

Dara Academy is Chiang Mai and northern Thailand's oldest and one of Thailand's largest and most well known private schools. Dara Academy is a private school under The Church of Christ in Thailand. It offers classes from kindergarten to grade twelve. Founded by American missionaries, Reverend Dr. Daniel and Mrs. Sophia McGilvary, Dara Academy was the first girls' school in Northern Thailand.



The school's purpose, at the time of its beginning, was for girls' education to be equal to the education of boys. At the time, boys were educated by monks in Buddhist temples. Currently Dara Academy holds approximately 7, 500 students and educates both boys and girls. Dara Academy is not an International school as all subjects outside of the language programs are taught in the Thai language. The current director of the school is Dr Uayporn Wangtrakul.

