



Decatur Public Schools
Educating for Success

DISTRICT 61

EXPLORER

A Safety & Security Youth Initiative





DPS Strategic Plan

GOAL #1:

STUDENT

EXPERIENCE

Ensure unique, innovative learning experiences for all students



STRATEGY #1

Develop a sequential program that builds from PreK-12 to result in all students exploring learning pathways toward specific employable skills or education that supports their individual interests, passions and choice



STRATEGY #2

Strengthen the advisory/counseling programs in the school system to support the development of students' focus areas as they progress from elementary to middle to high school specialization



STRATEGY #3

Implement strategies that encourage a “whole-student” approach that engages students in their own learning and improves academic and social (mental and physical) outcomes in the learning environment

Exploring is the adult side of Boy Scouts of America, intended to provide young adults with an educational and practical orientation into Public Safety professions.





PROPOSAL: DISTRICT 61 EXPLORER

The District 61 Explorer program would provide young adults who may be interested in a career in Public Safety with a comprehensive program of training, competition, service, and practical experiences.

This program also serves as a gateway to other vocations.





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Character development, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism are integral components of our overall program.

The program would be open to young men and women, ages 14 through 20, who have completed 8th grade. Due to the sensitive nature of public safety operations, additional eligibility standards may be implemented.



A background image showing a line of young people in light blue uniforms, identified as District 61 Explorers, standing in profile. To their right, a police officer in a dark blue uniform is also in profile, facing the explorers. The scene is set indoors with blue ambient lighting.

DISTRICT 61 — **EXPLORER** —

Through their involvement in our program,
District 61 Explorers will develop an
awareness of the purpose, mission, and
objectives of Public Safety agencies.



CALL TO ACTION: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Exploring depends on volunteer leadership. Professional Exploring/Learning for Life executives are available to provide assistance and support.



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PROCESS TO CHARTER A NEW EXPLORER POST



1

Find and register volunteers

2

Conduct a “First Nighter” youth registration and introduction activity

3

Provide training for volunteers

4

Activate Explorer Post 61 (available through the BSA Council)

5

Start “Exploring” activities and super activities



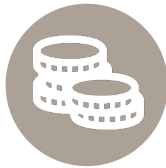
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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



BSA offers a \$2,500 grant that we can apply for, which would cover application fees, provide 25 uniforms to start, and pay for 4 advisors; working in partnership with Ms. Shiowa Karsten, local District Executive for the Greater St. Louis Area Council (BSA)



Potential opportunities through private donors

District 61 Explorer also aligns with the work of the Dept. of Innovative Programs, which works to ensure all DPS students have access to unique, innovative learning experiences.

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