

LEADERS CREED

"As a scholar at AJ Prep, I choose to be a leader. The standard is excellence today and tomorrow. I am disciplined, focused, and on time. I am organized, respectful, and responsible. I am on a mission to elevate myself, my community, and humanity. I will stand firm as I model integrity, service above self, and excellence in all I do."



Allen Jay Middle is designed to accelerate students on the pathway to college while providing a supportive and engaging environment where middle school students can thrive. To that end, it is essential that students recognize that there are no shortcuts to success and hard work is essential for academic and social growth.

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Allen Jay Middle

A PREPARATORY ACADEMY



STRIVING. ACHIEVING. EXCELLING.

Integrity First. Service Above Self. Excellence In All We Do.

ALLEN JAY MIDDLE'S FIVE PILLARS

CHARACTER AND SERVICE. The school instills in students the character traits of integrity, honesty, trustworthiness, self-discipline, kindness, respect and responsibility. These traits result in a commitment of service to the community.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE. The program provides challenging instruction at an accelerated pace designed to prepare students for college.

INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION. Teachers provide engaging instruction designed to inspire and motivate students toward independent learning. Strategies incorporate movement, music, individual technology and the arts to provide students with the most exciting educational experience offered in a public school.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. Participating students are trained for current and future leadership roles. Students have individual and collective responsibility for their behavior, service and learning. Opportunities to host visitors, act as mentors and serve as ambassadors for the program are available and expected for all students.

EFFORT AND COMMITMENT. The Allen Jay program is not for everyone; students must commit to the challenge of working hard to achieve success. Parents are expected to be active partners by both holding their student accountable and serving in the school program.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

HOW WE TEACH. Allen Jay Middle uses specific student engagement strategies to enhance student performance. Music and movement, for example, are a part of the classroom experience on a daily basis, helping to energize students. The use of one-to-one technology and personalized learning opportunities stimulate active learning.

WHAT WE TEACH. The curriculum follows Common Core State Standards, but Allen Jay Middle includes a literacy block designed to increase time for reading and hold students accountable for what they read. The entire school enters literacy block at a common time. Instruction emphasizes real-world scenarios and community awareness.

WHEN WE TEACH. The school has extended school days and an extended school year.

WHO WE TEACH. Allen Jay Middle is designed to serve students in grades 5-8, adding one grade level per year until we reach full capacity in 2016-17.

WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

HIGH STRUCTURE, HIGH PRAISE. The school establishes a culture of high expectations for academic and behavioral performance. Students earn scholar dollars for weekly incentives and are allowed to spend or bank for purchases in school store.

MORNING RALLY. Scholars gather each morning for a time of activity, sharing and celebration. Allen Jay Middle utilizes a House program to create smaller environments to enhance student success. Houses meet daily to receive school goals, hear from guest speakers and celebrate successes.

COLLEGE BOUND. Allen Jay Middle is committed to preparing each student to be successful in college. College names and mascots are used for various activities to emphasize the expectation that students should be college-ready. Students hear from guest speakers from the academic and business communities and participate in field trips to local universities.

CHARACTER EDUCATION. Allen Jay Middle provides intensive training on character, manners and professional conduct. Students have opportunities to greet guests, practice interviews and participate in leadership development. The expectation of hard work permeates everything Allen Jay Middle does.