill during the school day should notify their classroom teacher and report to the nurse’s office to call their parents or a guardian.

Students are expected to remain at home when they exhibit any of the following conditions:

- any communicable disease, until treatment or remission, including but not limited to the following: chicken pox, pink eye, strep throat, head lice, or ringworm
- a temperature of 100 degrees or more (The temperature must be normal for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication before the student returns to school.)



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- discharge from the nose and eyes, cough, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, earache, or severe headache

### Immunizations

Delaware Christian School adheres to the guidelines developed by the State of Ohio regarding student immunizations. More detailed information regarding student immunization requirements appears in the Delaware Christian School student application materials.

### Healthcare and Medical Treatment

Families with students having medical conditions are expected to partner with the nurse in establishing an emergency action plan. As a measure of safety, an emergency action plan for any condition which poses a safety risk OR which requires an emergency medication, will need the signature of your child's medical doctor (MD).

#### First Aid

- Students and staff needing medical attention should report to the nurse's office. The nurse will act in accordance with standard nursing guidelines and will perform care within the scope of legal nursing practice.
- First-aid supplies will be maintained in the nurse's office.
- Standard precautions will be used for all first-aid needs when treatment involves potential blood or other body fluids. All blood and other body fluids exposures will be regarded as infectious, regardless of the perceived status of the source individual. All exposure incidents (transfers of body fluids from one person to another) will be reported to the Main Office and documented in the child's school record. (Each year, all staff are retrained in procedures for handling bloodborne pathogens. The training video is kept in the Main Office.)
- All minor injuries and first-aid treatments given will be recorded in Sycamore. Parents/guardians will also be notified by the current electronic communication system. Parents/guardians will be contacted by telephone if a child has received a head injury, an insect sting, contact with a known severe allergen, or any other significant incident, per the nurse's judgment. In the event of a medical emergency, the school will immediately attempt to contact parents/guardians and emergency response personnel (911) while the nurse attends to the patient.
- Provisions for first aid will be available at all times, including off-site school trips. The personnel in charge of the off-site trip will have a first-aid kit in their possession and will be prepared to use it in case of need.
- All medications for chronic and acute needs will be administered according to the Medicine guidelines. (See below.)



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### Food Allergy Policy

- Parents will partner with DCS by providing up-to-date up-to-date and factually accurate information about their student(s) health concern(s)
- Parents will supply the school with written orders from the physician as well as medication needed to manage the health condition.
- Staff will be trained annually by a licensed health professional on food allergies, signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, prevention of allergic reactions, management and administration of epinephrine, and follow-up and reporting procedures.
- Classroom teachers will be aware of students in their classrooms with health concerns and food allergies.

### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

- All Delaware Christian School staff and faculty are trained and certified in CPR and AED and will be available during regular school hours to provide early defibrillation and resuscitation to victims who experience sudden cardiac arrest.
- AED units will be housed in the school building in designated, secure, and accessible locations. This equipment will be checked regularly, with documentation of the same kept in the Main Office.
- CPR and AED unit use at away-from-home athletic events is covered in the Athletics Handbook.

### Medications

- Students needing medicine during the school day must adhere to the following guidelines:
  - For all students: Over-the-counter medications cannot be given at school greater than one time per week without a medication form signed by a prescriber.
  - Medications which are required to be given daily cannot be given at school (ex. allergy medication); however, the exception is for prescribed medication which is time-sensitive and is ordered to be given at school by a physician (ex. attention medication boosters).
  - All medications, prescription or non-prescription, must be stored in the nurse's office. No medication can be accepted without all required forms on file.
  - Student is responsible to come for his/her medication in the nurse's office at the appropriate time.
- The only over-the-counter medications which can be administered at school are those which are FDA-approved and have dosing instructions appropriate for the student's age. Any prescribed medications will be administered in accordance with the prescriber's instructions.



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- No medications may be carried by students or housed in personal lockers. Exceptions to the policy include inhalers, EpiPens, and other medical devices that need to be kept with the student.
- Only employees who are licensed health professionals or who have completed a medication administration training program conducted by a licensed health professional are designated to administer medications.

### **Student Photos and Videos**

During the school year, many wonderful events occur that we would like to publicize. A school representative may gather photos or video footage highlighting the event and featuring the faces of Delaware Christian School students. These photos or videos would then be shared on the school website, Facebook page, and/or possibly even with the news media. We value your child's participation and would like to include all of our students during their time at Delaware Christian School. If you prefer that your child not be included, please complete the Media Opt Out form, located in the Main Office.



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*Note: The following form are for information only and are signed online each year.*

### Delaware Christian School — Parent Contract

1. We have read and understand the Delaware Christian School **vision, mission, core values, and statement of faith**. We agree to support the purpose and philosophy of Delaware Christian School.
2. We commit to be **actively involved** in the education of our child. We agree to support the high academic standards of Delaware Christian School and will encourage the completion of homework assignments and the development of sound study habits.
3. We have read and understand the **school's expectations** concerning academics, discipline, dress and other school policies. We agree to abide by the policy guidelines established by Delaware Christian School.
4. We agree to support Delaware Christian School through our prayers and positive attitudes. In accordance with **Matthew 18:15**, we are committed to giving a good report and sharing any complaints or negative comments only with the people involved. We agree to speak with teachers first before taking any unresolved issues to the Delaware Christian School administration.
5. We give permission for our child to take part in all school activities. We understand that the school **does not provide student medical / accident insurance**, and it is our responsibility to provide our own. The school will also provide parental notification and an annual required signed permission slip for school sponsored activities that require students to leave the Delaware Christian School campus.
6. We understand that **financial assessments** will be made to cover damages (beyond normal wear and tear) to the school that could include the following; books, desks, lockers, windows or other school property.
7. We understand and commit to fulfill our **financial obligations** for tuition and other incidental educational expenses including lunch services. We understand that failure to meet our financial commitments could result in our child losing the privilege to attend Delaware Christian School.

We, the parents of \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the eight points of the Delaware Christian School Parent Contract. We have also read and understand the information outlined in the Delaware Christian School Parent and Student Handbook.

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Parent Printed Name

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Parent Printed Name

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Parent Signature

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Parent Signature



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**Delaware Christian School Student Lifestyle Contract — Grades 6–12**

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Delaware Christian School Students Will Abide by the DCS Way**

**D: Demonstrate Your Faith**

- Respect all Delaware Christian School faculty and those in positions of authority.

**C: Care for Others More than for Yourself**

- Treat other students with appreciation and respect.
- Follow all Delaware Christian School academic and behavior policies.

**S: Study to the Best of Your Ability**

- Come to school on time and ready to learn.
- Complete all assignments in a timely manner.

1. I have read and do understand the Delaware Christian School Vision, Mission, Core Values, Statement of Faith, and Student Code of Conduct. I agree to support the purpose and philosophy of Delaware Christian School at all times.
2. I agree to support Delaware Christian School through my prayers and a positive attitude.
3. I understand the school's expectations concerning academics, discipline, dress, and other school policies. I agree to abide by the policy guidelines established by Delaware Christian School at all times.
4. In accordance with Matthew 18:15, I am committed to sharing any complaints or negative comments only with the people involved. I further commit to share unresolved issues only with the Delaware Christian School administration.

I understand that failure to comply with the Delaware Christian School Student Code of Conduct and the regulations outlined above will result in disciplinary action, which may include dismissal from Delaware Christian School.

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Student Printed Name

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Date

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Student Signature