ACADEMIC APPROACH

Helping inner-city youth gain a foothold and thrive means the mastering of academic standards through an emphasis on rigorous academics, the arts, STEM, and environmental science.

Integral to Paramount’s approach to education is:

- A commitment to Indiana Academic Standards
- Whole school use of computer technology
- Music, Art, Spanish, PE & Environmental Science
- Athletic and robotics extracurricular programs
- Before and after-school childcare, extended school hours, tutoring and family engagement programs
- 3 on-site Discovery Centers: An Eco Center, Time & Space Center, with planetarium and Urban Farm

CHALLENGES

- Academic achievement gap – students enrolling are already 1-2 levels below grade expectations
- Family engagement – societal challenges often present obstacles that effect student school readiness and parental involvement
- Highly qualified teachers – recruitment of skilled staff is critical to student success
- Support services – are essential as tools to remove barriers that hamper academic achievement

MISSION

Inspire learning through an unparalleled academic approach.

Transform communities by changing lives.

This important achievement represents Paramount’s consistent academic gains over the past four years and the hard work of students, teachers and families.

- Consistent academic gain, averaging 11% annual ISTEP gain over the past four years
- 2014 ISTEP improvement of 23% was the largest gain among charter schools
- ISTEP pass rates of 85.9% in math and 84.7% in language arts

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