

# New Community School is culturally balanced

## A+ Children's Academy Community School opens doors to grades 1-5

Parents on the south side of Columbus have a new choice for their child's education. A+ Children's Academy Community School is opening its doors to first through fifth graders on August 22. What is a community school and what makes it different from the typical neighborhood public school? A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community



engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Community schools offer

a curriculum that emphasizes real-world learning and community problem-solving.

What makes this school unique is that it emphasizes performing arts as an aid to teach all core subjects that the student can utilize both sides of their brain to retain the knowledge through experiential learning. "By teaching children how to read music, doors open to their creative side, which will help them grow in their core subjects, including reading and math. By incorporating music and movement into social studies

and history, students get to experience the subject as well as names and dates. Learning to read music also helps in reading by teaching one to recognize sequences in sentence structure," says Skip Sams (M. Mus), Artistic Director of the school.

"We give children a completely rounded education that includes a holistic process to aid each child in discovering their greatest strengths and to create solutions to their greatest needs" said Principal Mindi Hardgrow. "We focus on the whole child, not just his or her tests scores. It is our goal to give each child the experience of learning on an emotional and mental level, now, in the present moment. It is through experience that real education takes place. Experience is what we take with us through life, not formulas."

The school will implement a uniform dress policy which will allow all children to concentrate more on their studies and less on their wardrobe. A de-emphasis on clothing can also save money, as there will be less pressure to keep up with expensive trends and fashions. In addition, dress codes in school settings reduce social conflict and peer pressure that may be associated with appearance.

A+ Children's Academy is a state funded public school. The tax dollars pay the tuition, not the parent. The school will also accept grants and seek private donors to supply instruments, computers, and enhanced learning opportunities.

*For more information or to register your child, visit [www.apluschildrensacademy.org](http://www.apluschildrensacademy.org) or call (614) 491-8502. The school is located at 100 Obetz Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207.*



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