

Detroit Leadership Academy

Fact Sheet

Mission: Detroit Leadership Academy will provide a stimulating and supportive environment in which a diverse student population can learn, grow and lead.

Background: Detroit Leadership Academy is the latest edition to public charter schools operated by the YMCA. It will be the third component of a complete K-12 school operated by the Y and specifically will be the high school component of the current primary academy.

Curriculum: Detroit Leadership Academy is committed to creating a holistic, college- prep school culture that will support students' high academic achievement while providing resources, mentors, experiences beyond the classroom through the YMCA's extensive community resources, wraparound services, and college-prep experiences.

The goal of the Academy is for students to know adults are their advocates, learn how to be advocates for themselves, and take on leadership roles in the school and community at-large.

They have developed a comprehensive plan to develop a strong, flexible leadership-based curriculum design, aligned with the Michigan Merit Curriculum with a goal that all students demonstrate:

- ACT college readiness standards
- Mastery of content standards
- Core values of the Detroit Leadership Academy and the YMCA.

In addition, teachers will emphasize the arts and provide real-world exposure through the YMCA's extensive service network.

Student Body: The primary Detroit Leadership Academy opened in the fall of 2010 with grades K-5 and expanded to include grades 6 this fall with 303 students currently enrolled. In the fall of 2012 the school will expand up to include grades 8 and 9.

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