

Now Enrolling Students Entering the 5th Grade

"We teach so our kids learn more and have fun doing it. By working hard and sweating the details, they won't just get to college, they'll thrive there."

—David McBride, 7th Grade History Teacher



TROY PREP

True North Troy Preparatory Charter School

A FREE, PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

True North Troy Preparatory Charter School, known as Troy Prep, is a rigorous, college preparatory public school. Troy Prep is free and open to all families living in Troy that will have 5th grade students in 2009-2010.

Troy Prep fosters outstanding student achievement and ensures that students develop the skills, knowledge, and character traits necessary to succeed in college and beyond. At Troy Prep, every teacher and administrator believes that every child will succeed through hard work and excellent behavior.

Troy Prep offers an extended school day and extended year. The school day runs from 7:40 AM until 4:40 PM. The school year is 195 days and there is additional summer work as necessary. Students spend twice as much time learning English and math as they would in a traditional public school.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Starting in the 5th grade, Troy Prep prepares students for college. The school features a rigorous college prep program, pushing students to meet the highest standards in reading, writing, math, history, and science. The school was founded by Uncommon Schools, a

nonprofit organization that starts and manages outstanding urban, public charter schools that consistently outperform the city and statewide averages on state assessments.

CHARACTER AND ETHICS

Troy Prep not only prepares students to succeed in college, but it prepares them to succeed when judged, in Dr. King's words, by the content of their character. Students at Troy Prep are expected to demonstrate the core virtues of perseverance, integrity, diligence, responsibility, compassion, and respect in everything they do. They adhere to a strict but supportive daily regimen that makes respectful treatment of one's teachers and peers non-negotiable. Students also learn from a code of values that helps them to use their knowledge and skills to do what is right.

SAFE, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT

All students at Troy Prep follow the school's unique code of conduct at all times. Parents are expected to support this code. That means hard work is required: teachers expect students to complete at least one hour of homework each night. Students wear school uniforms and conduct themselves with dignity and honor. Discipline is serious and caring and the faculty, staff, and students meet as a community several mornings a week to

discuss the progress of the group, and often individuals, in upholding their commitment to the school's culture of hard work and discipline.

PARTNERSHIP WITH FAMILIES

Troy Prep parents receive updates on their children's academic progress every two weeks. They are able to dial a homework hotline nightly to check on their children's homework and they receive a call when homework is not complete. They are in contact with an academic advisor—a teacher or staff member who knows their children well through regular meetings. The advisor serves as the first point of contact for questions and concerns. At Troy Prep, parents will be welcome to visit their children's classrooms anytime, without an appointment.

SMALL SCHOOL, INTENSIVE SUPPORT

Troy Prep will open with approximately 75 students. At full size, we will have fewer than 300 students in grades 5–8, making it the sort of small school that research shows increases student achievement and helps students to feel like they belong—the sort of school where every staff member knows every student by name, where students are held accountable for their behavior, and where nobody falls through the cracks.

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ENTER TROY PREP

As a public charter school, admission to Troy Prep is open to all Troy students entering the 5th grade in September 2009. If you are interested in entering the lottery for the 2009-2010 school year, please contact us at (518) 445-3100 or info@troyprep.org for more information on the process.

JOIN OUR TEAM

If you are interested in applying to work at Troy Prep, at other schools within the Uncommon Schools network, or at the Uncommon home office, please visit our website at <http://www.uncommonschoools.org/usi/careers/> to complete our on-line application. If you have questions, please contact us at recruitment@uncommonschoools.org.

BE UNCOMMON

Uncommon Schools is a nonprofit organization that starts and manages outstanding urban, public charter schools that close the achievement gap and prepare low-income students to graduate from college. The organization builds tight networks of philosophically aligned schools in close geographic proximity to one another so that teachers and staff can collaborate, benefit from common services, and focus on the urgent task of closing the achievement gap.

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