

The Main Street Academy

A Fulton County Charter School Opening August 2010

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



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What is the school's mission? The Main Street Academy (TMSA) will partner with EdisonLearning, a leading provider of educational services, to uphold a uniquely administered rigorous academic curriculum. The Main Street Academy was created by a dedicated group of concerned citizens, who live and work in the Tri-Cities area. The Main Street Academy will embrace and reflect the diversity of the communities it serves, as well as contribute to the academic, cultural, and social fabric of the region.

Where is the school located? The proposed and initial location of the school will be in downtown College Park and easily accessible to residents of East Point, Hapeville, College Park and South Fulton County.

What is a charter school? Charter schools are innovative public schools that are accountable for student results. They are designed to deliver programs tailored to educational excellence and the needs of the communities they serve.

Can anyone enroll? Yes! The Main Street Academy is currently open for students in grades K-6 who reside in Fulton County and will grow to be a K-8 over the next two years.

Is there an entrance exam? No.

Is there tuition? No, The Main Street Academy is tuition-free.

What is the length of the school year? The Main Street Academy will follow the FCS school calendar. School will start in August 2010.

What are the hours of school? School hours will be Monday-Friday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Are there enrichment courses? Yes! The school offers electives including Spanish, art and music.

Is there an English as a Second Language (ESL) Program for non- and limited-English speaking students? Yes! The Main Street Academy provides an ESL program.

Can the school accommodate children with special needs? Yes! EdisonLearning utilizes the inclusion model for teaching students with special needs. This allows students with special needs to learn alongside their peers whenever possible.

Is there a uniform policy? Yes. The policy is yet to be determined. Enrolled families will be informed when a decision is made.

Are there after-school programs? Yes. Organized activities will include team and individualized sports and academic and artistic activities.

Will The Main Street Academy provide transportation to students? TMSA will not provide transportation. Carpools, walking and/or riding bicycles is encouraged.

Will hot lunches be served? Yes! Students will be offered a hot or boxed lunch program.

How do I enroll? Enrollment forms are available by calling (404) 377-5093. Enrollment forms will be accepted once we begin the enrollment process after receiving State approval.

What documents do I need to enroll? You will need to submit a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of address, updated immunization records and you must also bring a copy of the child's IEP if he or she has one. If you are not the parent, you must bring a proof of legal guardianship.

Is there an enrollment deadline? Enrollment is open; however, enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis until enrollment capacity is reached.

About The Main Street Academy

★ opening August 2010★

A Tuition-free, Public Charter School Serving K-6th Grade, growing to a K-8 over two years

- ★ EdisonLearning™ world-class educational curriculum
- ★ Highly Qualified teaching staff
- ★ Enrollment open to K-6th grade students

Unique and Rigorous Academic Programs

- ★ Literature, Math, Science & Social Studies classes
- ★ Art & Physical Education
- ★ Character Development-centered curriculum

The Main Street Academy is built on the *Four Cornerstones™* of highly effective schools

- ★ Top Talent
- ★ A Culture of Engagement and Aspiration
- ★ Demanding Content and Customized Instruction
- ★ Achievement-Driven

For more information, or to enroll:
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The Main Street Academy (TMSA) offers parents of College Park, East Point, Hapeville and the South Fulton region the choice of a true community school for their children in grades kindergarten through 6th. In this uniquely administered free public charter school, parents, students and The Main Street Academy team of educators will partner together to provide a nurturing and rigorous learning environment.

Created by a dedicated group of concerned citizens, who live and work in the Tri-Cities area, The Main Street Academy will embrace and reflect the diversity of the communities it serves and contribute to the academic, cultural, and social fabric of the region.

TMSA's partner, EdisonLearning, brings nearly 20 years of experience and innovation to public education. The Main Street Academy and EdisonLearning are committed to providing an



exceptional learning experience through a core curriculum rich in literature, math, science, and social studies. TMSA also embraces the importance of the arts, technology, health and physical education in students' lives and will integrate these areas successfully into its students daily routines.

At The Main Street Academy, we believe that students embrace learning when they are actively engaged in relevant, meaningful, and challenging study that promotes academic, social, and physical development.

At The Main Street Academy, we are also committed to helping build character and leadership in our students. Our students are tomorrow's leaders and the fabric of our community. We will foster in our students respect, responsibility, pride, confidence, citizenship, and honor. We expect our students to set high personal standards and to choose to live by these standards.

The founders and supporters of The Main Street Academy have worked for nearly 3 years to create a high-quality alternative to the existing public and private schools that are currently offered to educate our most precious resource, our children. If you share our desire to see our community blossom through the education of our children, The Main Street Academy is the choice for you and your family.

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