



NORTH COLUMBUS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Welcome Letter from the Principal

Dear North Columbus Preparatory Academy Families,

Welcome to the 2023 - 2024 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our students and staff back to school. We hope that you were able to relax and make special memories with your friends and families. Now it is time to look forward to a wonderful new school year as we are “We are IReady to Learn”!

Our incredible staff of educators have been in school throughout the summer to prepare classrooms for the new school year. Our maintenance and janitorial staff have scoured every surface in anticipation of the students’ return to school. We are grateful for them as they worked all summer getting our school in pristine shape. Our Office Manager, Ms. Helen Dorsey, and Accel Schools Administrative staff are working hard to ensure a smooth start for staff, students, and families.

This will be my first year, here at North Columbus Preparatory Academy, but not my first year in the role of Principal. I have worked in schools in a variety of capacities for the past 20+ years. I began as an English Teacher and worked every role in the school up to Principal. I love everything about Education and educating young people. Education includes the usual subject areas, but also includes an array of other skills that every child should learn to become respectable citizens in this global world.

North Columbus Preparatory Academy is such a special place to learn and grow. We have grand expectations for each student. Our students are kind, compassionate, gifted, imaginative and eager to learn. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with students to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. We are part of the Accel school network – Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning and will continue to guide our mission to provide a rigorous and joyful inclusive school environment. Our overarching goal is to encourage active student engagement to foster life-long learning.

We utilize the IReady curriculum Collaborative learning methods and strategy for students in the classroom. The New Normal: Shifting from Remediation to Accelerating Learning. Instruction focused on specialized skills and content needed to learn grade level materials while providing the appropriate tools needed to grasp concepts.

Partnering with families is crucial to promote a healthy transition to school both socially and emotionally. We recognize that students may be feeling anxious with the start of a new school year, and we will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while focusing on building classroom community. We encourage families to stay connected and informed by following our district website and announcements. Please refer to the district calendar for updates.

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