



# Academic Services

## Monitoring Report 2021

# Prep Academy

- Partnership between DPS & Richland Community College
- Earn high school diploma + Associate's Degree from RCC concurrently
- ***NO COST TO STUDENTS***

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# Required for Acceptance

## Completed application includes:

- Attendance required at Student informational session
- Attendance required at Parent informational session
- One letter of recommendation
- Five paragraph essay
- Reviewing committee reviewed student assessment data
- Building level recommendations considered
- Final program acceptance determined by the review committee April 2021



I am so excited to see this program in place for our kids!

- 60 applicants with 52 students accepted.
- One of my 8th grade students stopped by my room and said “I got in!” I am so excited and so thrilled for our students to have this amazing opportunity to get an associates concurrently with their high school diploma, for FREE.
- My baby was accepted into the Prep Academy!!! So proud of him!!
- Student just emailed me to let me know he was accepted to the new prep academy program (he will be able to earn an associate’s degree concurrently with his high school education, at no expense to him).

# Prep Academy Signing Night

- May 17, 2021
- Introduced Staff
- Overview of Courses & Schedules
- Certificates Signing
- RCC Registration

# Prep Academy Demographics

School	# Apps	African American	Caucasian	Multi-race	Hispanic	Asian	Female	Male	MHS	EHS
Montessori	7	1	4	2	0	0	7	0	5	2
Johns Hill	6	2	2	1	1	0	4	2	4	2
Dennis	8	1	6	1	0	0	4	4	8	0
Hope Academy	5	4	0	0	1	0	5	0	2	3
SDMS	24	11	8	2	2	1	14	10	12	12
Robertson	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	52	21	20	6	4	1	36	16	33	19
		40.38%	38.46%	11.54%	7.69%	1.92%	69.23%	30.77%		

# Prep Academy Family Night

- Met academic Deans, student services, and College staff
- Learn about the ways for parents and families to contribute to the adjustment and achievement of their student.
- Find answers to questions about student life and the academic and social environments at Richland Community College.
- Enjoy an award-winning empowerment performance by Empowerment Comedian and Mental Health Coach Ernie G

# Program Performance Indicators

## Program Targets:

- 50 Incoming freshman cohort begins Fall 2021
- By 2025, graduate 200 DPS students through the Prep Academy
- Metrics that will be monitored:
  - # of students enrolled
  - # of college credits earned
  - College grade point average
  - Diversity and inclusion metrics

# Credit to Degree Pathway

- Freshman Year (earn 2 credit hours)
- Sophomore Year (earn 12 credit hours)
- Junior Year (earn 24 credit hours on campus)
- Senior Year (earn 24 credits on campus for fall and spring)

# Looking Forward

- Collaborative year end celebratory event
- RCC visit
- New Cohort Recruitment

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