

Malcolm Shabazz City High

Grades: **9 - 12th Grade** | Enrollment: **108** | Staff: **30**

At Shabazz City High School, learning is experiential, student-driven and deeply connected to real-world issues. Through project-based learning, students dive into authentic challenges that promote critical thinking, creativity and reflection. Shabazz's academic approach fosters intellectual curiosity and a genuine love of learning.



Learn.

In 2024, Shabazz earned 3 stars – Meeting Expectations on the Wisconsin State Report Card

With its Growth Priority Area Score of 75.5, Shabazz's score was the same or higher than 79.2% of 9-12 schools in the state along with a English Language Arts Score of 85. This success reflects the school's commitment to personalized, purpose-driven learning. At Shabazz, students discover who they are and how they can make a meaningful impact.



Belong.

Shabazz High fosters a strong sense of trust and connection. According to the 2024-25 Climate Survey:

- **97%** of students report strong relationships with teachers
- **87%** student sense of belonging
- **84%** student engagement
- **86%** positive student experience



Thrive.

Students at Shabazz thrive by learning through doing.

With **75%** of students participating in service or experiential learning and **88%** feeling valued at school, students graduate not only with academic skills, but with a deep sense of responsibility and purpose. Shabazz graduates are prepared to contribute, lead and adapt in any setting.

Start (Monday): 10 AM
Start (Tuesday-Friday): 8:45 AM
Dismissal (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday): 3:05 PM
Dismissal (Wednesday): Varies

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Empowering Every Student

Shabazz is a small, inclusive school community where students are known, supported and empowered. Rooted in anti-racist and restorative values, Shabazz nurtures belonging by centering student identity, voice and lived experience. With advisory mentorship and personalized support, students are part of a community that sees their full potential.

Authentic, Experiential Education

Learning at Shabazz extends beyond the classroom—through interdisciplinary, hands-on projects that often combine content areas like math and science in single courses. Students show growth through portfolios, reflections and performance, rather than traditional grades.

Community-Based Learning

From Project Green Teen to city-wide partnerships, Shabazz offers experiential courses rooted in environmental justice, service learning and outdoor adventure. Students engage with over 20 environmental partner agencies and 230+ volunteers.

Student-Centered Support

Shabazz's advisory model ensures every student receives personal support and mentorship. A non-traditional schedule, flexible credit opportunities and inclusive practices allow students to explore identity and build confidence.

Pathways After Graduation

In 2023, 84% of graduates pursued college—51% at four-year institutions and 33% at two-year colleges. Shabazz students often attend schools like Edgewood College, UW-Whitewater and Lawrence University.



Madison Metropolitan School District

(MMSD) is the place where your child will truly thrive. We welcome all children and foster a strong sense of belonging, ensuring every student feels valued and supported.

At MMSD, we believe in exploring a wide range of interests and providing opportunities that help students discover their passions, talents and unique potential. From arts to sciences, technology to sports, there's something for every child to explore and grow!

We're proud to have the support of our community, with newly renovated high schools, a new elementary school and 10 new buildings coming soon. These modern spaces create an environment for future-ready opportunities that will set your child up for success!

District Wide:

87%
Graduation Rate

43
National Merit
Semifinalists
(most in Wisconsin)

64%
of students graduate
with some college
credits

4,200
Advanced
Placement Taken
in 2025 with 80%
scoring 3 or higher

12
State Championships
for Career and
Technical Student
Organizations

190
WIAA Team State
Championships
(most in Wisconsin)



From Imagination to Illustration: Shabazz Art and English Class Turns Kindergarteners into Lead Characters of Their Own Book

A special world exists in the pages of a plastic-covered, spiral-bound customized book for a classroom of kindergarten students, a world more magical than any fairytale or thrilling than any comic. Here, kindergarteners aren't just the readers of stories – they are the main characters, crafted just for them by students at Malcolm Shabazz City High School.

For almost 30 years, a combined English and art class at Shabazz blends writing, illustration and mentorship, resulting in personalized books for each kindergarten



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