



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-8 level, teachers have access to iPads and/or laptops to supplement curriculum in the classroom. All K-5 students also attend Technology Class weekly where they learn how to use technology responsibly as a tool to express their learning. DCA's high school is a 1:1 "Bring Your Own Device" campus. HS students are required to bring an acceptable 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 high school, 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 access classroom assignments and activities easily. 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.

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 their required print and/or digital curriculum for the year. The majority of the digital 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*.

While DCA embraces these innovative tools, we believe in a purposeful transition. For our 6th-8th grade students, we intentionally utilize a print-based curriculum to ensure they maintain a healthy balance during these formative years. By prioritizing physical materials at the middle school level, we allow students to reap the cognitive benefits of tactile learning and focused engagement while their minds are still developing.

At the high school level, 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.