



# Dayspring Christian Academy Impact Report

2025-2026



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# Year-End Review

## Dr. Brian Littlefield

### Head of School

As we close this remarkable school year, our hearts overflow with gratitude to God for the abundant blessings He has poured out on Dayspring. This year's theme, "**Deeply Rooted in Christ and Bearing Fruit in All Seasons**" (Jeremiah 17:7–8), has guided every aspect of our community. We have watched students grow in many ways and spiritually deepen their walk with Christ, learning to stand firm like trees planted by streams of living water.

God has truly blessed us. From the youngest preschoolers to our graduating seniors, we have seen Him at work as we continue our legacy of honoring God first in everything we do. We partner with Christian parents to educate minds, train hearts, and prepare students to serve the world for the glory of Christ.

**Preschool:** Our Dayspring preschool has grown by leaps and bounds this year. We expanded our PK3 and PK4 programs and now operate one of the largest and most vibrant preschool programs in Greeley, Colorado. Watching three and four-year-olds joyfully share the Resurrection story with Resurrection eggs—especially the empty final egg proclaiming our risen Savior—has been one of the sweetest blessings of the year. We are excited to see God continue to grow these little hearts and minds in the years ahead.

#### **Elementary: Excellence, Rigor, and Servant Leadership**

In our elementary program, we have strengthened our shared vision with students and families. Dayspring is not only a place where children learn about Jesus—we are a high-quality academic institution committed to excellence and rigor for every learner, regardless of ability. Our certified, passionate Christian teachers and staff pour their hearts into their students every day.

Our sixth-grade student leadership program has beautifully emphasized servant leadership and shining as lights for Christ. We are proud of the young men and women who are growing in character, compassion, and courage.

#### **Middle & High School & Seniors: Memories, Growth, and Lasting Impact**

This year has been especially meaningful in the middle school and high school, as they welcomed me



as the new Head of School to Dayspring. I enjoyed watching the Class of 2026 start off the school year full of God's love, His spirit, and a passion for life. They persevered through good times and tough times, finishing the year strong. Our students welcomed me with open arms, taught me our traditions, and showed me the heart of the Dayspring family.

#### **A Christ-Centered Education That Lasts**

At Dayspring, we believe education is the shaping of a life. As Proverbs 1:7 reminds us, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge." We are not merely preparing students to make a living—we are preparing them to live with purpose. All truth is God's truth (Colossians 1:16), and we want every student to graduate from DCA deeply rooted in Christ, ready to bear fruit in every season.

Thank you, parents, for your faithful investment and partnership. This is more than an educational decision—it is a faith decision with eternal impact.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to excellence, spiritual formation, and preparing the next generation to live as lights for Christ. We are grateful for each of you and cannot wait to see what God has in store for the 2026–2027 school year at Dayspring.

# Pre-Kindergarten Highlights

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS

This year in Pre-Kindergarten, we celebrated numerous milestones and special events. We expanded our program by adding a fourth Pre-K 4 classroom and a second Pre-K 3 classroom in January.

Our students participated in delightful activities, including a wrapping paper service project with Serve 6:8 and enjoyed festive Christmas and Spring concerts. We honored our grandparents with a special day, celebrated Mother's Day, and shared memorable moments during Dads & Donuts.

The children loved learning with Andy the Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse, as well as joining us for our Pre-K Round-Up. We embraced the holiday spirit during our Spirit Week, had fun with our Pumpkin Dusting event, enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast, celebrated Christmas festivities, and remembered our Risen Savior at Easter!

Finally, everyone was thrilled to ride the new bus for the first time, marking an exciting journey for our Pre-K students. It's been a fantastic year filled with learning and memorable experiences!

# 110

Dayspring Christian Academy's Pre-Kindergarten served 110 students ages 3-5 during the 2025-26 school year!

## MESSAGE FROM MRS. ERYN BRYSON EARLY EDUCATION DIRECTOR

We had a wonderful year filled with so many special memories and exciting experiences. From concerts to classroom celebrations, our students enjoyed countless opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun together. Most importantly, they learned about Jesus every day and were reminded of His love through Bible stories, prayer, worship, and the relationships they built within our school community.

Thank you for trusting us with your precious children. It has been a joy and a privilege to be part of their journey. We are truly blessed by the opportunity to partner with your family and look forward to all that is ahead.



## PRE-K 5 HELPS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN

*"Pre-K 5 was the best choice we could have made for my son Liam. Liam is smart, talkative, and very tall. He was doing well with all of his letters, numbers, patterns, but even with his October birthday, we could tell he was just not ready for Kindergarten. His maturity, social skills, and self-control were not at the level needed to begin Kindergarten. Miss Andera provided a loving, safe, and supportive environment for Liam. He was given opportunities to practice emotional regulation skills, self-control, and handling conflict. I felt like Pre-K 5 still challenged him academically, and he got to participate in specials. Because of the work and extra time spent developing social skills in Pre-K 5, he has been a successful student in Kindergarten. He has a more complete grasp of the social skills so that he can successfully complete the academic challenges and independence that come with Kinder. We believe that the year Liam spent in Miss Andera's class was the best thing we could have done for our little boy."*

-Melissa (current DCA mom)

# Elementary Highlights

## **NEW** ELEMENTARY STUDENTS SOAR!

Academic growth is only one part of the Dayspring experience. This year, we launched SOAR, a school-wide framework that brings our mission of "Learn, Love, and Lead" to life. Students are taught and encouraged daily to be **S**afe, **O**wn their actions, **A**ct with Christlike character, and **R**ise to lead with humility. More than a behavior program, SOAR provides a common language that reinforces responsibility, character, leadership, and biblical decision-making throughout our campus. SOAR tickets are awarded to students as immediate recognition and



reinforcement of positive behavior. Students who earned SOAR tickets were entered into a drawing, and winners were able to get a tethered ride in a hot-air balloon at the end of the year!

## **NEW** 6TH GRADE SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Our commitment to developing the whole child extends beyond the classroom. This year marked the launch of our 6th Grade Student Leadership Program, providing students with opportunities to lead chapel, participate in praise and worship, organize service projects, and serve as role models for younger students. Additionally, 6th grade Impact Groups continued to provide mentorship, discipleship, and encouragement as students navigate the important transition from elementary school to middle school. Through these opportunities, students are learning to apply God's truth to real-life situations while developing confidence, responsibility, and servant leadership skills. Next year, we look forward to providing even more opportunities for our students to serve others within their school and community.



## REACHING NEW ACADEMIC HEIGHTS

We have strengthened our academic program by implementing research-based instructional practices and targeted professional development to maximize student growth. Regular analysis of performance data enables teachers to tailor instruction to individual learning needs, leading to significant gains in reading and math. Our elementary students excelled on MAP assessments, surpassing national averages and reflecting the dedication of our students, teachers, and families.

A key enhancement has been the addition of 30 minutes of daily small-group targeted instruction in both reading and math, allowing for personalized support that builds confidence and addresses learning gaps.

Looking ahead, we are excited to expand educational opportunities with a new Gifted and Talented Program, enhanced differentiated learning strategies, and the introduction of Standards-Based Grading. These initiatives demonstrate our commitment to meeting the diverse needs of every learner while fostering academic excellence and a lifelong love of learning.

# 11

Average Years Teaching Experience of DCA Elementary Teachers



# 15:1

Average Elementary Student to Teacher Ratio

# Middle School Highlights



## Middle School: A Place to Grow, Belong, and Prepare for What's Next

Middle school is a crucial period for growth, and at DCA, we are committed to fostering a supportive environment that facilitates a smooth transition for students from elementary to high school by offering them a wide array of enriching and diverse experiences.

- Drama Productions
- Weekly Chapel/Community Groups
- General Accommodations Program (GAP)
- Business/Entrepreneurship
- Arts
- Band and Choir
- Robotics
- Leadership
- Athletics



**Our committed staff plays a vital role in nurturing each student academically, socially, and spiritually, ensuring they feel valued and understood.**

**100%** of DCA Middle School students are involved in athletics or extracurricular activities!



**NEW**

## Cultivating Growth at Dayspring Christian Academy: Launch of Our Agriculture Class

This year we proudly introduced a new agriculture class led by Mrs. Aricayos. Students engaged in hands-on farming and sustainability projects, from planting flowers to caring for chickens. This class teaches sustainable practices and students witness the transformation of seeds into thriving plants. This curriculum not only fosters a love for agriculture but also develops teamwork and stewardship skills. We look forward to sharing more about how this class will grow in the future and the exciting hands-on learning our students will receive!

# High School Highlights

## Small School Feel, Big School Opportunities

At DCA, families don't have to choose between a Christ-centered education and a full high school experience. Our students enjoy the benefits of a close-knit community while participating in opportunities often only found at much larger schools.

### Big Opportunities

- 6 Dual Credit or Honors Courses
- Student Leadership Programs
- Athletics
- Poms Team **NEW**
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- General Accommodations Provided
- Esports & Robotics
- Drama productions
- Band and Choir
- Arts
- Business/Entrepreneurship
- Entrepreneurship Endorsement **NEW**

### A Place Where Students Belong

At DCA, your child is more than a number. Every student is known by name, encouraged by caring teachers, and surrounded by adults who genuinely invest in their growth.

### Christ at the Center

Our students are seen, known, loved, and prayed over every day. This year we introduced our alternating weekly Community Groups/Chapel. We partner with families to develop not only strong academics and leadership skills, but also strong faith and character.

### The Best of Both Worlds

Students are met where they are and pushed to become the best version of themselves for the Kingdom of God. Each opportunity is presented as a chance to explore more of who God created them to be.



## Exciting Changes for the Business Entrepreneurship Program at Dayspring Christian Academy!

### Sacred Grounds: The Heart of Our Community

Thanks to a generous grant from the Weld Trust, the former elementary library was transformed into Sacred Grounds, the new home of Cornerstone Coffee and a vibrant gathering space for our middle and high school community.

### More Than a Coffee Shop

- Connection, collaboration, and creativity is fostered here
- A hub where students and staff build relationships and share ideas
- Real-world learning environment through entrepreneurship

### New This Year

- First class to graduate students who earned the Business Entrepreneurship Endorsement on their diploma, showing their commitment to the entrepreneurial mindset and real world skills.

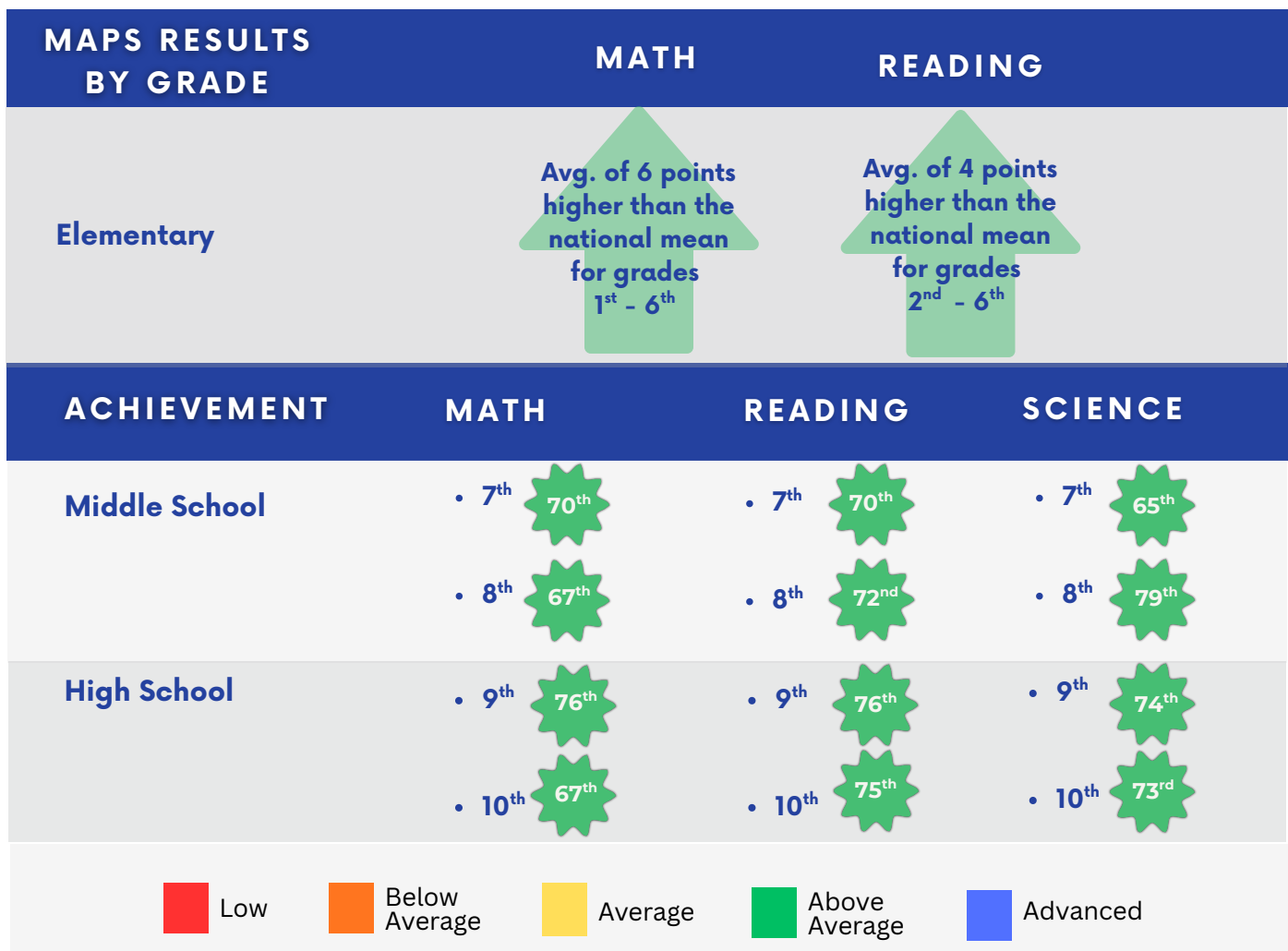
**Sacred Grounds has quickly become a central part of student life, bringing together community, innovation, and hands-on learning.**

# Academic Excellence

## The Impact of MAP Testing: Elevating Student Success and Instructional Excellence

As we reflect on our academic progress over the past year, it's vital to highlight the significant role played by Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing in shaping our students' educational experiences. This adaptive online assessment, serving grades 1 through 10, is more than just a testing method; it is a powerful tool for understanding and enhancing student learning in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The implementation of MAP testing is a cornerstone of our commitment to academic excellence. By leveraging this data-driven approach, we can create more personalized, effective, and engaging educational experiences for our students. Together—educators, students, parents, and leaders—we are forging a path toward a brighter, more successful future for every learner in our community.



### Highlights

- \* Elementary students showed growth in both Reading and Math!
- \* 8th Grade had tremendous growth and is nearing “Advanced” in Science!
- \* 9th Grade had tremendous growth is nearing “Advanced” in Math and Reading!

# 105

High School Service Hours  
per Graduating Senior

# 76

Different Churches  
Represented at DCA

# 17

Dayspring Teachers  
with Master's Degrees

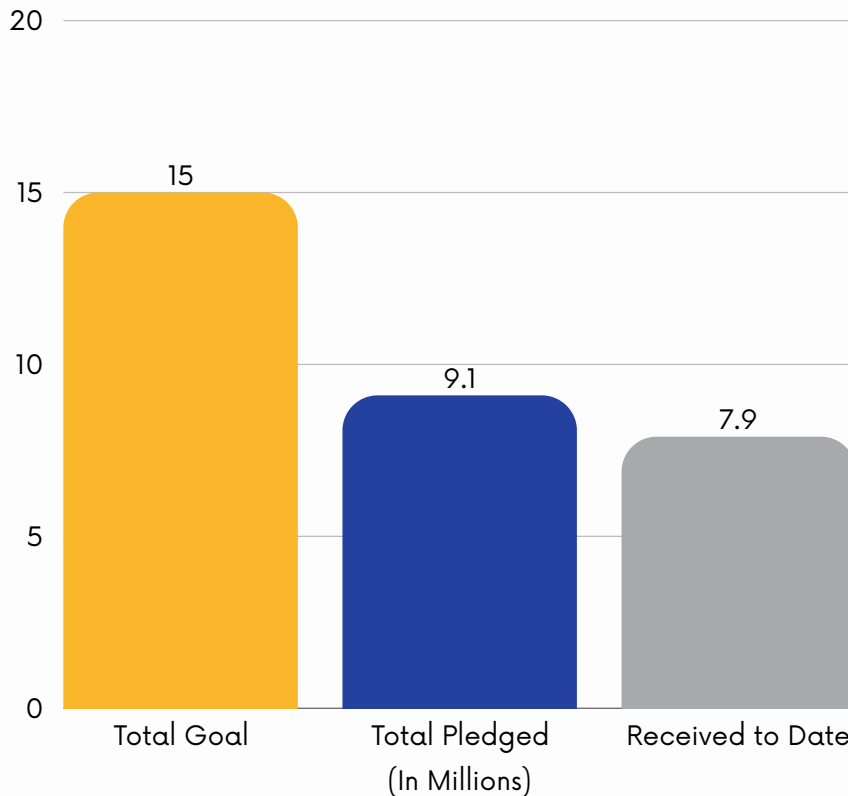
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Class of 2026 Average  
PSAT Score  
for the Top 25%



# The Dayspring Foundation Report

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



**\$1,918,688**

Amount received in donations to DCA in the 2025/2026 school year

**\$118,160**

Amount donated at the 2025 Giving and Thanks Banquet

Each year the Dayspring Foundation partners with donors to support the mission of Dayspring Christian Academy. As a 501c3 "support organization", the Foundation is exclusively committed to raising funds for the Academy. Most people don't realize that the tuition only covers approximately 70% of the costs of operating the school. Where does the other 30% come from? It comes from generous ministry partners who give offerings to the Foundation and the school. Our primary fundraising is around scholarships and variable tuition. Over 70% of our families receive some form of scholarship. Technically, 100% of families receive something as not a single family is paying the "full cost" of tuition. The mission at the Foundation is to provide every child the opportunity to have a Christian education. This means that in faith we trust God to provide for every family that wants to be part of the Dayspring community. The Foundation has recently stewarded a capital campaign for the new elementary building. We are still collecting pledges and asking God to provide for the \$7 million that we still owe the bank. There are more kids, more programs and more projects that need to be funded. Thank you for your support and please continue to pray about how you and others in your sphere of influence can participate in this great mission of raising up spiritual champions for the glory of God and the good of others.



**Weston Kurz,**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Dayspring Foundation

# 70%

of Students  
Received Tuition  
Assistance

# \$1,276,046

Amount Awarded in Tuition  
Assistance this School Year



# \$34,196

Amount Raised through Grants  
this Year



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