

# *The Best Kept Secret is NOW Being Told . . .*

## **Commonwealth Community Development Academy**

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### **Mission Statement**

*Commonwealth Community Development Academy shall challenge each student to succeed at his/her maximum potential in a safe and secure environment. Academic and social excellence will be encouraged through effective instruction and cooperation between faculty, parents and students.*

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## About the Curriculum

**Commonwealth's** enrollment capacity is 400 students. Commonwealth's staff is committed to effectively educating and nurturing each student by providing the resources needed to be productive in society. Our educational goals will adequately prepare students for successful achievement in the 21st Century. Commonwealth's curriculum includes: Everyday Mathematics, Success For All Reading, Step Up to Writing, English, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Health. Elective classes include: Dance, Computer Applications and Music/Drama. Students are encouraged to excel beyond their actual grade level requirements to become prepared to meet the goals of competitive exams such as the high school entrance exam, MEAP, ACT Explore, Smarter Balance and Scantron. Commonwealth Academy is home of the Panthers!

## Kindergarten Corner

Commonwealth Academy provides a foundation for students to reach new heights with our SFA Kinder-corner program. In the past six years, 96% of our students who began CCDA as a Kindergartener finished the year reading on or above their current grade level. From innovative lessons to hands on activities, students truly achieve academic and social excellence. If you want an engaging curriculum that instructs your child to reach their full potential, then search no more!



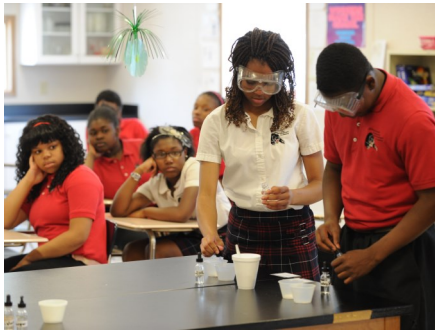


## OUR STATE of the ART Dance Studio

The Dance studio is equipped with mirrored walls for self-critique and monitoring, a hi-tech sound system and ballet, plie' bars for stretching.

Students study all genres of dance including ballet, tap, and jazz. The dance

curriculum includes study of physical fitness, health and nutrition, vocabulary, writing, math and history. Exams include the ability to perform on stage to a variety of audiences and with precision. Field trips used to enhance the dance curriculum include a visit to the theater backstage as well as watching a professional performance. Visitors are invited in to demonstrate dance career options and expectations. Our dance instructor has performed in Habana, Cuba, at Detroit Music Hall and the Detroit Opera House.



### ONE-OF-A-KIND SCIENCE LABORATORY

The Science Lab has all of the necessary equipment to conduct scientific investigations and explorations through the use of technology such as microscopes, interactive software, videography, specimens and real life habitat. Students are expected dissect and analyze specimens such as plants, owl pellets, eggs, fetal pigs and insects. Live habitat include fish, hamsters, hermit crabs, and guinea pigs. The science curriculum supports the math and writing curriculum and is aligned to State benchmarks and outcomes. The Lab is equipped for lecture in one are of the room and, lab table exploration on the other.

## Everyday Mathematics

*Everyday Mathematics* is a comprehensive Pre-K through 6th grade mathematics curriculum developed by the University of Chicago School Mathematics Project and published by McGraw-Hill Education. It is research-based and proven to strengthen students critical thinking and problem-solving strategies. Students explore math through fun games and model building activities. Everyday Math also includes Deluxe eSuite, an electronic edition where students can access the textbook, workbooks, homework (study links/home links),



games and assessments. The 7th and 8th grade students use the University of Chicago School Math Project curriculum, following the same pedagogy/philosophy using Pre-Algebra and Algebra. It's a flexible program, allowing schools to offer the appropriate mathematics to students regardless of their grade level. Students will be prepared for high school and all future courses. Reading and journal writing are incorporated into the math program to support communication skills.



## Special Education

The Special Education program uses an inclusive model and the resource room supports students to meet their educational goals.

Our special education staff meet the highly qualified requirements continue to update their

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*"The only way we can be there for our children is to be there for ourselves."*

knowledge on the latest regulations and compliance requirements. The goal is to ensure that all students receive a quality education and demonstrate growth. All students participate in standardized testing, including MEAP Access, MI Access and Scantron.



## Success for All Reading Program

Commonwealth Academy has been a partner with the Success for All Foundation since 2000. SFA is based in Baltimore, Maryland and continuously conducts research to update curriculum. This reform model focuses on building the achievement and success of our children through the use of cooperative-learning strategies and engaging novels.

Students are assessed every eight weeks and placed in developmentally appropriate reading groups. During this time, teachers and students engage in active instruction where new skills, concepts and strategies are modeled to the students through guided practice. Additionally, students use Partner/Team Practice to reinforce skills, develop reading fluency and enrich



vocabulary. Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI) is the district internal assessment used to determine student progress after each 8 week cycle. Furthermore, students are encouraged to celebrate their achievements of mastery through sharing and recognition of their accomplishments during the quarterly reading celebrations. The Success for All reading program challenges students to reach new heights. The SFA program contributes to the success listed below and so much more.

- ◇ 98% of our Kindergartener read on or above grade level at the conclusion of their first school year.
- ◇ Students read at least 20 minutes per night and parents monitor and sign their Read-and-Respond forms.
- ◇ SFA Foundation point trainers visit the campus regularly to monitor instruction and progress.
- ◇ Most students are able to read on or above their grade level after a full school year.

## Technology Resources

Commonwealth Academy provides a challenging technology curriculum as a powerful tool for students to achieve life skills. Students use technology both independently and cooperatively to access new and exciting information sources, inspire a zest for life-long learning and produce documents applicable to the real world.

Our technology model supports the classroom curriculum and uses tools to link students to a world of resources. Students enjoy exciting and enriching life experiences.

Current Technology Resources Include:

- \* A desktop or laptop computer for every staff member including instructors
- \* A networked computer lab with 25 computers
- \* Listening Centers with headphone sets in every classroom
- \* Televisions with VCR's and DVD players
- \* Overhead projectors
- \* Interactive White Boards
- \* Document Cameras / Digital Cameras
- \* Student Response Remote Control Systems
- \* iPads
- \* Netbooks



## Tutoring



**After School Tutoring** is available 5 days a week

**FREE.** Tutoring takes place after school from 3:30—5:00 p.m. The tutoring focus supports the school day curriculum in Math, Reading, Writing and projects. Due to Commonwealth being a Schoolwide Title I school, ALL students are eligible to attend. Special tutoring sessions are also held during the school day. **One-on-One** tutoring is provided 20 minutes daily. It is during the school day for students who require additional support with building foundation skills in phonics, reading and math. It is Commonwealth's goal to give every student the education they deserve.

## Words from the Founder



**Dr. Cullian W. Hill**  
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## Extra Curricular Activities OFFERED! ALL ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM 2.50 GRADE POINT AVERAGE

### **Girl's and Boy's Basketball (6-8)**

Girl's Volleyball (6-8)

Track and Field (6-8)

Dance

Academic Games (3-8)

Music/Drama

Safety Patrol

Cheerleading

Art





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## Summer Enrichment Program

*Summer Enrichment is available each summer for enrolling students returning to Commonwealth in the Fall and **new** students enrolling for the upcoming year. Classes begin early July and end the first week of August. Students are challenged academically and socially to prepare for global success. Those who attend are better prepared for standardized testing afterward. Lunch and Breakfast is served during this program, free of charge. It's a great start for new students to meet their new educational team and learn our curriculum expectations.*

### Hot Breakfast and Lunch

Everyone requires healthy meals to be successful. Commonwealth's cafeteria is USDA, National School Lunch endorsed, promoting health and wellness. Students are not permitted to bring gum, candy, desserts, pop, chips or any items determined as unhealthy foods. Meals are prepared on site in a self-prep kitchen and currently has a partnership with Wayne County Community College for foodservice clinical experiences. Commonwealth is a Community Eligible Option (CEO) school, therefore **EVERY CHILD EATS FREE!**



### Bus Transportation

Commonwealth provides **FREE** bus transportation at 20 stops in the Detroit area. Selected east and west side stops are available. Pick Up/Drop Off sites include but are not limited to: State Fair @ Hayes, Mound @ 7mile, State Fair @ John R, JosCampu @ Davison, and McNichols @ Manor. Don't see your stop? Contact the school office at (313) 366-9470 to check your availability. Commonwealth also will provide transportation from our Academic Support Center located at 10731-37 McNichols St. Between Meyers and Wyoming. **SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY!** Students participating in the transportation must abide by all rules, guidelines, and laws. Bullying, fighting, insubordination or rudeness will not be tolerated.