

# Young Women's College Preparatory Academy FAQ

## **What is the program focus?**

**College Preparatory** (All students are required to take Pre-AP & AP courses) & **S.T.E.A.M.** courses (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) \*AP= Advanced Placement

## **What are the school hours?**

Our school day begins at 8:30 am and ends at 4:10 pm daily.

## **Where is the school located?**

YWCPA is located at 1906 Cleburne Street, Houston, TX 77004. We are conveniently located near Midtown, The Medical Center, University of Houston and Texas Southern University.

## **Are uniforms required?**

Yes, uniforms are required. YWCPA is a part of a network of nine all-girls, college preparatory, public schools across Texas and we believe in the "Power of the Plaid." Research shows that wearing uniforms benefits students by minimizing social, psychological, economic, and emotional distractions. Just think how quickly you can get ready for school without the time-consuming decisions of what to wear.

## **Who attends Young Women's Prep?**

Over 500 girls in grades 6-12 attend YWCPA. We do not have an attendance zone, so our campus includes students from all over Houston ISD. Out of district students are welcome, however priority admission is given to Houston ISD students. In addition, out of district student may be required to pay tuition.

## **What are the program requirements for acceptance?**

We are looking for high performing students who are serious about going to college and interested in S.T.E.A.M. Students must score at least an 80 on the district magnet matrix to qualify for our program. We are ONLY accepting grades 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Is this magnet program only for students in GT/Advanced Academic courses?**

No, however all students are expected to be successful taking the mandatory Pre-AP and AP curriculum that we require.

## **Is transportation provided?**

Yes, once a student is qualified and accepted, they are eligible for transportation. Students who reside within two miles of our campus **are not eligible** for bus transportation and will have to provide their own. Also, out of district students **are not eligible** for transportation, including out of district HISD employee children.

## **Do you offer athletics?**

Yes! Beginning in the seventh grade, middle school girls may participate in a variety of sports, including volleyball, soccer, track & field, cheerleading and cross country, According to U.I.L. rules for middle school, sixth graders cannot participate in school sports competitions. High school students may participate in volleyball, track & field, cheerleading, and cross country.

## **Are other extra-curricular opportunities available?**

In addition to after-school practices in sports and the arts, we have unique academic clubs. Girls are also encouraged to organize clubs that they would like to see on campus.

## **Are there field trips?**

We value learning experiences both in and outside of the classroom. Each grade level has field experiences that support our curriculum, in addition to several visits to colleges and universities.

## **Do you have activities with Mickey Leland College Prep for Young Men?**

Yes, we do partner with the MLCPA for social activities, prom, field trips, and some academic events.

### **What models are Young Women's Prep based on?**

YWCPA is based on proven models like the Young Women's Leadership School in East Harlem, New York, which pioneered public college preparatory schools for girls from economically disadvantaged families through support from public-private partnerships, and the Irma Rangel Leadership School in Dallas, Texas, the first public, all-girls school in the State of Texas. Both institutions provide a rigorous academic curriculum alongside a comprehensive college advising program and both consistently see 100% of their graduates accepted into college.

### **How does the "public-private partnership" work?**

Young Women's College Prep is supported by a unique public-private-partnership between Houston ISD and the Young Women's Preparatory Network. Houston ISD covers all the traditional operating expenses of any public school: salaries, facilities, transportation, maintenance, books, and computers. The Foundation supports with funding for enrichment programming, including professional development for teachers, summer camps for students, college visits and advisement, and educational field trips. The YWCPA is not only a member of the Young Women's Preparatory Network, but also The National Coalition of Girls' Schools and the Young Women's Leadership Network.

Young Women's Preparatory Network partners with public school districts to create innovative all-girls schools where each young woman receives:

- Rigorous academic coursework in PREPARATION for college level academics,
- Thorough college admissions advisement necessary to ACCESS her best fit college, and
- CONFIDENCE building experiences that encourage her to pursue the college major and career path of her choice.

### **When are school tours offered?**

#### **2023-24 Application, Audition, and Tour Information**

The Houston ISD Office of School Choice is working on setting dates for applications and public tours.

### **What are the application deadlines?**

**Phase 1:** TBD

**Phase 2:** TBD

**Phase 3:** TBD (Out of district and students new/returning to the HISD *if space is available*)

### **How do I apply to your Magnet program?**

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### **When and how will I be notified of my child's acceptance?**

All (in district) Phase I & II applicants will be notified through the application system and by USPS letter from the Office of School Choice. Phase III applicants will be notified through the application system and by email from the magnet coordinator.

### **Who do I contact if I need more information or have additional questions?**

Contact *Mrs. Miller*, Magnet Coordinator, via email: [\*\*dmiller6@houstonisd.org\*\*](mailto:dmiller6@houstonisd.org)

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