

Jalen Rose Leadership Academy

Fact Sheet

Mission: The Jalen Rose Leadership Academy (JRLA) mission is to provide a leadership-focused experience within a high performing high school that engages and inspires Detroit area youth to achieve at the rigorous level necessary to ultimately graduate with a college degree.

Background: Jalen Rose Leadership Academy is a public charter school authorized by the Central Michigan University Center for Charter Schools. The school was founded by ESPN commentator and professional basketball player, Jalen Rose, as a continuation of his goal to give back to the future leaders of Detroit. Through a partnership with the University of Detroit Mercy, the Jalen Rose Leadership Academy will provide college campus exposure, mentoring, and dual enrollment college courses.

Curriculum: Jalen Rose Leadership Academy curriculum focuses on preparing students to be leaders in many domains as a result of their learning success in core academics, as well as leadership and research and technology. Students are exposed through electives to career opportunities in the leadership, sports and entertainment industries. The curriculum is rigorous, project based mastery learning delivered through a deliberate instructional program building on original e-portfolio curriculum guides for math, English history, life science, research and technology, and leadership.

JRLA signature courses include:

- Leadership, taught daily by the school leaders
- Research and Technology, taught daily
- Sports and Entertainment-themed electives based on student interests.

The optimum goal is high achievement on the ACT as a result of the rigorous teaching/learning environment required for students to complete high school, enter college without the need for remediation, and earn a college degree.

Student Body: Jalen Rose Leadership Academy opened in Fall 2011 with 120 9th grade students enrolled. Each year, a new 9th Grade will be added until the school reaches its target maximum of fewer than 480 students.

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