



# LEAD Public Schools LEAD Academy High School 2017-2018 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
- 56% African American, 30% Hispanic/Latino, 12% White (8% Egyptian) 1.7% 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 Academy.

## 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		

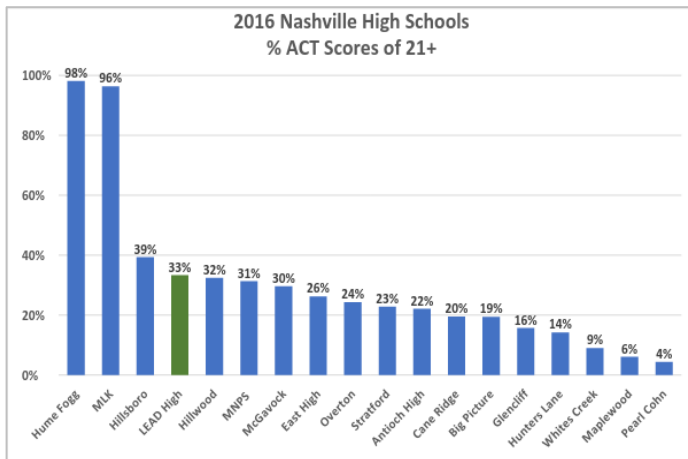
## ADVANCED PLACEMENT

LEAD Academy offers the following Advanced Placement courses:

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

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
- Big Brothers Big Sisters 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
- Technology Club
- Volleyball (Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Yearbook Club
- Youth & Government/Model UN

## 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 at a community or vocational college. Here is a current enrollment breakdown for our four graduating classes:

Four Year University	50%
Two Year & Vocational Tech College	22%
Not Enrolled	28%

## COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Our alumni proudly represent the following institutions:

- Austin Peay State University
- Belmont University
- Bethel University
- Centre College
- Coker College
- Cumberland University
- Fisk University
- Florida A&M University
- Hendrix College
- Lane College
- Lincoln College of Technology
- Lipscomb University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design
- Morehouse College
- Nashville State Community College
- Purdue University
- Rhodes College
- Rust College
- Savannah State University
- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- St. Louis College of Pharmacy
- Tennessee College of Applied Technology
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Tech University
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- Volunteer State Community College
- Watkins College of Art & Design
- Western Kentucky University

## COLLEGE PERSISTENCE

The percentage of LEAD graduates still enrolled in college is six-times greater than the national average for low-income students. Currently, 62% of the class of 2014-2016 are currently persisting at a postsecondary college or university.

## VISIT & CONTACT

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