



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 predominantly 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:

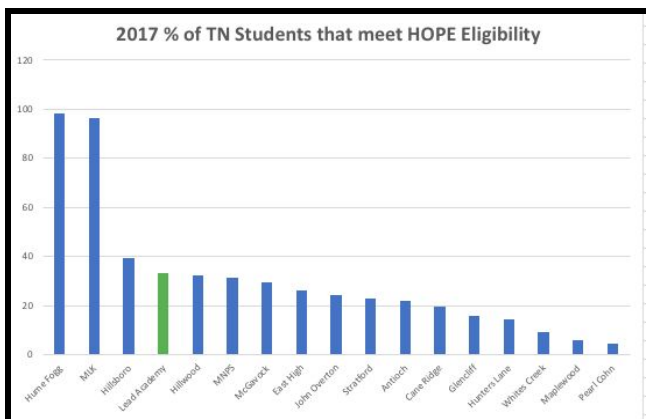
English	4 credits	World Language	2 credits
Math	4 credits	Lifetime Wellness	1 credit
Seminar	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Social Studies	3 credits	Physical Education	0.5 credit
Electives	3 credits		

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.



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

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.

VISIT & CONTACT

All visit inquiries should be booked through RepVisits or sent via email to Kelly Pietkiewicz at least two-weeks in advance.

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