



Achievement Academy Charter School

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY?

Achievement Academy is a college preparatory public middle school opening in the fall of 2005. The basic features of Achievement Academy school program include:

- **Small School:** In our first year, we will enroll 75 students in grade 5. After 4 years, our maximum enrollment to be 300 students in grades 5-8.
- **More Time:** Our school day begins at 7:30am and ends at 5:00pm with additional tutoring available. The school year will be 210 days.
- **Character Education:** All students and faculty must live by our REACH values – Respect, Enthusiasm, Achievement, Citizenship, and Hard Work.
- **Rigorous Curriculum:** All students master core skills and knowledge with a particular focus in math, reading, and writing.
- **Uniforms:** Uniforms are required for all students.
- **Frequent Assessments:** Teachers assess student performance every six weeks.

WHY WAS THE SCHOOL STARTED?

Achievement Academy was created to provide students in Albany with a small, high quality public middle school where academics always come first. The charter is held by a non-profit Board of Trustees of community and business leaders, who are committed to ensuring that children from Albany are prepared for college.

WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL?

Mr. Nala Woodard grew up in Albany and attended and graduated from the city's public schools. Mr. Woodard has taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grades in traditional public and public charter schools in Rochester and Albany. Mr. Woodard recently completed an internship at our partner school, Amistad Academy Charter School in New Haven, Connecticut. Amistad is a nationally recognized charter middle school that regularly outperforms city and suburban schools on state tests.

WHERE IS THE SCHOOL LOCATED?

The new school building will be located at 42 South Dove Street in Albany.



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION?

All students entering the 5th grade in fall 2005. With only 75 seats, there will likely be more applicants than available spaces. In that case, a random lottery will be used to determine accepted applicants.

IS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Yes, transportation is provided by the City School District.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FOR MY CHILD?

Achievement Academy will provide an environment that encourages students with high expectations. Our students will:

- **Be Prepared for College:** We will prepare every student for rigorous high school work that will lead to college.
- **REACH:** Our core values are summed-up by REACH. It stands for Respect, Enthusiasm, Achievement, Citizenship, and Hard Work.
- **Read. Constantly.:** Our reading program requires an unusual amount of reading and textual analysis. Students will also read books of their own choosing independently and keep a reading log.
- **Do The Math:** Our math program is based on the simple premise that students need to do math in order to know math. Students will have to know and understand not only how to solve problems, but also how to perform mathematical functions.
- **Participate in Building a Culture of Achievement:** Students meet daily to recognize and encourage achievement among their peers. Lots of schools hold assemblies to praise their athletic teams; at Achievement Academy we hold them to praise learning and integrity.

DO I HAVE TO PAY TUITION??

No. As a public school, Achievement Academy is free.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For more information call Principal Mr. Nala Woodard at (518) 694-3666.