

The Intown Academy

Atlanta's Neighborhood Charter School



With expectations running high, a group of dedicated Atlanta residents will see the realization of their efforts come true when The Intown Academy opens to students on July 14, 2010.

Representing a coming together of two historic neighborhoods in the heart of Atlanta - Midtown and the Old Fourth Ward - The Intown Academy will offer Atlanta parents a real neighborhood school that provides children in grades kindergarten through 8th a quality and safe learning environment.

The Founding Board of The Intown Academy, which includes: Tom Lilly, Rebecca Christian-Smith and Stephen Valrie of the Old Fourth Ward; and Leah McLeod and Dana Persons from Midtown all say, "Our school will reflect not only the historical nature of our diverse cultures, but also the economic diversity required for schools to grow and prosper."

The Board also highlights the fact that, "The Intown Academy's student body will be as diverse as the entire city, and will represent families who will come from every part of Atlanta, seeking a superior learning experience."

In keeping with the fact that The Intown Academy is a true community-based public charter school; parents, students and the school's team of educators will work together to create an educational center of excellence developed for every student's achievement and success.

The members of the Founding Board of The Intown Academy believe that a neighborhood charter is appealing to parents because charter schools have greater flexibility to respond to students' individual needs.

The Board points out that the school will have, "certified teachers, challenging academics, and performance-based accountability measures – in many cases, greater than those for traditional schools." In fact, the majority of charter schools in Georgia outperform traditional schools in the communities they serve, and boast a graduation rate of 90 percent.

The Intown Academy will be working in partnership with EdisonLearning, which brings nearly 20 years of experience and innovation to public education. EdisonLearning is also a partner with the Charles R. Drew Charter School - Atlanta's first public charter school – that is consistently rated a "Distinguished School" by exceeding standards established by state and federal education agencies.

At The Intown Academy, the Founding Board believes that every child can learn. "Every child can reach for the highest goals and every child is uniquely gifted. From our teachers, to our principal, to the administrative staff, everyone will help identify every child's strengths and capitalize on the learning experience by helping all students develop their talents to the fullest."

The Intown Academy will also foster a spirit of life-long learning, a spirit that comes from a learning community that is safe and secure. "Our children will have a love of learning developed and nurtured by our teachers, who will promote the highest forms of creative expression," the Board states.

The passionate and committed individuals behind the school say, "Our process, developed with our board and community stakeholders, led us to establish The Intown Academy in the Old Fourth Ward - long known as the birthplace of Martin Luther King. We celebrate the brilliance of Dr. King's life and legacy, as we respond to the call and take on the responsibility of a singular dream for the school children of Atlanta - a world class education for all at The Intown Academy."

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