



LEAD Public Schools

LEAD Academy High School

2015-2016

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Mission & Vision

LEAD Academy exists to support, train, and educate the next generation of responsible citizens. Our doors are open to all students who desire a rigorous academic program that prepares them to graduate from high school and make a meaningful contribution to their community.

Our vision is to do *"Whatever It Takes"* to graduate 100 percent of our students and ensure that each of them is accepted to a four-year college. We have met that goal for each of our graduating classes.

Community

LEAD Academy, a public charter school, opened in 2007 to serve students from low-income families zoned to persistently low-performing schools. The Tennessee Charter Law changed in 2011 so that all students were eligible to attend charter schools regardless of income or school zone. Now LEAD Academy is open to all students in Davidson County.

School & District

LEAD Academy's student body is 93 percent minority and more than 90 percent qualify for the federal free and reduced lunch program. LEAD Academy students consistently score higher on end-of-course exams than their peers in other non-select high schools in Nashville. In the 2014-2015 school year, LEAD Academy was named a Tennessee Reward School for producing student growth rates in the top 5 percent of all schools in Tennessee.

Accreditation

LEAD Academy High School is a public charter school within the LEAD Public Schools system and is fully accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/AdvancEd.

Memberships

The College Counseling Department memberships: College Board, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and Tennessee Access and Support Network.

Curriculum

As an emerging high school, LEAD Academy is in the process of refining its academic program and course offerings, including honors, Advanced Placement, and dual enrollment courses. LEAD currently offers AP English Language Composition, AP US History and AP Calculus A/B. Eligible students take college level courses at Nashville State Community College as well as a State Dual Credit option for Pre-Calculus.

Grading & Ranking

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

A	93-100	(4.0)
B	85-92	(3.0)
C	75-84	(2.0)
D	70-74	(1.0)
F	<70	(0.0)

Students are not ranked at LEAD Academy.

Unweighted Grades

According to Metro Nashville Public School's policy, LEAD Academy does not use the weighted GPA shown on the district transcripts. In compliance with Tennessee state law, AP students receive five additional points and honors students receive three additional points for each quarter.

Graduation Requirements

LEAD students are required to earn 30 units of credit for graduation:

English- 4 units
 Math- 4 units
 Social Studies- 3.5 units
 Science- 3 units
 World Language 2 units
 Fine Arts- 1 unit
 Crew/Seminar- 4 units
 Physical Education- 1 unit
 Wellness- 1 unit
 Electives- 6.5 units

AP Courses and Examinations

Calculus AB
 English Language and Composition
 United States History

**Other AP courses will be added in the future.*

Extracurricular Activities

Basketball (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
 Cheerleading (Varsity)
 Choir
 Cross Country (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
 Dance Team
 Debate Team
 Distinguishing Gentlemen
 LEADers in Action
 LEADing Ladies

National Honors Society
 Panther Spirit Club
 Photography Club
 Poetry/Spoken Word
 Student Government
 Technology Club
 Volleyball (Women) (Varsity)
 Yearbook
 Youth & Government/Model UN

ACT College Testing

	Average ACT Score	Percent of Students Meeting College Ready Benchmark			
		English	Math	Reading	Science
2015-2016 LEAD Academy	18.4	49%	20%	22%	12%
2014 Tennessee African American Students	16.5	33%	9%	14%	8%
2014 National First Generation Students		42%	24%	22%	17%
2015 Tennessee	19.8	58%	30%	38%	29%
2015 National	21	64%	42%	46%	38%

Postsecondary

100 percent of our alumni have been admitted to a four-year college. Some chose to take advantage of TnPromise, a last-dollar scholarship program, and start at a community or vocational tech college.

Four Year University	52%
Two Year College (TnPromise Scholar)	32%
Vocational Tech College	0%
Not Enrolled	16%

College Matriculation

Our first two graduating classes proudly represent the following institutions:

Alabama A&M University	Purdue University
Austin Peay State University	Savannah State University
Bethel University	Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
Carson-Newman University	Tennessee College of Applied Technology
Fisk University	Tennessee State University
Florida A&M University	Tennessee Tech University
Lipscomb University	University of Memphis
Middle Tennessee State University	University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Minneapolis College of Art & Design	University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Morehouse College	Volunteer State Community College
Nashville State Community College	Western Kentucky University

College Representative Visits

Colleges and universities are cordially invited to visit LEAD Academy High School. A two-week advance notice is appreciated. All inquiries should be directed to the College Counseling Department via phone at (615) 618-9695 or email your request at charris@leadacademy.org.

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