

I-LEAD Charter School

I-LEAD, Inc., a community-based nonprofit organization that works to improve local quality of life by helping to strengthen citizens as effective community leaders has formed a founding coalition to develop and implement a charter school. I-LEAD Charter School will serve the community of Reading, Pennsylvania. The school opened in September 2011 and, as such is a start-up charter school.

Reading has been identified by the U.S. Census as having the highest percentage of individuals living in poverty in America. Serving youth in grades 9 through 12, I-LEAD Charter School will focus on meeting the educational needs of those youth who have dropped out of high school or who are at-risk for doing so. Currently, less than 60% of high school students in Reading are graduating from high school. Using a unique approach of classroom and experiential learning strategies that are learner centered, the school seeks to equip students with the academic knowledge, technology and decision-making skills that they need to succeed as adults. All curricula used in the school will be aligned to the Pennsylvania state content standards.

ILCS will utilize a variety of tools to assess learner progress. Achieve and Acuity Assessments will provide baseline data and will provide benchmarks throughout the academic year. Students will also annually participate in the Keystone Assessments.

I-LEAD Charter School is a second chance option for some of the forgotten students of the school system to become reengaged in education and direct themselves toward a positive future.

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