



2017-2018 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.

- 25 faculty and administration (19 graduate degrees)
- Average class size: 14 (max. 25)
- Ethnic composition: White (70%), African-American (10%), Asian (8%), Hispanic (4%), Other (8%)

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 a partial immersion model of STEM. STEM as integrates mathematics, science, engineering and technology in order to merge convergent with divergent thinkers. By implementing the Partial Immersion Model, DCS integrates STEM-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 Letter Equivalents					
Letter	%	Letter	%	Letter	%
A+	99-100	B-	80-81	D	67
A	92-98	C+	78-79	D-	65-66
A-	90-91	C	72-77	F	<65
B+	88-89	C-	70-71		
B	82-87	D+	68-69		

Middle school students must have no more than one Failure in core classes 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: music, theater, STEM

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

ATHLETICS

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

Middle school boys: Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field, Soccer

Middle school girls: Volleyball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Basketball, Track & Field, Soccer



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DCS TYPICAL COURSE OF STUDY

Middle School

	BIBLE	MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	HISTORY	NON-CORE	EXPLORATORIES
Grade 6	Bible (Route 66)	Math 6	Science 6	English 6	Geography	Choir Band Physical Ed	STEM Keyboarding Art Theater
Grade 7	Life of Christ (Gospel of John)	Math 7	Life Science	English 7	World History	Choir Band Physical Ed	STEM Art Theater
Grade 8	Dynamic Christian Living	Transitional Math or Algebra 1 ¹	Earth Science	English 8	American History	Choir Band Physical Ed	STEM Computer App Art Theater

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.