

At a glance: Philip J. Schuyler Achievement Academy

Constructed in 2003-04 as one of the first projects in the City School District of Albany's current facilities plan for elementary and middle schools, Schuyler Achievement Academy is a modern, award-winning three-story facility that serves students from prekindergarten through grade 5. The renovated and expanded building is a blend of the school most recently known as Opportunity School 21 and a new structure added on to enlarge the school.



Students: 308

Teachers: 35

Total employees: 48

Points of distinction:

- Voluntary school uniform program initiated by parents
- Full-service school model
- YMCA Extended Day Program

Partnerships:

- Albany Medical Center
- Berkshire Ballet
- Charles Touhey Foundation
- Donors Choose
- Healthy Capital District Initiative
- National Urban Alliance for Effective Education
- Parsons Child and Family Center
- Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Ronald McDonald House
- St. Peter's Hospital
- Teachers College, Columbia University



- United Way Family Support Network
- Whitney M. Young Jr. Health Services
- YMCA

What makes our school special?

Schuyler Achievement Academy's mission is to create a positive, child-centered learning environment that sets high standards for the academic and social success of all children. By working together with families, community and other educators to foster a nurturing and enriching atmosphere, we will encourage students as they become life-long learners and involved, respectful and responsible citizens. The school's full-service model addresses students' academic needs and provides a range of health and wellness services.



Parents are actively involved, and developed the school's voluntary uniform program. Growth and Progress (GAP) Wednesdays provide weekly enrichment activities, and the YMCA Extended Day Program provides homework help and other programs after school. A rich music program includes band, orchestra and choral music. English-language learners receive extra classroom support. The school also offers a spacious Media Center and computer room

Did you know?

The Historic Albany Foundation recognized Schuyler Achievement Academy in 2005 with a Preservation Merit Award, citing the combination of the rehabilitation of School 21, originally built in 1875, and the sensitive new construction.