

# WHO WILL YOUR CHILD BE TO THE WORLD?

## DELAWARE COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

The **doctor** who found the cure to cancer?  
An **activist** and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize?  
The **CEO** of a Fortune 500 company?  
A best-selling **author**?  
A tenured **professor** at Harvard University?  
The **President** of the United States?  
An **entrepreneur** who donates millions to charity?



### EDUCATION = FREEDOM

“Education is the great equalizer in American society. It unlocks the doors to children’s futures. It’s the key to accessing opportunity and getting ahead in this country. That is why every adult—every parent, every grandparent, every relative and every foster parent—who is responsible for raising children in this day and age must be obsessed with making certain the young people they care about succeed in school. That they get the top-flight education that they need and deserve.” - Hugh B. Price

**WHAT IS DELAWARE COLLEGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY?** Delaware College Preparatory Academy is a tuition-free, coed, K-5, college preparatory charter school specifically designed to help urban children get into college. Our mission is simple and clear—prepare all of our children for college. No exceptions. No excuses. Our environment is academically rigorous and designed to expose boys and girls to college at the earliest grade—kindergarten. Many believe that college preparation should begin in middle and high school. We strongly disagree. Although many children *physically* drop out in high school, the decision is really made in elementary school. Therefore instilling the desire and preparing children academically for college success must begin at the elementary school level.

**WE MAKE NO EXCUSES.** We believe that all children can achieve. We do not place limits on a child’s potential due to their race, socioeconomic background, religion, parent’s level of education, or any other criteria that has little to do with a child’s *ability* to learn. That’s why we call our students scholars. In addition to treating all scholars with respect, our philosophy is centered on hiring the best teachers—individuals who also believe in your child’s potential. Teachers who are the best because they care and will not stop until every scholar in their classroom is learning.

**EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE.** Elementary school is the point in which children receive the building blocks vital to their educational success. A key component of this foundation is their ability to read with proficiency early. Because we recognize the importance of early literacy development, our educational program includes three times the standard level of literacy instruction provided in most public schools. We also provide double the amount of math instruction. Features of the school include:

- ◆ Exposure to college beginning in Kindergarten
- ◆ Extended school day: 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- ◆ Extended school year: August—June
- ◆ 160 minutes of literacy instruction daily
- ◆ 80 minutes of math instruction daily
- ◆ Art, Music and Physical Education
- ◆ Character development classes
- ◆ Two teachers in each class in grades K-2
- ◆ Computer use each day beginning in Kindergarten
- ◆ Small group instruction and one-on-one tutoring

### CULTURE COUNTS. BE THE DREAM.

Children must be in a healthy environment that is free of distraction to learn. We therefore insist on developing a structured, disciplined yet warm school environment that creates an atmosphere of academic excellence. Supporting this culture is our school’s core values—Be the Dream. In ‘being the dream’, scholars learn, practice and model behaviors that reflect discipline, a positive attitude, a commitment to educational excellence and respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and parents.

**PREP-PARENT PARTNERSHIP.** We value our parents as partners in the process of ensuring that each and every scholar is college bound. We believe in using frequent communication with parents to keep them aware of not only challenges but their scholar’s successes and achievements. Parents are invited to become involved as school volunteers and to become active participants in our Parent Leadership Council. A parent will also be invited to serve on our Board of Directors.

**HOW TO ENROLL YOUR CHILD.** Delaware College Preparatory Academy is now accepting applications for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students for the 2009-2010 school year. Parents must complete an application for each child they intend to enroll and meet with a Director of the school. Children will be enrolled on a first come-first serve basis or via open lottery if required. Any parent residing in Delaware whose child will be entering Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade in 2009 is invited to apply.

### MISSION

Ensuring that our kindergarten through grade five students are prepared to succeed in the most demanding college preparatory middle and high schools in the nation.

### WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?

Charter schools are tuition free public schools that operate independently of a specific school district. Charter schools have the freedom and flexibility to structure their programs in creative ways to boost student academic performance. In exchange for these freedoms, charter schools have a greater degree of accountability to the public to show strong academic results. Many charter schools have unique school programs, uniforms, and an extended school year.



### CONTACT US

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**BE THE DREAM**