



LEAD Public Schools

LEAD Academy High School

2018-2019 Profile

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MISSION & VISION

LEAD Public Schools prepares all of our students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college and in life. At LEAD Public Schools, we believe that every student has the potential to succeed in a challenging academic environment where rigor and scholastic excellence are balanced with character building, independence of thought, and joy of learning. It is our vision, therefore, that every student who attends a LPS High School will graduate and be accepted to a four-year college or post-secondary program.

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 & PERFORMANCE

LEAD Academy's student body is predominately low-income, students of color, and first-generation college students.

- 55% come from non-English language background, 16% have limited English proficiency
- 27.6% were born in a different country (Egypt, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Somalia, etc.)
- 51% are Economically Disadvantaged
- 43% African American, 43% Hispanic/Latino, 12% White (8% Egyptian) 1.4% Asian
- 13% receive Exceptional Education

LEAD Academy students consistently perform at or above the Metro Public Schools and the state in four of six English and math courses. Furthermore, LEAD specializes in accelerating learning for low-income students. When compared to the state our low-income students consistently outperform their peers in math, English, and science. Finally, in 2014-15 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.

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 as part of MNPS policy.

UNWEIGHTED GRADES

LEAD Academy does not weight student grades. In compliance with Tennessee state law, AP students receive five additional points and honors students receive three additional points for each quarter.

LEAD students are required to earn 26 credits for graduation:

English	4 credits	World Language	2 credits
Math	4 credits	Lifetime Wellness	1 credit
Seminar	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Social Studies	3 credits	Physical Education	0.5 credit
Electives	3 credits		

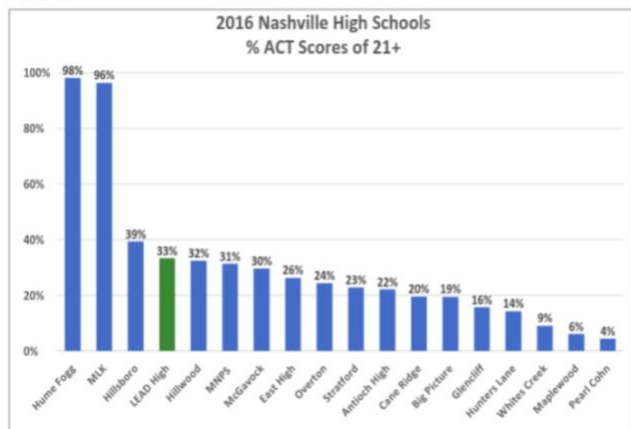
ADVANCED PLACEMENT

LEAD Academy offers the following Advanced Placement courses:

Calculus AB	Human Geography
Chemistry	Psychology
English Literature & Composition	US History
English Language & Composition	

Enrollment in Honors or AP class is contingent upon departmental approval and students who take an AP course are required to take the AP exam.

ACT



Source: 2016 State Report Card

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LEAD Academy offers the following extracurricular activities:

- Basketball (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Beats Club
- Boys Leadership Club
- Cheerleading (Men & Women) (Varsity)
- Cross Country (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Debate Club
- Film & Acting Club
- Girls Mentoring Club
- National Honors Society
- Oasis International Teen Outreach Club
- Percussion Club
- Poetry/Spoken Word Club
- Soccer (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Student Government Association
- Technology Club
- Volleyball (Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Yearbook Club
- Youth & Government/Model UN

POSTSECONDARY & PERSISTENCE

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 at a community or vocational college. According to the National Student Clearinghouse, here is a current enrollment breakdown for our five graduating classes:

Four Year University	41%
Two Year & Vocational Tech College	15%
Military	1%
Not Enrolled	36%
College Degree Earned	6%

LEAD's college four-year persistence rate is trending four-times higher than the national average for low income students of color.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Our alumnae proudly represent the following institutions:

- Alabama A&M University
- Austin Peay State University
- Ball State
- Belmont University
- Bethel University
- Centre College
- Clark Atlanta University
- Coker College
- Cumberland University
- Emory University
- Fisk University
- Florida A&M University
- Hendrix College
- Lincoln College of Technology
- Lipscomb University
- Maryville College
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design
- Motlow State Community College
- Mount Saint Mary's University (Chalon)
- Nashville State Community College
- Purdue University
- Rhodes College
- Rust College
- Tennessee College of Applied Technology
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Tech University
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Volunteer State Community College
- Watkins College of Art & Design
- Western Kentucky University

VISIT & CONTACT

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