



Delaware Military Academy

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Dear Mr. Carwell:

Enclosed is the 2011-12 Charter School Annual Report. The Delaware Military Academy met or exceeded all of the performance objectives outlined in our charter. The Academy was rated Superior by the Department of Education. The cadets continued to score above state averages in the DCAS and the SATs. Each of the 129 graduates of 2012 left the Academy with a plan in place. Seventy-three cadets chose to attend a four-year or two-year college; thirteen chose to join the military; and two went to the workforce. They were offered in excess of \$4,000,000 in scholarship money.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Wintermantel", written over a printed name and title.

COL Jack Wintermantel
Superintendent

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Performance Objectives:

1. DMA's average daily attendance will exceed 90% of the average daily enrollment for each year of school operation.
-During the 2011-12 school year, the average daily attendance was 96% up from 94.2 % the previous year.
2. DMA will have fewer total reportable discipline incidents (DOE, Police reports) than the average for all schools in the same grade configuration in New Castle County for each year of school operation.
-with 559 cadets, DMA had 2 DOE reportable discipline incidents in the 2011-2012 school year. There were 3 suspensions and no expulsions. At the State level, there were 15% of students suspended or expelled and at Red Clay School District, 13% of the students were suspended or expelled. DMA was 1%.
3. At least 85% of the non-graduating cadets will return to the school the following September.
-In 2011-12, 96% of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes of 2010-11 returned to DMA. (408/423=96%)
4. Of all the cadets entering the school at any given grade, 91% will continue at the school through the end of the educational program.
-In 2011-12, 91% of the 2009-10 returning sophomore class graduated from DMA in 2012. Charter school students are required by law to remain in the school for the entire first school year. At the end of the first year, they are free to choose to attend another school. (130/143=91%).
5. At the end of each school year the school will demonstrate that it has strong marketability.
-The Academy enrolled 144 freshman cadets this year and still has a waiting list of 225 students for the 9th grade.
6. At the end of each charter term, the school will demonstrate parent satisfaction with the school's administration and educational program.
*-During the 2011-2012 school year, Delaware Military Academy participated in the School Climate Survey given by the University of Delaware to parents, students and staff. The Academy received high scores of 3+ of 4 possible points in all areas surveyed.
-The Delaware Military Academy rated Superior by the DE Department of Education in 2011.*

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7. Cadets will be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
 - On the Reading DCAS, 95% of the ninth and tenth grade classes met or exceeded the standard. On the PSATs and the SATs, the cadets performed at a level higher than the state average in all areas including writing.
 - An integral part of the NJROTC program is for cadets to provide periodic briefing to high ranking military officers inspecting the unit. The program has received a Distinguish Ranking with Academic Honors for four years.
 - Cadets performed over 10,000 hours of community service, much of which required effective communication skills.
 - At present, 21 graduates are studying at service academies or in ROTC programs in their universities. These appointments require the ability to interview well.
8. Cadets will be technologically literate and be able to use and understand computers.
 - All cadets are required to complete two years of computer technology. The first two levels of Business Finance and Marketing I and Business and Corporation Management II. The third course has been implemented creating the CTE pathway for cadets interested in pursuing a career in business and increasing the percent of cadets completing the CTE Pathway.
 - Our Business Professionals of America won many competitions at the state level.
 - With Smart Boards installed in every classroom, students had access to them for their class presentations.
 - Cadets use data collection probes in their sciences classes as they will in their university courses and careers in science should they choose one.
9. The school will attain accreditation status associated with the accountability act and maintain it each year.
 - DMA has been accredited by the Middle States Association since 2006. The Academy was in its mid-term review in 2008-09 and was deemed as making satisfactory progress on its goals. In the 2012-13 school year, the Academy is creating its new Self Study Document and applying for reaccreditation in the spring.
10. The school will demonstrate cadets have exhibited positive behavior related to academic success.
 - The cadets continue to have a high acceptance rate at diverse universities. As previously mentioned 21 graduates attend a service academy or have a full NJROTC scholarship.
 - Of the 129 graduates of 2012, four received full ROTC scholarship to a four-year university. Seventy-four, in total, were accepted at a 4-year university. Thirty-nine were accepted at a 2-year college. Thirteen cadets joined the military and three have joined the work force.