



## Who are We?

*Lafayette Preparatory Academy (LPA) is a public charter school that offers a comprehensive high-quality public educational track for students in St. Louis City. Lafayette Preparatory Academy's Elementary School will opened in the Fall of 2013 initially as a K-2 charter school with 76. LPA will continue to grow with our students through 5th grade, opening and pursuing a new charter for a partnering middle school in 2018 and highschool in 2021 for its students to feed directly into.*

## Mission

*Lafayette Preparatory Academy is a community that prepares all students for academic and collegiate success and equips them to enter the world as active, responsible and involved citizens and leaders.*

## Vision

*We believe all of our students can and will achieve ambitious academic and personal outcomes. We encourage curiosity and thrive from challenge. Staff and parents collaborate to create a learning community that helps all students identify their interests and promote their strengths. In this joyful and intentionally diverse atmosphere, students will feel developed and cared for as people and will become responsible problem-solvers, communicators, teammates and leaders.*

## Core Competencies

*We will be guided by nine core competencies for individuals in today's economy. These competencies reflect the conviction that academic mastery of skills is only part of what makes a student successful.*

**Intellectual:** An LPA intellectual will truly love learning, be confident and curious about the world, and seek knowledge in a variety of subjects and situations.

**Community Citizen:** An LPA citizen is able to assess and negotiate a variety of contexts and environments and move comfortably within each at an age-appropriate level. He has a strong sense of ownership in his family and the St. Louis community.

**Effective Communicator:** An LPA communicator can communicate effectively utilizing varied methods in a variety of contexts.

**Problem Solver:** An LPA problem solver thinks critically and creatively about challenges ranging from personal to global challenges, develops and evaluates several possible solutions, makes decisions, and accepts the consequences of his decisions.

**Teammate:** An LPA teammate recognizes that she is a member of many broader communities and knows the best solutions are found through collaboration.

**Leader:** An LPA leader leads not only with words, but with actions. He chooses appropriate leadership roles, mobilizes others, and acts as a role model for younger students.

**Goal-setter:** An LPA goal-setter knows how to set goals, work towards them, and advocate for herself.

**Optimist:** An LPA optimist understands that active citizens can make the world a better place. He knows that all can and will learn, and feels empowered to overcome hardship.

**Artist:** An LPA artist is comfortable expressing herself creatively and understands that solutions to challenges are sometimes discovered through the vehicle of creativity.



*Continued revitalization of downtown St. Louis and its near south side neighborhoods hinges on the city's ability to offer a quality education to families with children. Armed with the belief that every student from any background can succeed both academically and developmentally, Lafayette Preparatory Academy provides the kind of exciting, hands-on, rigorous learning environment that many families need. In doing so, Lafayette Preparatory Academy actively pursues diversity and honors people from all spectrums, bringing families of different neighborhoods together under a common purpose. It is our conviction that together we can build something that would be unattainable by any one group by itself.*



## School Schedule

*Students should arrive to school between 7:00 am and 7:55 am. Dismissal occurs between 3:00 pm and 3:15 pm. Students are not to remain after dismissal time unless under the direct supervision of appropriate after school staff.*

*Kindergarten students may be picked up at 12:45 pm for early release. This must be done consistently, not on a day-by-day basis.*

### Schedule

- 7:00 am – 7:55 am Drop-off, Between 7:00-7:30, students will be supervised by staff in the Multi-purpose room.  
Between 7:30 and 7:55, students will be dropped off directly to their homerooms (unless needing breakfast).
- 7:15 am – 7:45 am Breakfast served
- 8:00 am - Classes Begin
  
- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (Monday – Friday) Full school day
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm (Monday – Friday) Full school day dismissal
  
- 8:00 am – 12:45 pm- (Monday – Friday) Kg Early Release Schedule
- 12:45 pm- (Monday – Friday) Kg Early Release Dismissal
  
- 3:15-6:00- Aftercare Available for \$7/day per student

*When considering school fit, it is important to note that LPA does not offer transportation. Having families present in the building is important for the community feel.*



## Educational Philosophy

*Lafayette Preparatory Academy's Elementary school distinctives include:*

Environment Characterized by Joy, Structure, Rigor, Investment and Support

Cultural Learning

Differentiated, Data-Driven Instruction

Service Learning

Teacher-Directed, Inquiry-Based Learning

Family Involvement

Relentless Focus on Literacy

Greater Opportunities for Creativity

## Student enrollment

*Student enrollment will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> for the following academic year. Interested families are invited to visit Lafayette Preparatory Academy for Family Tours, Open Houses, or individual tours where they will receive enrollment packets. Please check the website, [Lafayetteprep.org](http://Lafayetteprep.org), for Family Tour and Open House dates. Otherwise, please contact Heather Hays, Administrative Assistant at 880-4458.*

**first open enrollment Period** (October 1, 2014 – February 12, 2015)

**Second open enrollment Period** (February 13, 2015 – March 31, 2015)

**third open enrollment Period** (April 1, 2015 – June 1, 2015)

**final open enrollment Period** (*applications accepted on rolling basis*) (June 2, 2015- September 30, 2015)

*All documentation must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. of the last day of the pertinent enrollment period. All students submitting complete enrollment forms by this deadline will be admitted into the school at this time, if maximum capacity has not been reached. A lottery will be held at the end of the enrollment period in which Lafayette Preparatory Academy reaches maximum capacity in any grade, if necessary. Accepted students will be notified within three days. Those students then have two weeks to respond to let Lafayette Preparatory Academy know they will indeed attend the school in 2015-2016.*

## Parent responsibilities

*All parents will be encouraged to provide their child with a quiet space for studying, monitor their child's independent reading for at least 30 minutes per night, make sure all student homework is completed and ensure their child comes to school every day and in uniform. The family of each student is also expected to commit to volunteering 25 hours in service to Lafayette Preparatory Academy, attend parent-teacher conferences and attend social and community-building functions.*