

EMERALD ACADEMY

A New School for City Kids

Why Choose Emerald Academy?

Emerald Academy is a proposed tuition-free public charter school. Emerald Academy scholars and staff will value respect, responsibility, self-discipline, courage and perseverance.

Emerald Academy will prepare scholars for college and career readiness. We believe that every child can achieve at high levels and can succeed in high school and in college.

Personalized Instruction

Emerald Academy will provide enrichment to scholars who need to be challenged and extra instruction to those who need more assistance.

Emerald Academy will:

- Allow scholars to contact teachers by phone after hours.
- Provide scholars with a 90-minute period four days each week to focus on their individual needs.
- Employ experienced staff to support scholars with special needs, English language learners, and at-risk scholars.

Longer School Day/Longer School Year

Emerald Academy will have an extended schedule:

- The school day will be from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm four days per week and 8:00 am - 2:30 pm one day per week.
- The school year will be 190 days vs. 180 days for traditional public schools.

Structured Environment

Emerald Academy's environment will be structured and focused:

- As a K-8 school, there will be no change to another building nor a new principal after the 5th grade.
- Scholars will transition between classes silently.
- Scholars will wear affordable uniforms and staff will dress in professional business attire.

Low Scholar-Teacher Ratio

At Emerald Academy, there will be 60 scholars per grade level:

- 15:1 in the elementary grades
- 20:1 in the middle school grades

Parental Involvement

Parents will be expected to:

- Sign a contract of commitment and held accountable to it.
- Attend the annual scholar and family orientation.
- Participate in parent conferences throughout the year.

Guidance for Parents

Emerald Academy will help parents learn how to get involved in the school, assist their children with homework, and provide other support.

Long-Term Commitment

Life coaches will work with scholars throughout their entire academic career (kindergarten-college).

Ambitious Academic Goals

By the end of Emerald Academy's 10-year charter contract, the school will be in the top five percent for state assessments with no significant gaps in achievement.



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