



# High School Ahead Academy

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*"We're Getting Prepared ...The Best Is Yet To Come"*

## SDMC MINUTES April 19, 2023 3:30 p.m.

### Welcome

Mr. John Flowers extended a heartfelt welcome to all and sincerely thanked everyone for their unwavering commitment to High School Ahead Academy Middle School.

### Introductions

Community Leaders, Parents, Staff and Partnerships

### Targeted Improvement Plan

The goals and action steps of the plan were discussed for the 2023-2024 school year. 5.1 (Effective Classroom Routines and Instructional Strategies) and 5.3 (Data-Driven Instruction) will be the focus for the 2023-2024 school year.

### Attendance

Our attendance is at 73.8%. We are aggressively shooting for 90% or higher. We are aggressively calling speaking with parents and calling parent meetings regarding non-attendance. Attendance contracts have been signed by parents and students with excessive absences. The attendance team meets weekly and discusses interventions on an individual basis to help resolve the issues regarding non-attendance. Field trips, chips, pizza and other incentives have been used to boost attendance, but none have seemed to be effective. 75 students have missed 20 or more days of school. The school desperately needs new incentives/programs to increase attendance.

### APEX

As It stands right now, HSAA students have amassed 370 credits as compared to 302 credits amassed from last years' students. We expect to have over 450 credits by the end of the school year.

### MASTER SCHEDULE

Mr. Flowers let everyone know that the school will be implementing a 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition and an 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition for the 2023-2024 school year. 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grade transition will be eliminated. Students will be offered English I, Algebra I, IPC (APEX) and World Geography (APEX). Students are also offered the following courses in APEX: Reading, Spanish I, II, III, Principles of Informational Technology, Communication, Art, Health, Music Appreciation, Sociology, Psychology, and Strategic Math.

Mr. Flowers thanked everyone for their flexibility and hard work.  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.