



LEAD Public Schools LEAD Academy High School 2019-2020 Profile

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MISSION & VISION

LEAD Public Schools prepares all of our students with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college and in life. At LEAD Public Schools, we believe that every student has the potential to succeed in a challenging academic environment where rigor and scholastic excellence are balanced with character building, independence of thought, and joy of learning. It is our vision that every student who attends a LPS High School will graduate and be accepted to a four-year college or post-secondary program.

COMMUNITY

LEAD Academy, a public charter school, opened in 2007 to serve students from low-income families zoned to persistently low-performing schools. The Tennessee Charter Law changed in 2011 so that all students were eligible to attend charter schools regardless of income or school zone. Now LEAD Academy is open to all students in Davidson County.

SCHOOL & PERFORMANCE

LEAD Academy's student body is predominantly low-income, students of color, and first-generation college students.

- 430 students and over 45 staff
- 55% come from a non-English language background, 18% have limited English proficiency
- 31% were born in a different country (Egypt, Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Somalia, etc.)
- 11 different languages spoken
- 73% are Economically Disadvantaged
- 45% African American, 45% Hispanic/Latino, 9% White (8% Egyptian), 1% Asian/Other
- 13% receive Exceptional Education services

LEAD Academy students consistently perform at or above the Metro Public Schools and the state in four of six English and math courses. Furthermore, LEAD specializes in accelerating learning for low-income students. When compared to the state our low-income students consistently outperform their peers in math, English, and science. The vast majority of students that attend LEAD Academy come from a diverse, low-income background. Across Metro Nashville Public Schools as a whole, LEAD has the highest non-selective ACT scores for these two demographic groups.

ACCREDITATION

LEAD Academy High School is a public charter school within the LEAD Public Schools system and is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/AdvancEd.

MEMBERSHIPS

The College Counseling Department memberships: College Board, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, and Tennessee Access and Support Network.

GRADING & RANKING

The numerical grading scale is as follows:

A	93-100	(4.0)
B	85-92	(3.0)
C	75-84	(2.0)
D	70-74	(1.0)
F	< 70	(0.0)

Students are not ranked at LEAD as part of MNPS policy.

UNWEIGHTED GRADES

LEAD Academy does not weight student grades. In compliance with Tennessee state law, AP students receive five additional points and honors students receive three additional points for each quarter.

LEAD students are required to earn 26 credits for graduation:

English	4 credits	World Language	2 credits
Math	4 credits	Lifetime Wellness	1 credit
Seminar	4 credits	Fine Arts	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Social Studies	3 credits	Physical Education	0.5 credit
Electives	3 credits		

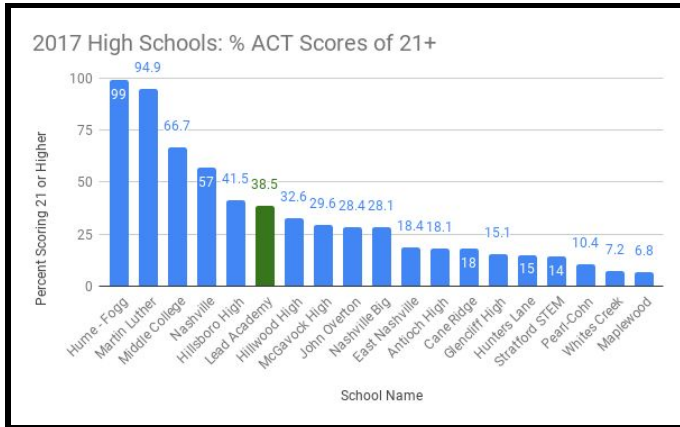
ADVANCED PLACEMENT

LEAD Academy offers the following Advanced Placement courses:

Calculus AB	Human Geography
Chemistry	Psychology
English Language & Composition	US History
English Literature & Composition	

Enrollment in Honors or AP class is contingent upon departmental approval and students who take an AP course are required to take the AP exam.

ACT



Source: 2017 State Report Card

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

LEAD Academy offers the following extracurricular activities:

- Basketball (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Beats Club
- Cheerleading (Men & Women) (Varsity)
- Cross Country (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Debate Club
- Film & Acting Club
- Girls Mentoring Club
- LEADHer (Girls Community Service)
- National Honors Society
- Oasis International Teen Outreach Club
- Percussion Club
- Poetry/Spoken Word Club
- Soccer (Men & Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Student Government
- Technology Club
- Video Game Club
- Volleyball (Women) (JV & Varsity)
- Weightlifting Club
- Yearbook Club
- Youth & Government/Model UN

POSTSECONDARY & PERSISTENCE

LEAD's enrollment averages according to the National Student Clearinghouse Spring 2019 Report:

Class of 2014	35%
Class of 2015	27%
Class of 2016	37%
Class of 2017	45%
Class of 2018	67%

According to the [Nashville Public Education Foundation](#), Metro Nashville Public Schools has a 24% persistence average. Additionally, we are trending higher than the national average for low-income students, which is 14% according to the [National Center for Education Statistics](#).

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Our alumni proudly represent the following institutions:

- Alabama A&M University
- Austin Peay State University
- Belmont University
- Bethel University
- Centre College
- Clark Atlanta University
- Columbia State Community College
- Cumberland University
- Emory University
- Fisk University
- Florida A&M University
- Hendrix College
- Lincoln College of Technology
- Lipscomb University
- Maryville College
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Minneapolis College of Art & Design
- Motlow State Community College
- Nashville State Community College
- Purdue University
- Rhodes College
- Rust College
- Tennessee College of Applied Technology
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Tech University
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- University of Memphis
- United States Army
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Volunteer State Community College
- Watkins College of Art & Design
- Western Kentucky University

VISIT & CONTACT

All visit inquiries should be booked through RepVisits or sent via email to Kelly Pietkiewicz at least two-weeks in advance.

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LEAD SOUTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

Did you know LEAD Public Schools is home to two high schools? LEAD Southeast High School, located in Antioch, Tennessee, will welcome its first senior class in 2020-2021!

Colleges should anticipate communication via RepVisits about scheduling Spring 2020 visits with the Class of 2021.