

Columbus Collegiate Academy – West

Mission

Columbus Collegiate Academy – West prepares middle school students to achieve academic excellence and become citizens of integrity. High expectations for scholarship and behavior and an achievement-oriented school culture ensure all students are equipped to enter, succeed in, and graduate from the most demanding high schools and colleges.

Columbus Collegiate Academy – West (CCA – West) will provide a college-preparatory middle grades education to students in Columbus who are primarily low-income and racially diverse. Critical school elements include:

- An intensive curriculum with a strong focus on skill development, especially in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- A longer school day (8:00-4:00).
- Extended class time in literacy and mathematics to ensure proficiency in basic skills for all students.
- Regular homework to ensure skill development and content mastery.
- Interventions, including tutoring in small groups, for students who do not meet academic standards.
- A simple uniform that supports respect for self and others and diminishes social stress.

In alignment with the Charter School Program’s purpose, CCA – West proposes to increase the number of high quality charter schools available to Columbus students by replicating the success of the Columbus Collegiate Academy – Main Street Campus. CCA – West will benefit the diverse students in the Hilltop/Franklinton neighborhood and, being located in the capital of Ohio, will use its successes to positively influence policymakers’ understanding of a quality charter school model.

Proposed CCA-West Student Profile

- 60% of our students will be white, 30% will be black, 5% will be Hispanic, and 5% will be Multi-Racial.
- 90% or more of our students will qualify for Free/Reduced lunch.
- Only 45-50% of our students will have scored Proficient or higher on their 5th grade Ohio Achievement Assessment upon entrance to CCA – West.

Goals for CCA-West:

- Reaching our academic goals will be the primary measure of our success – students will learn to a high and demanding degree and must exceed Ohio state standards.
- We expect students who complete the 6th through 8th grade CCA – West program will be prepared to enter and compete in college-preparatory high schools on their way to the colleges and universities of their choice.
- CCA – West will meet or exceed the performance outcomes of its high-quality, predecessor CCA – Main Street.

CCA-Main Street School Performance Outcomes

2008 – 2009 OAA 6th grade Proficiency results: 82% (math) and 74% (reading)¹
2009 – 2010 OAA 6th grade Proficiency results: 74% (math) and 80% (reading)
7th grade Proficiency results: 100% (math) and 93% (reading)

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¹ CCA proficiency results were categorically well above Columbus City Schools’ results each year, from 2008-2010.