



DCA Educational Technology Philosophy and Approach

Destiny Christian Academy (DCA) recognizes that access to technology gives students and staff greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students and staff continue to develop innovative technology and effective communication skills in a God-honoring manner. This document gives an overview of our K-12 Educational Technology program and philosophy.

At Destiny Christian Academy, educational technology will be used to transform student learning, while equipping students with the skills and discernment to maintain balance with technology, practice safety online, and honor the Lord in their actions.

Device Usage

DCA believes electronic devices should be used as a tool to support and transform student learning. At the K-5 level, teachers have access to iPads and laptops to supplement curriculum in the classroom. All K-5 students also attend Technology Class weekly where they learn how to responsibly use technology as a tool to express their learning. In 6th grade, students are introduced to digital curriculum for some courses and have access to classroom devices for those courses. For 7th-12th grades, DCA is a 1:1 “Bring Your Own Device” campus. While it remains an option for 6th grade, 7th-12th grade students are required to bring a personal electronic device. Parents and students are encouraged to make the choice that is best for them and their price point, while adhering to guidelines shared on the campus-specific [Electronic Device Quick List](#). (Additional information is provided in our [Acceptable Use Policy](#).) If your student is in 7th-12th grade, you will need to purchase a device if you have not already done so.

Google Workspace for Education

DCA utilizes the Learning Management System (LMS), Google Classroom, for 3rd-12th grade students. This LMS is a web-based tool students use to easily access classroom assignments and activities. Students also have a school email and access to other Google Workspace for Education applications, such as Google Drive. Teachers utilize these resources in the classroom. All school-issued accounts are managed and monitored by DCA.

Digital Curriculum

At DCA, a curriculum fee is charged at the start of the school year to every 6th-12th grade student, which automatically provides each student with all of their required print and/or digital curriculum for the year. Digital curriculum is introduced in 6th grade for some courses and progressively extends to most courses by the time a student reaches high school. This curriculum is different than simple e-text options, in that it is interactive for students and teachers with many additional resources and engaging supplements. Digital curriculum is easily accessed through a web portal, *ShelfIt*.

At Destiny Christian Academy, we have an opportunity for student learning to come alive through digital platforms. We are committed to preparing our graduates for the eventual transition into a collegiate-learning setting and ultimately placement into a technologically-advanced world.