

The Prep Academy is an exciting opportunity offered *only* to Decatur Public School students and families.

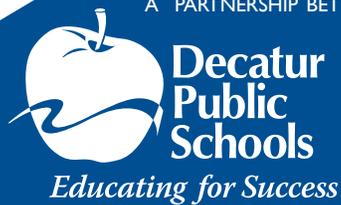
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# THE **PREP** **ACADEMY**

DPS #61 TO RCC

YOUR DIPLOMA AND DEGREE IN 4 YEARS



## WHAT TO EXPECT

*Richland Grad*



Participating in The Prep Academy Program is a proactive way to ensure students are on a clear path towards obtaining a college degree.

The Prep Academy will help students:

- get on the right track towards graduating high school.
- obtain a head start towards their college education.
- gain a competitive edge when it's time to apply for their first job.

This program is a safe way for students to test their abilities, gain confidence, set high expectations, and obtain major achievements!



## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE PREP ACADEMY PROGRAM



**ACCESSIBILITY**  
for a wide range of students.

**REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS**  
to help develop a strong work ethic, form time management skills, improve writing skills, advance critical thinking, and study at a more mature rate than their peers.

**COST SAVINGS** in earning college credits while in high school (less student loan debt). Less stress on parents and students having to worry about paying for college.

**PERSONAL COACHING** gives additional support to ensure high school students thrive in their classes. This may include tutoring, counseling and guidance from college staff.

**COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS** provides exposure to college coursework allowing the advantage of smoother transitions between high school and college. A college-level mentality is developed sooner than their peers, which can help them handle heavy workloads and balance a social life.

**EARLY CAREER EXPOSURE** with an abundance of career and technical programs on Richland's campus.

**INCREASED FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES** knowing that students that attend any form of post-secondary studies increase their potential to earn more during their lifetime than those that do not attend.

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Acceptance into The Prep Academy will require:

- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ All requested documents
- ✓ Review of current 8th graders winter eReading scores and
- ✓ 7th grade ELA IAR scores to ensure students accepted are able to handle the college course rigor.