

Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School

Fact Sheet

Mission: Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School provides all students with an environment, course of study, and instructional program that will prepare them for college by building strong relationships with students and their families, providing the ongoing guidance necessary to graduate from high school, gain admission to college, and complete a post-secondary degree.

Background: Detroit Collegiate Prep is a public school operated by the Detroit Public Schools. The school was founded through a partnership shared by three national organizations:

- Diplomas Now/ Johns Hopkins University-Talent Development
- City Year Detroit
- Communities In Schools

The school programming combines Diplomas Now's rigorous college preparatory curriculum with a whole child focus provided by near-peer mentoring and tutoring of City Year corps members, and the community-based family resource support of a site coordinator from Communities In Schools.

Curriculum: The Detroit Collegiate Prep curriculum is built on the research-based Talent Development model for urban reform in education. Instructional strategies include teacher modeling to help students understand academic tasks, mixed-ability cooperative groups, cooperative learning activities, and additional supplemental activities for students who need additional or accelerated support. The Detroit Collegiate Prep schedule provides double dose courses for extra time in reading and math for those students who need to fill in conceptual and skills gaps. Career-focused elective courses challenge students to apply their academic skills to real-world scenarios.

Student Body: The Detroit Collegiate Preparatory High School opened in Fall 2011 with 110 9th grade students enrolled. Each year, a new 9th Grade will be added until the school reaches its target maximum of fewer than 500 students.

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