Great Oaks Legacy Charter School is a high-performing, innovative public charter school in Newark NJ, serving students from Pre-K to 12th grade on multiple campuses across the city.
At Great Oaks Legacy Charter School, students get the support they need to build upon their strengths so they can achieve their dreams.
We educate nearly 2,000 students at seven campuses across Newark.

- **Legacy Elementary & Middle School**
  823 South 16th Street, Newark, NJ 07108

- **Downtown Elementary School**
  909 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102

- **Downtown Middle School**
  24 Maiden Lane, Newark, NJ 07102

- **Downtown High School**
  17-19 Crawford Street, Newark, NJ 07102

- **Fairmount Heights Elementary School**
  308 South 9th Street, Newark, NJ 07103

- **Fairmount Heights Middle School**
  240 14th Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103
Our mission is to prepare every student for college success.

We want to make sure that all children have the support they need — inclusive of resources that acknowledge and address systemic inequities — to be empowered to thrive.
Creating a community that is built upon genuine and meaningful relationships.

Being surgical in our approach to differentiation of instruction and support of all students and team members.

Setting and exceeding high expectations for academic growth and character development for all students in preparation for success in college and beyond.
HISTORICAL

91%
Graduate High School

85%
Matriculate to College

83%
Persist in College

425
# of Alumni

HISTORICAL

$20,134,590
1st Yr. College Scholarships
Marketing Materials

Student Recruiting Materials

Google Ads
Our social media platforms offer an engaging way to share information and connect students, parents, and teachers. Social media has proven to become an effective tool in education and makes it easy to inform everyone that school has been closed because of snow, remind parents of important upcoming events, or simply celebrate our scholars.
4 Newark High Schools Grab Top Honors In Nation for Postsecondary Success

Earlier this year, five Newark high schools made the list of the top 500 Best High Schools in the state by U.S. News & World Report, considered the "Global Authority in Education Rankings."

The top Newark schools in the state included:
- Science Park High School (No. 29)
- Technology High School (No. 39)
- Great Oaks Legacy Charter School (No. 123)
- Essex County College Prep Senior School of Technology (No. 139)
- Essex County Science Tech (No. 347)

Following the announcement of the rankings, Mayor Ras Baraka said that seeing two district schools place in the top 50 in the state was symbolic of the district’s progress, especially during the pandemic.

"The fact that two of our high schools have demonstrated this type of distinction is absolutely incredible for the district," he said. "The development that has occurred from the elementary schools moving into these high schools shows that it’s a collective effort of all the teachers that have been involved."

Free tutoring for some Newark students

Pilot program is focused on closing the learning gap

In The News
Great Oaks Legacy is a great school for people who want to go to college and will put in the work to do so. Great Oaks Legacy has one mission: prepare every student for success in college. There are tutors to assist students and teachers work endlessly to make sure that this mission is complete ... If this all sounds good to you then Great Oaks Legacy is a perfect fit.
Fellowship Program

From 3rd grade through high school, students receive tutoring daily in Math and English Language Arts as part of their regular school day.

27%

Former tutor fellows comprise 27% of current GOLCS teaching staff.
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