



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

The following is a brief list of frequently asked questions concerning life at Dayspring Christian Academy. Please review the "DCA Profile" that has been developed as a comprehensive snapshot of our school and programs. Please contact us if your question is not answered or if further help is needed.

1. Are your teachers certified?

Yes. All DCA teachers must hold, or be working toward, a valid state teaching certificate, and or a certificate with ACSI or ACTS. All teachers must renew their certificates by participating in various continuing education programs.

2. Is DCA an accredited school?

Yes. DCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Teachers and Schools (ACTS). DCA renewed it's accreditation in the 2012 school year, and received an exemplary rating. ACTS is a nationally recognized accreditation organization. DCA is also a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), which is an internationally recognized accreditation organization.

3. How does DCA's test scores compared to other schools?

DCA administers the Terra Nova Achievement Test in grades 1 - 8. On average, DCA students score at least two grade levels higher than the national norms, placing them in the 70 to 75th percentile.

4. How many students are in a classroom?

In order to keep the student to teacher ratio low, the following grade level limits constitute the class cap per grade level.

Pre-school 3:	12 students per class	Pre-school 4:	14 students per class
Kindergarten:	18 students per class	1 st through 5 th :	20 students per class
6 th through 8 th :	24 students per class	9 th through 12 th :	26 students per class

*** Note - These are the targeted maximum number of students allowed in a classroom and do not necessarily reflect actual class sizes. Each classroom is staffed with a certified teacher. Pre-school and Kindergarten grades have full time teacher's aids. DCA also provides floating aids to assist where needed in other classrooms.**

5. Is the church doctrine taught in the classroom?

Being an open enrollment school, DCA is made up of students and staff members with a variety of Christian denominational backgrounds. Given that fact, DCA recognizes that not everyone shares the same doctrinal beliefs, but all understand that we serve the same God. Therefore, Biblical truth, not doctrinal differences, is taught in the classroom. Doctrinal differences that are considered controversial or divisive within the body of Christ are up to the parents and their chosen church to address.

6. Are lunches provided?

Yes. DCA is contracted with Whitsons, a professional catering company to provide hot lunch options for our students each day. Hot lunches are an optional service and must be pre-ordered and pre-paid through our monthly menu system. We require pre-ordering, one week in advance.

7. Does my child have to wear a uniform?

Yes. Grades K through 12 are required to wear a school approved uniform. In order to reduce the amount of peer pressure among students, DCA has adopted a uniform policy. Details may be found in the DCA Parent – Student Handbook, on-line or issued to each family upon enrollment. Fridays may be designated as “dress down” days...students are free to dress in modest casual clothing. Casual day clothing items are subject to the dress code listed in the Parent- Student Handbook. Pre-School students are not required to wear uniforms.

8. Where do I get my child's uniform?

The DCA uniform supplier is Donnelly's Apparel of Providence, RI. All required school uniforms must be purchased through Donnelly's or from the DCA used uniform supply. No other brand or supplier may be used for school uniforms.

9. What is FACTS?

FACTS is a tuition management company that handles tuition payments for DCA through automatic bank draft. Tuition accounts that are set up on monthly payments must use this system. This helps families meet their tuition obligation in a low cost, convenient way that is completely confidential and secure. DCA uses the FACTS collection program whereby all payments, except registration will be made to FACTS on behalf of DCA. FACTS will invoice directly. A variety of billing and payments options are available and will be tailored to each family's specific needs. You will have a “My FACTS” online account which enables you to view the current status of your tuition account with FACTS Tuition Management Company. Your account is password protected and the data is encrypted as it is transmitted to you.

10. Does DCA offer financial aid?

Yes. Applications are made through the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Service, online or by paper. Spanish speaking reps available via call center, all children are listed on one application, and the process is quick and easy. Decisions are made by DCA, based on the FACTS grant & aid determination system. Applications must be submitted to FACTS online beginning in January and ending in April.