



Deep Creek Middle School

Preparing the future leaders of The Bahamas

Our vision is to educate the future leaders of The Bahamas by providing learning experiences, in and out of the classroom, that teach responsible citizenship, provide authentic opportunities for leadership and allow students to grow academically.



**Currently accepting applications for the
2017-2018 school year for Grades 7-9**

**Application deadline
Friday, April 14, 2017**

For more information, please contact Principal Katie Bauer,
at 334-8414 or katiebauer@dcmsbahamas.org

A Unique Educational Opportunity

Nurturing Community

- A small, nurturing community of about 45 students.
- Class size of 15 students.
- Advisory group of 8 students that meet with advisory teacher weekly
- The DCMS Community values and fosters Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Self-control, Kindness, and Perseverance.
- Our student leaders, called Caciques, lead morning meeting, provide tours, and act as role models.

Rigorous Academics

- An innovative and rigorous curriculum incorporating responsible citizenship and leadership skills.
- Focus on academic growth and achievement including BJC preparation.
- Field trips and project-based learning apply academics to real-world tasks.
- Partnerships with The Island School, Cape Eleuthera Institute, and the Center for Sustainable Development widen the scope of our available resources.
- One-on-one and small group tutoring offered.

Extra-Curricular and Leadership Opportunities

- SCUBA certification for Grade 9 students.
- Leadership through Caciques nomination by faculty.
- After-school sports and informal teams
- Junkanoo preparation and participation.
- Eco-club, EarlyAct, and Wellness clubs.
- Opportunities for international travel and summer camp scholarships.

Environmental Stewardship

- Deep Creek Middle School is the first certified Green School in the Caribbean.
- We believe that it is essential to live well in a place.
- Partnerships with The Island School, Cape Eleuthera Institute, and the Center for Sustainable Development help support our care for the environment.

Secondary School Advising

- Parent and student information nights for secondary school options.
- Support with high school placement on Eleuthera and within the Bahamas.
- Assistance with boarding school applications for qualified students: Over forty DCMS alumni have been accepted to boarding schools in the United States earning over \$5 million in scholarships for their secondary education.



Admissions Timeline

- **Applications Available:** Friday, January 20, 2017
- **Schedule Parent-Principal Meeting:** Contact office to arrange a meeting for February 13 to April 13.
- **Applications due:** Friday, April 14, 2017
- **Admissions Day and Interviews:** Saturday, May 6, 2017 (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM) Required.
- **Acceptance Letters Available:** Monday, May 15, 2017
- **New Parents Meeting:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- **Enrollment Deadline (\$100 deposit):** Wednesday, May 24, 2017
- **Financial Aid Applications Due:** Wednesday, May 24, 2017

DCMS Admissions

Admission Process

- Visit the DCMS website to learn more about our school.
- Submit an application (Includes: Student Information, Essay, Reports, and Recommendations)
- Attend the DCMS Admissions Day to meet students and teachers, complete testing and conduct an interview with the Principal.
- All newly accepted students are required to attend a week long half-day summer orientation program during the last two weeks in August. Please do not make any holiday arrangements during this time, as your child must participate in this summer school.

Tuition Assistance

DCMS is committed to working with families so that all accepted students are able to attend the school. The full DCMS tuition of \$2,500 already reflects a substantial scholarship from our generous donors. However, additional financial aid is available and need-based. We ask families to contribute to DCMS tuition according to their ability to pay. Financial aid applications must be submitted by May 24, 2017 to be considered. Please discuss this with Principal Bauer during the Parent-Guardian and Principal interview.

Application Checklist

- Student and Parent Information page
- Student Essay
- Parent Statement
- School Report Card or Transcripts
- Teacher or Principal Recommendation

Admissions Checklist

- DCMS application complete and on-file by April 14, 2017
- Admissions Day attendance and participation
- Parent-Guardian and Principal interview



Application for Admission 2017-2018

Please return application to DCMS by Friday, April 14, 2017

Student and Parent Information

Applicant Name: _____ Gender: _____

Birth (Day/Month/Year): _____ Age: _____

Applying for Grade: 7 8 9

Currently Attending: _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Are you interested in a potential 5-Day boarding option? Yes No Maybe

We are pleased your child is applying for admission to Deep Creek Middle School. Please understand that there are a few requirements for our admissions process:

1. If your application is incomplete, you cannot be considered. If any piece of the application checklist is missing, your application will be considered incomplete.
2. It is your responsibility to make sure that this application is on file by Friday, April 14.
3. Parents must come in for an interview with the principal between February 13 and April 13. Please call the office at 334-8414 to schedule an available time. Your child's application cannot be considered if the parent interview is not completed.
4. We will be holding our Admissions Day on Sat., May 6, 2017 from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Your student must come to Deep Creek Middle School for an admissions test and interview. If they are not present at Admissions Day, or are late, your application will not be considered.
5. Students will be evaluated based on their application essays, parent-principal interview, teacher recommendation and performance during Admissions Day. We are looking to build a cohesive and diverse class of students who are a good match for our school's mission.
6. All accepted students are required to attend a 7 day summer orientation program during the last two weeks of August. Please do not make any holiday arrangements during this time, as your child must participate in this summer school program.

Parent Signature

Date



Student Essay Questions

Students are to answer the following essay questions. Use the reverse side of this sheet or more paper if you need additional space to answer these questions.

1. Explain why you would like to attend Deep Creek Middle School.



2. What do you think makes someone a responsible member or leader in his or her community? Give a specific example of how you have shown responsibility in your school, church or community?

3. What subjects do you most enjoy?



4. What is your favorite book or who is your favorite author? Please describe why.

5. How would your teachers describe you in the classroom? How would you describe your experiences in school?



Teacher/Principal Recommendation



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To the Recommending Teacher or Principal: Please send this letter to Deep Creek Middle School in a sealed envelope. Thank you for your assistance in this application process.

Due Date: April 14, 2017

1. How long have you know this student and in what capacity?

2. Please describe this student's behavior:

- Above Average
 Average
 Below Average

3. Please describe this student's intellectual curiosity and desire to try new things:

- Above Average
 Average
 Below Average

4. How would you describe the parent's support of the school and involvement in their child's education:

- Above Average
 Average
 Below Average

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5. Our vision is to educate the future leaders of The Bahamas by providing learning experiences, in and out of the classroom, that teach responsible citizenship, provide authentic opportunities for leadership and allow students to grow academically. How would you rate this family's match for this mission:

Above Average

Average

Below Average

6. Please describe what you think this student/family's biggest challenges will be at our school:

7. Please describe what you think this student and family will most offer the DCMS community:

Please use an additional sheet if you would like to comment further. Thank you for your time and contribution to this student's application to Deep Creek Middle School.

Name

Signature

Date