

## **Knowledge Academy @ the Crossings**

### **Abstract Narrative Form**

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Knowledge Academy @ the Crossings is the second publicly authorized charter middle school of Knowledge Academies, Inc., (Antioch, TN 37013), designed to transform the lives of our students and surrounding community, one of the fastest growing in Tennessee. Our model provides exceptional support for personalized learning, every day, for every learner (youth – adult), including a less than 9 to 1 student to staff ratio, and the launch of the **Center for Personalized Learning**. The **Center** will serve as a “Learning Hub” to connect families to workforce development, industry credentials, and economic development priorities, as identified by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Partnership 2020.

Located in one of Tennessee’s most diverse neighborhoods, our student population is comprised of over 90 percent on free / reduced priced lunch, including 12 percent of students with disabilities and 18 percent of students that receive English Language Learner (ELL) services. Our team's track record includes recognition as a top 5% Tennessee Reward School for Academic Learning Gains (2014), the launch of KA High, designated a National K-12 Breakthrough Model for College, recognition as a 2015 NEXT AWARDS FINALIST by the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, and newly authorized school transformation provider for the Tennessee Achievement School District.

This project will support exceptional academic achievement and learning gains for students, with the support of their families, using innovative talent development initiatives and rigorous program evaluation, connected to the economic development needs of one of the nation’s fastest growing metropolitan areas (Nashville, TN).