

Dalet School Purposes and Goals

Dalet School is a private school conducted by the Assemblies of Yahweh, restricted to children whose parents are members in good standing of the Assemblies of Yahweh (except through special permission), residing in the Bethel, Pennsylvania, area.

Dalet School is an **educational** institution where Scripturally correct character is emphasized. Our goal is the perfecting of commandment-keeping qualities in our young people.

Dalet School is a school where Bible truth, the Kingdom way of life and spiritual holiness are taught.

In Dalet School children learn that attendance and participation brings responsibility. It is a **PRIVILEGE**, not a **RIGHT** to attend Dalet School.

Dalet School is a school where morality is stressed. We believe in constantly upholding the highest virtues.

In Dalet School self-discipline is taught and good character is expected to result. We strongly believe that self-discipline is mandatory for the welfare of the home, the Assembly, and the world in which we live. We feel each individual student should be aided in systematically working toward the final objective of living a self-disciplined life.

Dalet School is a school where high academic achievement is honored. Young people are encouraged to seek to do their very best and are evaluated in comparison to their individual potential and achievement of specific goals, rather than compared to the class or group.

The Meaning Of "Dalet"

"Dalet" is the name of the fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet and means "a door," or an "open door." We would like this education to provide an open door for the student both while attending classes and when he leaves school behind and enters his role in the society surrounding us.

General Policies

Classes begin in the fall, and excepting the Feasts of Yahweh, run continuously until June: 180 days of classes as required by Pennsylvania law. As the school teaches

the student Bible Truth, it will observe the concept of the preparation day which precedes the Sabbath. Therefore, the classes are arranged so four days of the week are slightly longer, and will be in session only a half day on the preparation day (Friday), freeing the student in the afternoon to assist the family in the preparation for the Sabbath.

The daily hours of the school will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on all days except the sixth day of the week, when classes will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Kindergarten class will be held for two full days, on Monday and Wednesday, with a half-day on Friday. There will be a half hour lunch period (11:30 to 12:00) Monday through Thursday, when the student should bring their own lunch, as no lunch will be served at the school.

Tuition is \$40.00 per month for nine months, September through May, inclusive for the first child, and \$30.00 per month for each of the other children in a family. Kindergarten tuition is half price. However, we have not demanded tuition payments. Perhaps the analysis (or maxim) “no cost, no value” has lowered the estimation of the school. If a family cannot help pay their way financially, they should volunteer their time on workdays around the grounds, help in the school with repairs, assist the teachers, or otherwise volunteer time.

NO DALET SCHOOL BUSINESS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON THE SABBATH. Assemblies of Yahweh does not conduct office business on Sabbath; therefore our Sabbath pursuits should concentrate on spiritual things. See Isaiah 58:13–14.

As a courtesy, any person other than a faculty member or administrator must ask the principal or administration for permission before entering or visiting the school. As we do not have a Day Care Center, younger brothers and sisters are not permitted to visit in the classroom, except for special times which may be set up as visitation days.

Give children breakfast! Some children are apparently running on empty when they arrive at school. If you do not have the money for food, see the administration and food will be provided. Are children taught to eat properly, or do they alternate between table and television or eat in front of the television?

No child is allowed in or around the Assemblies of Yahweh offices. Students should maintain quiet when passing the office windows. The students are to be excluded from all Assemblies of Yahweh work areas. Any interaction between the office staff and the students should be handled within proper channels. Entering the business offices without direct permission of the teacher is forbidden.

Lunches are to be eaten in the school, unless the child's parents are on the staff, and the parents prepare lunch in the annex. Generally, however, it is best to prepare lunches for the students to eat in the school.

No snack purchases by students will be allowed on an individual basis. If you are short of lunch for your children, inform the teacher and he will make arrangements to obtain snacks, if any are available. This should be a **very rare** occurrence.

Assemblies of Yahweh songs should be listened to and sung as a rule. Most worldly music is unacceptable for Dalet School children.

Parent Teacher Cooperation

Parents must support the administration, or we are no better than Public Schools. (All parents and students should abstain from gossip and criticism.)

Parents must pray at home for Dalet School, so students will follow their example and Dalet School will receive proper esteem. Parents must show respect for the Dalet School teachers and demand that their children show that same kind of respect!

Several Dalet School parent-teacher functions will be held throughout the year. After the first quarter, time for parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled.

Please conduct all your school business, phone calls, etc., by contacting the person or persons involved between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If a parent needs to see a teacher or administrator, please set up a conference time. Parents are encouraged to make appointments to meet the teacher when the need arises.

Curriculum

Children should be encouraged by the parents to advance in knowledge and to accept challenges placed before them.

Students are placed in courses based upon their level of educational advancement and ability as determined by both standardized tests and the ability of the student to be successful at that level, as judged by the administration.

When a student fails more than one subject (grades K–8), his promotion into the next grade is in jeopardy. In high school a grade point average is used for promotions. The courses required by the state for nonpublic students must be successfully completed for graduation.

The student is responsible for the following supplies: notebook paper (lined), 3-ring notebook, pencils (grade K–4); pencils and pens (grade 5–12); crayons (kosher type), water-based markers or colored pencils (box of eight colors), glue and scissors (grade K–8); and facial tissues as needed.

Reasonable homework will be assigned and will be expected to be completed on a daily basis.

Students (not parents) must do the homework. If parents help their children, the children must comprehend the problem and the solution.

Field trips are planned every year—but we must have cooperation, financial help, and assistance in chaperoning from some of the parents.

Student Deportment

Parents must correct their children when needed. It is the parent's obligation to thoroughly instruct children in the ways of Yahweh. Students who have a worldly attitude will not be allowed in the school. The child should want to be in Dalet School; therefore, a positive attitude about the school must be encouraged in the student.

Mature behavior is expected of all students. When a child repeatedly does not exhibit growth toward maturity, he may be expelled if his behavior has become disruptive.

No serious boy/girl relationships will be allowed while enrolled in Dalet School, This is an educational institution, not a matchmaking establishment. We do not allow pairing off, or labeling as boyfriends or girlfriends. There shall not be any dating done by any student in Dalet School. Incidents of fornication will result in immediate expulsion. Any engagement or marriage while in school will result in immediate expulsion. **NO TOUCHING IS EVER ALLOWED BETWEEN BOYS AND GIRLS.**

Casual conversations only can occur between boys and girls.

Students who do not comply with the dress code standard may not be allowed to attend classes until the problem is corrected.

Limiting Worldly Influences

Parents and students shall strive to exclude worldliness from Dalet School (as much as possible) in conversation, dress, negative attitudes, and all unscriptural

activities, etc.

Students must be encouraged to watch less television and pay more attention to homework. Why not limit television to one program per night (after work is done) or completely leave television off? Television makes children hyperactive even more than sugar does. Any media violence (including television, movies, videos, violent computer and video games etc.) must be prohibited. Cartoons are notorious for violence. Monitor your children's television watching closely. Turn off programs that are unacceptable to Assemblies of Yahweh standards and scriptural principles (this would include any R rated movies, any use of profanity, risqué language, nudity, obvious sexual activity, comments with double meanings denoting worldly activities, etc.).

All parents shall watch their children closer

Listening to rock music is banned for all members of the Assemblies of Yahweh and all students. Headsets for listening to music are banned unless with units having no speakers, then parents must audition the tape first.

Mothers shall search through children's rooms on a regular basis (every 2 to 3 weeks). The intent is to determine if correspondence in their children's possession is in harmony with Assemblies of Yahweh standards, and to determine if children have illegal drugs in their possession. The children of Assemblies of Yahweh members are the responsibility of their parents, since the child must be raised in the nurture and admonition of Yahweh.

Intercept children's mail, and read the letters after the child does. Read all outgoing mail before the child seals the letter.

Watch for anything suspicious the child does, change of dress, attitude, language, habits, etc., that might reveal use of controlled substances. Controlled substances entering Dalet School will not be tolerated. Use of tobacco and alcohol by any student will not be tolerated.

Student Dress Code

The key word for dress and appearance is modesty. Clothing must always be selected for modest fit and appearance. Yahweh's Word teaches that we should be modest at all times. Our young people are expected to dress for the occasion and to conform to the accepted rules of dress for the Assemblies of Yahweh.

Girls shall dress modestly. Skirt and dress length must be ample so that the knees will be covered when sitting in a normal position. If worn, pants are to be of such a style

that they could not be confused as being boys' clothing. No tight-fitting blouses, sweaters, skirts, or pants will be permitted. Low necklines, midriff revealing, and sleeveless styles are forbidden. Girls should dress simply, neatly, and modestly at all times. The girls' hair must be left uncut. Appropriate Assemblies of Yahweh hairstyles should be worn by girls with special attention to cleanliness and neatness. Girls are to wear a head covering. (Girls are expected to wear Bermuda shorts under a skirt or wear pants on days when Physical Education classes are held.) No high heels are allowed. Girls are not to wear makeup or to have painted fingernails or toenails. If jewelry is worn, it must be modest in number and style. The fads and appearance of worldly models are not to be followed, but a simple, neat, and unglamorized look is required.

For boys modesty and neatness is desirable. Trousers are to be of such a length that they neither touch the floor nor are above ankle length when properly belted. Clothing should not be overly tight or sloppy. Boys will not wear tank tops (or muscle shirts) or neck chains. When wearing a sport shirt no more than one button should be unbuttoned at the neck. Boys should not at any time wear garments that could be mistaken as girls' clothing. Hair must be properly combed and trimmed. On boys, long hair will not be permitted; hair should not cover the ears or collar.

No high platform, high heel, or faddish shoes are permitted. Sandals may be worn according to the season. When regular shoes are worn, students are expected to wear socks. Shoes are to be polished as needed, or clean sneakers in good repair may be worn. (All students must have sneakers for Physical Education class.) Bare feet are not allowed. Since shorts, cutoffs and swimsuits are not modest dress, they will not be allowed on school grounds.

Students are expected to wear clothing in the manner it is styled, i.e. if a garment has belt loops, a belt must be worn, etc. Students are expected to come to school in clean clothing, with clean bodies, hair combed, nails cleaned and shoes shined. Inasmuch as students are expected to meet high standards, it is requested that other members of the family maintain similar standards particularly when on school grounds or attending school functions.

Department Tracking System

- The name of any child who misbehaves or violates a school rule will be placed on a report sheet for that day.
- A note documenting this report will be sent home to alert parents to the infraction.
- In cases of lying, stealing, fighting, cheating, direct disobedience (open defiance to, or absolute refusal to obey a rule or a direct command), or a rebellious attitude, the child will be removed from classes, and the parents will be called and asked to come and collect the child.

- Parents must then correct and discipline their child so no further action is necessary. The note must be signed and returned to the school, explaining corrective actions taken, and reporting that the child's attitude has been changed, before the child will be readmitted.
- Should more serious action become necessary, the parents must come in for a conference so a plan to forestall further incidents can be made between Dalet School and the parents.
- The parents are asked to stress the need for improvement and spiritual development to their child.

General Student Rules

These rules apply any time while on school grounds, in classrooms, on school buses, and even off school grounds.

1. All students must adhere to the dress code.
2. Be thoughtful and respectful in your manners at all times in regard to your peers, teachers, staff, and other adults; ladies and younger children first (except in the presence of Elders). Use only language that is pleasing to Yahweh. Students should not show rudeness, inconsiderate behavior, lack of manners, etc. Students are **never** to argue with a teacher.
3. Students are expected to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and illegal drugs at all times...both on and off campus.
4. Students should have a good attitude. Any facial expression which shows a defiant, sneering, haughty spirit or uncooperative attitude: slamming of doors, worldly conversation, insolence, negativism, sarcasm, or any expression which does not express joy, peace, love, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control is not acceptable.
5. There will be no serious boy/girl relationships while in school. Students must refrain from all displays of affection. (In other words: **DO NOT TOUCH** while at school, while traveling to and from school, or at school functions.) This is an educational institution, not a matchmaking establishment. There shall not be any dating while in Dalet School. Any fornication, engagement or marriage while in school will result in immediate dismissal. Only casual conversations are allowed between boys and girls.
6. Do things that are pleasing in Yahweh's sight. (Proverbs 15:3, Colossians 3:20)

7. Do not be excessively tardy.
8. Do not listen to rock music. Assemblies of Yahweh songs should be listened to and sung.
9. Do not chew gum on school property, busses, or at any school function.
10. When a teacher makes an assignment that is due at a time other than the end of the class period, the student should have it ready at the due date. A student may have to make up late work after school. For excused absences a student will be allowed extra time to make up the work. For planned absences the work must be completed in advance

Classroom Rules

1. Be in your seat, ready for work, **before** it is time for classes to begin.
2. Homework and class assignments must be done on time. Failure to have paper, pencils, books, gym shoes, or materials needed will be considered the same as not having an assignment completed on time.
3. Do not place books or papers (anything) on the floor.
4. Do not make noise to disturb or distract the class. There should be no tapping of pencils, unnecessary rattling of papers, burping, expelling of gas, yawning, screaming, loud talking, etc.
5. Do not throw any objects in the classroom: paper wads, etc. Do not pass notes, paper, books, pencils, etc. unless permission is granted.
6. Sit up straight with feet on the floor: no sprawling or extending legs into the aisles.
7. No talking without permission during school time. Raise your hand for permission to speak unless blanket permission has been given. Stand up to recite lessons or when recognized.
8. Do not sit on desktops or lean back in chairs or desks at any time.
9. Do not write on chalkboards unless directed to do so by the teacher.
10. Do not discard anything into wastebaskets without permission during class time.
11. Get permission from the teacher before leaving your desk or your room.

12. Do not attend to personal grooming in the class, i.e. combing hair, cutting fingernails, etc.
13. During devotions there should be complete quiet and reverence for Yahweh Elohim and Yahshua the Messiah.
14. There should be no eating or drinking in the classroom except at lunchtime or recess. Students are to eat at their own desks and not wander about the room.
15. Do not take anything from another person's desk without permission.
16. Only regular school equipment and materials are to be brought to school. (No personal items, magazines, books, knives, toys, etc., except as directed or approved by the teacher.)
17. Bicycles, motorcycles, and cars must be kept in designated areas and are not to be used except in traveling to and from school. The parking area is off limits, except when arriving or leaving school.
18. Lockers and work area should be kept neat. Do not litter.
19. Do not abuse school equipment or use it in any manner not intended. Lost equipment and books will be paid for or replaced by the one or ones responsible. A fine will be levied for the damage or abuse of equipment or school property.
20. Do not leave equipment outside after recess or after school. Keep the school grounds neat in appearance.
21. Students are promptly to line up for busses after school. Those students riding private transportation are to wait in the designated areas.

School Bus Rules

1. Pupils being transported are always under the authority of the bus driver.
2. Pupils shall obey the orders of the bus monitors.
3. There shall be eating only by permission of the bus driver. No gum chewing on the bus.
4. Pupils shall remain seated while bus is in motion and shall use seat belts, if they are available.

5. Pupils are assigned seats by the bus driver.
6. Pupils shall not extend their hands, arms, or heads through the bus windows.
7. If permitted by the bus driver, pupils should converse in normal tones; loud or vulgar language is prohibited at all times.
8. Pupils shall not open or close windows without permission of driver.
9. Pupils shall keep the bus clean and must refrain from damaging it.
10. Pupils shall be courteous to the driver, to fellow pupils, and to passersby.
11. No animals or pets are allowed on the bus.
12. The discipline on the bus is the same as at school.
13. Do not slam the doors.
14. No talking as bus approaches railroad crossings.
15. The emergency door must not be used unless an emergency exists.

Student Pledge

Each student must sign this Student Pledge at enrollment at the beginning of each school year, and be faithful to its expressed principles.

Each student must be in accord with the Biblical principles on which the Assemblies of Yahweh stands. Both off and on campus, students are to maintain high moral principles. I, as a student of Assemblies of Yahweh Dalet School, therefore pledge to:

- Cooperate respectfully with those in authority.
- Strive for excellence as a student.
- Avoid the use of alcoholic drinks, tobacco and illegal drugs.
- Refrain from gambling.
- Associate with people of high moral character.
- Avoid all appearance of evil.
- Abstain from gossip, grumbling, complaining, and a general negative attitude.
- Be dressed and groomed in an acceptable modest manner.
- Seek to keep the worldly attitude out of Dalet School as much as possible, in conversation, dress, activities, music, etc.

- Abide by the school rules, having studied and familiarized myself with them.
- Seek to develop the moral character that reflects spiritual growth.

Also, I state that I want to attend Dalet School and have not been made to do so against my will.

Student's
Signature: _____ Date: _____

(If a student, at **any** time, feels he has a problem with any of the above statements, he is encouraged to seek the help of a teacher, administrator, or elder.)

Parents' Or Guardian's Pledge Of Acceptance

- We, as parents who are accepting the challenge to “train up a child in the way he should go,” state that this training will be carried on in the home. Moreover, we shall place our trust in the Assemblies of Yahweh Dalet School to extend that training more completely.
- We pledge that the family will show its sincere purpose in supporting the teachings of the Assemblies of Yahweh. We will show our faithfulness in regular prayer and reading of the Bible. We will pray for those working in the school (teachers and administrators), will give to the school expansion fund as we are able, and will pay tuition regularly and on time.
- We hereby invest authority in the school to discipline our child as necessary. We further agree that we will cooperate and discipline our child in the home as needed instructing our children in the ways of Yahweh. We will watch our children for any suspicious actions such as change of dress, attitude, language, habits, etc., that might reveal use of controlled substances.
- We will to our fullest cooperate to keep doctrinal controversy, internal politics, gossip, talebearing, and backbiting out of the school at all times.
- We understand that assessments will be made to cover damage to school property (including breakage and abuse), and we agree to pay for any such damages incurred by our children.
- We will restrict and monitor television watching for our children and see that homework is completed. We will turn off programs unacceptable to Assemblies of Yahweh standards (use of profanity, risqué language, nudity, obvious sexual activities, etc.).
- We will ban listening to rock music and headsets for listening to music, unless with units having no speakers in which case we will audition the tape first.
- We will intercept our children's mail, reading incoming and outgoing letters. We shall also search our children's rooms on a regular (2 to 3 weeks) basis to

determine if correspondence is in harmony with Scriptural and Assemblies of Yahweh standards, and to determine if children have illegal drugs in their possession.

A copy of the Parents' or Guardian's Pledge of Acceptance must be signed each year. If at any time a parent feels he has a problem with any of these statements, he is encouraged to seek the help of the school administration, teachers, or Assemblies of Yahweh elders.

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