

# Devine ISD

## Devine Learning Academy (DLA)

Devine Learning Academy (DLA) is an educational and self-discipline alternative instruction program that provide educational options for high school students who are not successful in typical school.

The Devine Learning Academy is designed on a foundation of positive and proactive academic support. DLA students will learn through a self-paced online education program.

The mission is to teach students to be leaders in their school, community, home, and, most of all, in their daily lives. DLA students will have a positive attitude toward school, academically and behaviorally, and exemplify honor, dignity, and respect for self and others.

Devine DLA staff will provide these students the highest level of teaching and coaching in order to transform good students, that have made bad choices, into good students and good leaders.

Students assigned to DLA are assured the opportunity to continue their coursework. DLA will implement the grade level curriculum for all core subjects (English, math, science, and social studies), either via IMAGINE LEARNING, an online state-based curriculum, and/or work/assignments/tests from their home-campus teacher. Some electives will also be offered, also, through the use of IMAGINE LEARNING, if available. Credit recovery will be provided, as necessary, via IMAGINE LEARNING. Students will participate in daily physical exercise.

The DLA staff will work in with the home campus teachers to attempt to keep the student on pace for an easy transition back to his/her regular education placement.

To help accomplish this mission, students and staff will live up to the Devine DLA motto:

**“Do it R.I.G.H.T.”**  
**RESPECT, INTEGRITY, GOALS, HONESTY, TRUST**

## PHILOSOPHY

Devine DLA is a true alternative to traditional education programs and utilizes evidence and research-based components. The purpose of alternative education is to increase the number of students that perform at grade level, academically and behaviorally. DLA is designed to meet the academic goals and to address the behavioral / social/self-discipline needs of these students. The DLA Program is an academic setting where students are **provided opportunities to practice behavioral skills**. DLA students are provided the opportunity to practice and learn leadership skills that will increase their success in school, the community, and in their daily lives.

## **MOTTO**

The motto of Devine DLA is “Do it RIGHT”. RIGHT is an acronym for Respect, Integrity, Goals, Honesty, and Trust. The social skills/self-discipline development program will provide students the teaching and coaching needed to return to the home campus and have “RIGHT”. The task is to teach students to identify and deviate from bad choices. The student can exit the program with the leadership tools and social skills/self-discipline to serve as a role model, mentor, and leader for others, even when times and situations get difficult.

## **FOUNDATION**

The DLA Program is built on the foundation of:

- TEKS correlated instruction
- Self-discipline/behavioral skill building
- Physical Training

## **STAFF**

The Devine DLA Program Staff consists of two instructors/coaches, an instructional aide, and an administrator. The generalized duties of each member are as follows:

### **Instructors/Coaches**

The role of the DLA Instructor/Coach is to be a “hands-on” leader at DLA. The instructor/coach sets the example for the program. His/her constant vigilance and **hyper-monitoring** are the primary safeguards of:

- Safety
- Respect
- Integrity
- Goals
- Honesty
- Trust

The instructor/coach ensures that the program is safe and orderly and that students

are on task and meeting the required expectations. In order for the students to be successful, students must adhere to the parameters of the DLA program.

The instructor/coach:

- Ensures/enforces the DLA program rules and regulations in order to maintain a safe and effective learning and working environment.
- Supervises student entrance and dismissal
- Supervises all large group activities
- Supervises student movement
- Provides direction to students
- Modifies assignments to student's strengths if needed
- Contacts parents/guardians
- Serves as a mentor to staff and students
- Serves as a role model for the students & community

## **REGISTRATION**

If the students are approved for the Devine Learning Academy, parents or adult learning will have to register online through the parent portal

## **ATTENDANCE**

DLA students will follow the current district calendar.

## **DOCTOR/PROBATION/COUNSELING**

Appointments, including visits to the doctor, dentist, probation office, or counselor, should be scheduled before or after the DLA class time.

## **MEDICINE**

The dispensing of prescription medication will be determined by the DISD lead nurse, after the parent has provided documentation requiring the use of the prescription/medication. The medicine must be in its original and properly-labeled container. If possible, it is highly-suggested that medicines be taken at home.

## **ACADEMICS**

DLA is responsible for teaching the Core Curriculum: English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies, either via the IMAGINE LEARNING online

program, and work provided by their home-campus classroom teachers.

DLA instructors/coaches will enter grades earned from the IMAGINE LEARNING online core curriculum. Progress reports and report cards will be issued on the same schedule as the home campus.

Home campus teachers will average the DLA core grades with their own semester grades, whether prior to, during, or following the student's placement.

***DLA does not support all elective courses.*** Electives will be provided, as available, via the IMAGINE LEARNING online curriculum, or through home-campus elective teachers.

courses, at the discretion of the home campus teacher and counselor.

Photos and videos may be taken of students during participation in DLA program for the purposes of improving instruction or maintaining student records.

## **STAAR/EOC/Benchmarks**

All standardized exams will be administered at the DLA.

## **COUNSELING**

Will be on a need be basis. This will be determined by the DLA staff, Administrator, and collaboration with a counselor.

The DLA Self-Discipline Development Program may recommend students for counseling services provided either by the district or by county services. Students who receive such a recommendation are expected to cooperate appropriately with those service-providers. Counseling services may include topics such as decision-making, goal-setting, behavioral skills, anger management, peer interaction skills, authority-figure coping, and/or drug and/or alcohol education. Also, if additional counseling is necessary, arrangements may be made with local agencies for further assistance. However, counseling services provided by non DISD counselors will only be provided and allowed with student(s) - parental/guardian signed permission.

## **PHYSICAL TRAINING**

PE is done online

**Exercise doesn't take time from your life.  
Exercise adds time to your life!  
Get stronger. Get healthier.**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

**Transportation is not supplied on a regular basis**

## **DRESS CODE/CONTRABAND**

Students will dress for success.

## **DISCIPLINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

If student become disruptive or disrespectful during their time at the Devine Learning Academy, students will be removed from the program.