

About DAA

Mission

Dakota Adventist Academy (DAA) cultivates a Seventh-day Adventist, Christ-centered life by providing academic and vocational education preparing young people for commitment to God, service to society, and citizenship in heaven.

History

DAA has a rich heritage beginning with the operation of Elk Point Industrial School in 1902 at Elk Point, South Dakota, later known as Plainview Academy when relocated to Redfield, South Dakota in 1911. Sheyenne River Academy, first named Harvey Industrial School, opened its doors in 1904 near Harvey, North Dakota. In the fall of 1977, students enrolled in a new consolidated school, still under construction, relocated north of Bismarck, North Dakota, named Dakota Adventist Academy. DAA was closed for the 1987-88 school year. With renewed dedication and sacrificial giving, DAA has been operating since August 1988.

Location

DAA is located on approximately 850 acres fourteen miles northwest of Bismarck, North Dakota, on the Missouri River. It is one of the northernmost academies in the continental United States, and has the distinction of being on the Lewis and Clark Trail. To locate DAA, drive north from Bismarck on Highway 83 to Highway 1804 and turn left. Continue for eleven miles on Highway 1804. DAA is on the right side of the highway just north of mile marker 94. Turn right onto Plainview Avenue and proceed up the hill. The administrative offices are located on the main floor through the center doors.

Philosophy & Objectives

Dakota Adventist Academy (DAA) has been established for the education of the whole person. The philosophy of Christian ethics, emphasis on the character development and Christian decision-making is held in common with other schools in the Seventh-day Adventist school system. Because prayer and Bible study can lead us to the Source of truth, students are encouraged to develop a devotional life that will lead them into a personal experience with the Master Teacher and Creator. DAA strives to provide not only mental discipline and physical training, but also emphasizes the development of character that is marked by integrity, courtesy, culture, loyalty to God and country, self-discipline, tolerance, reverence, civic responsibility, service, and good work habits.

True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come. - Ellen G. White, Education (p. 13)

Accreditation

DAA is accredited with the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities. DAA is one of the seven affiliated secondary schools operating in the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. It is also accredited by the National Council for Private School Accreditation, and is approved by the state of North Dakota as a secondary school.

Admission

Admissions Process

Students in grades nine through twelve who express and demonstrate a definite interest in receiving a Christian education are eligible for admission. No religious test is given; however, only students who show due respect for the Word of God, maintain a positive and reverent attitude toward that which is spiritual, and conduct themselves in harmony with the principles and standards of Seventh-day Adventist Christian education should apply for admission. A student who chooses to attend DAA is declaring that he/she has chosen to give proper respect and observance to the religious beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church including attendance at required programs.

DAA is not equipped to handle young people who require major behavioral or scholastic support.

New Students who wish to apply should use the procedures outlined below.

- Submit a completed application form including:
 - A recent photograph
 - A copy of the transcript from the last school attended and/or eighth grade Certificate of Completion.
 - Three completed recommendation forms. (One reference should be from a former school administrator, pastor, or teacher.)
- When a written acceptance letter is received from DAA, submit:
 - A completed Medical Evaluation Record, including immunization dates,
 - A copy of the student's Birth Certificate.
 - An official transcript from the last school attended and/or eighth grade Certificate of Completion. Non-accredited school applicants (see "Transfer Credits" section) may be required to take a school placement exam.

Both new and returning students then need to complete the online re-enrollment process.

Registration can only be completed when the above items are completed and the student's accounts are paid or arrangements have been made.

International Student Admissions Policy

ESL courses are not offered; tutoring is the financial responsibility of the student's family.

Admissions Process

- Complete the Application Process
 - Submit complete application including three recommendation forms
 - \$125 application fee
 - Submit copy of passport
 - Submit transcripts/academic record
 - Submit a written admissions essay
 - Submit a verbal video essay
 - Submit TOEFL test scores for grade placement

- A score of 71 or higher is the recommended minimum score for grade placement indicating a relative assurance of academic success. Scores of 55 or higher will be considered with the understanding that it may take students longer to meet the graduation criteria; grade placement with scores of 55 or higher will not be assured. Applicants with scores lower than 55 will be considered with the understanding that the experience will be one of immersion with no guarantee of academic credit.
- Complete the Enrollment Process
 - Complete SEVIS/I-20 process and apply for student visa
 - Complete all required documents required for student registration
 - Pre-pay account for full year of tuition
 - Tuition and fees to be set by K12 Board
 - Additional tuition could cover part-time tutoring services
 - Submit official transcripts

Contact Information

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Registration

Students are expected to register before regular classes begin in August. Those who register more than two weeks late for either semester will be permitted to carry a full course load only at the discretion of the Academic Standards Committee. Students who register late and receive full credit for the grading period are expected to pay full tuition.

What to Bring

To be better prepared for the life and activities at DAA, students should arrive with the following:

- Bible and personal devotional material.
- Bedding and blankets for a twin mattress.
- Sleeping bag and pillow.
- Bath and swim towels and modest swimsuit, as determined by the deans and administration.
- Toiletries, bath tissue, and cleaning supplies.
- 3 ring binders, notebook paper, and graph paper.
- Writing utensils.
- Scientific calculator appropriate to math and science.
- Personal clothing, including cold weather and church attire (see Dress Policy).
- Athletic clothing including gym shoes.
- Recommended: book bag or backpack.
- Recommended: flash drive.

NOTE: coffee makers or other resistance-type cooking devices are not permitted in dorm rooms