DOMINION ACADEMY OF DAYTON
"The Miami Valley's School of Classical Christian Education"

GET TO KNOW US

Dominion Academy of Dayton is a distinctly Collegiate-Model School

Dominion Academy of Dayton is a ministry of Christ the King Reformed Episcopal Church. The Vestry of CKREC and the Dominion Academy Board of Directors oversee the functions of this ministry.

Our Mission Statement

Dominion Academy of Dayton is a college preparatory school providing a classical education based on the Bible, reason, and tradition.

What is a Collegiate-Model School?

• A Collegiate-Model Schedule

First through sixth grade students attend classes two days a week and are in their home (satellite) classrooms three days a week

Students in seventh and eighth grade attend classes with professional educators **three days a week** and work under parental supervision for the rest of their week.

Ninth and tenth grade students participate in our college preparatory program **three or four days a week.** This non-traditional model allows students to develop the self-discipline and organizational skills they will need in college. At this stage, parents serve as coaches and provide support and encouragement as students begin to monitor themselves and their discretionary time.

Some Eleventh and Twelfth Grade Students attend classes at Dominion Academy **three or four days a week. Others** participate in the **Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO)** available through the State of Ohio Department of Education. In this program, students register for college/university courses and receive dual credit: high school as well as college credit. The State of Ohio funds this program, which includes all tuition and books.

• Parent-Directed

In a Collegiate-Model School, parents are an integral part of the educational process. Parents fill the important roles of teacher and tutor in the early years, and continue to be involved as the student progresses. During the high school years, parents continue to provide guidance and support as students grow in maturity and self-discipline.

• Experienced Faculty

Dominion Academy employs several full-time faculty members with years of teaching experience at every level, including the collegiate level. An impressive percentage of the faculty has received Master's Degrees as well. Dominion Academy is also fortunate to have several adjunct faculty members who teach one or two courses, while remaining active as experts in their field.

- ## Classical Education

Dominion Academy's academic program is based on a Classical model of education. Students are led through the three educational stages of learning:

First, students experience the ***knowledge*** (grammar) stage. In this case, grammar means "building blocks." During this stage, students gain the basic knowledge of the subject.

Next, students enter the ***understanding*** (logic) stage by taking the knowledge into their own understanding and evaluating it. They ask the questions, "Is it valid?", "Is it true?", "Why?" This obviously involves a great deal of critical thinking. Students are challenged to decide whether the information is correct or incorrect and make connections about cause and effect.

The final stage of learning is the ***wisdom*** (rhetoric) stage, where the focus is on learning to use effectively and beneficially what is learned so far. Students incorporate the subject matter into their own understanding and allow it to change the way they are thinking or they reject the ideas as unworthy. Students learn to express opinions about the information they have accumulated and evaluated. The study of rhetoric is an elegant expression of these opinions through speech and writing.

Our Philosophy of Education

As Christians, we are:

1. Created to Worship - The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Worship is the first and central aspect of man's nature and identity. He is *homo adorans* (worshipping man) before he is *homo sapiens* (thinking man). Therefore, worship must be the context in which all learning takes place. Each week, we conduct worship services and instruct students in the history of Christian worship.

2. Commissioned to Make Disciples - Our Lord Jesus Christ commands his Church to make disciples (pupils) of all nations, baptizing them into the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to attend carefully, hold firmly to, and observe all things that He has enjoined upon us and commanded us to do. Pastors and parents are charged specifically to provide the means and necessary oversight for children to mature as faithful disciples of Christ.

3. Responsible for our Families - The family, as an agent of God and the Church, is clearly charged with primary responsibility for raising young children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The family provides individuals with basic personal disciplines, character development, life skills, and vocational training. The family models faithful worship, churchmanship, sacrificial service, godly living and relationship, good government, good citizenship, and a faithful witness of Christ in the world.

4. Encouraged to partner with others - We recognize that for many and good reasons, it is legitimate, desirable, and wise in the eyes of God, for the family to partner with others, especially those in the Church, to accomplish all we believe God desires for our children.

To Help Families Achieve These Goals, Dominion Academy provides:

1. A Distinctly Christian Education:

    - The full canon of Scripture is related and applied to every area of endeavor
    - God's three primary pedagogical methods of instruction are used: instruction, discipline, and ritual.

2. Smaller classes:

    - Most classes are limited to no more than twelve students, so that teachers can devote more time to personal discipleship and interaction with each student.

3. A More Affordable Private Education Option for Families

4. Integrity and Excellence

Our Statement of Faith

1. There is one God who has revealed Himself in three eternal persons whom we confess to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus Christ was fully God and fully man. He is our only Savior and Lord, the eternal Son of God. By His sinless life, sacrificial death on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead, He fully provided for the redemption which saves those who come to Him in repentance and faith. We affirm His deity, virgin birth, incarnation, sinless life, substitutionary death, bodily resurrection, ascension, and session. We believe in His personal future return and that it is impossible for men to know with any certainty when that will be.

3. The Bible is God's Word. It is uniquely inspired, infallible, and the only trustworthy standard by which to judge all human endeavors, faith, and conduct.

4. We believe that all men will stand before the judgment seat of Christ, some to receive the reward of eternal life and others, the retribution of everlasting torment.

5. We believe God created the heavens and the earth and He actively sustains all of creation and sovereignly moves all things to their predestined end.

6. We believe that men and women are created of equal value in the eyes of God and equal with respect to inheriting the benefits of salvation. We are complementarians: we believe men and women are created to fill different roles and responsibilities in marriage and in the Church. We affirm the concepts of headship and subordination in marriage and that in the local church, God reserves some offices requiring governing authority over the whole congregation for men only.

7. We believe in the sanctity of human life and that human life begins at the moment of conception. Abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, and suicide are the unlawful taking of human life and are, therefore, murder.

8. We believe that sexual relations should take place only between a man and a woman who are married to each other and that fornication, adultery, and homosexual acts are sinful in all circumstances.

Concerning Christian Liberties: We recognize that, among those who love God and truly are His people, there are differing views or convictions about the following areas because they are not clearly forbidden in Scripture: alcohol, tobacco, dancing, different forms of entertainment, the celebration of special days, dress, dating, etc. Our position is one of caution. What the Scriptures do not very **clearly** forbid in word or principle, we **cannot** forbid. Neither can we judge those, who in faith and good conscience before God, choose to exercise liberty in a given area. Nor can we criticize those, who by faith and for various reasons known to them and God, choose to abstain. These are ultimately matters of conscience and faith before God (see Romans 14).