



2016-2017 MIDDLE SCHOOL PROFILE

A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

The purpose of Dominion Schools is to regard each student as a treasure created by a loving heavenly Father and to assist the student in reaching his/her greatest potential through Christ-centered academic, moral and spiritual instruction. Dominion offers a challenging and diverse college preparatory curriculum in a Christian private school setting that is aligned with state and national standards. At Dominion, academic excellence consists of thorough instruction in the basic disciplines, the development of sound study habits, and the opportunity to be challenged by increasingly complex subject matter - all integrated with a Biblical worldview.

COMMUNITY, FACULTY & STUDENTS

Established in 1997, Dominion Christian Schools is an accredited private, co-educational, independent Christian day school for grades 6-12.

- 30 faculty and administration (14 graduate degrees)
- Average class size: 15 (max. 20)
- Ethnic composition: White (57%), Asian (24%), African-American (16%), Hispanic (3%)

ACCREDITATION

Dominion Christian Schools is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). All faculty members are certified.



CURRICULUM

Dominion has 8 class periods each day. Classes meet for 46 minutes four days a week, and for 39 minutes one day a week. There are two semesters in the school year.

The middle school curriculum taught at Dominion is a complete pre-college preparatory curriculum. The curriculum has purposely been developed to provide a foundation to the DCS high school college-preparatory curriculum.

DCS has implemented the Partial Immersion Model of STEAM. STEAM as opposed to STEM integrates the arts with science in order to merge convergent with divergent thinkers. By implementing the Partial Immersion Model, DCS integrates STEAM-related experiences into the current curriculum.

The DCS Academic Coaching Program is a program that provides for support for students with learning disabilities. During the course the student learns how to use an agenda; improves study skills; utilizes test accommodations; learns the art of organization; recognizes their learning style and learn ways to best utilize them; and sets goals and achieves them.

GRADING SCALES & GRADE PROGRESSION

Grading Scale and Quality Points (high school)					
Letter	%	Pts	Letter	%	Pts
A+	99-100	4.33	C+	78-79	2.33
A	92-98	4.00	C	72-77	2.00
A-	90-91	3.67	C-	70-71	1.67
B+	88-89	3.33	D+	68-69	1.33
B	82-87	3.00	D	67	1.00
B-	80-81	2.67	D-	65-66	0.67
			F	<65	0.00

Middle school students must have no more than one Failure in a core class in order to progress to the next grade level.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

A battery of national standardized achievement tests are administered each school year to every student. The administration coordinates students taking the *TerraNova 3*.

Standardized testing results in the middle school indicate that over 90% of DCS students are meeting or exceeding objectives in ALL academic areas.

CO- & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The "Extras" at Dominion provide opportunities for students to develop Christian character and discover and refine their unique interests and talents. In these experiences, students learn how to work together, serve one another, and function more completely as the body of Christ.

Co-curricular opportunities: student government, music and Theater

Extra-curricular opportunities: Annual all-school retreat, Explorers outdoors program, Recycling Club, Theater

ATHLETICS

Dominion Christian Schools competes in the Georgia Independent School Association (GISA). The following are offered:

Middle school boys: Football, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer

Middle school girls: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer



DCS TYPICAL COURSE OF STUDY

Middle School

	BIBLE	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	HISTORY	ELECTIVES	EXPLORATORIES
Grade 6	Bible (Route 66)	Math 6	Science 6	English 6	Geography	Choir Band Orchestra Theater ²	STEAM : Art STEAM: (Topic TBD) Health Study Skills
Grade 7	Life of Christ (Gospel of John)	Math 7	Life Science	English 7	World History	Choir Band Orchestra Theater ²	STEAM : Art STEAM: (Topic TBD) Keyboarding Art
Grade 8	Dynamic Christian Living	Transitional Math or Algebra 1 ¹	Earth Science	English 8	American History	Choir Band Orchestra Theater ² Yearbook ³	Art (sem) College/Career (sem)

Notes:

¹ 8th grade students wanting to take Algebra 1 (high school credit) must qualify with an overall “A” in their 7th grade math course and receive a recommendation from their 7th grade math teacher.

² Theater is an elective that meets during middle school’s scheduled study hall and academic coaching periods.

³ Yearbook is limited to five 8th grade students; students desiring to take yearbook must make application and be accepted into the class.