

Welcome to



the
PLAZA ACADEMY
AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION
CHANGING THE TRAJECTORY OF KC
TEENS AND FAMILIES LIVES SINCE 1974



WHY DO PEOPLE COME TO PLAZA ACADEMY?

Our students typically feel like they “don’t fit in or belong” in traditional school settings - either academically, socially, and/or emotionally. They have not felt a part of their community and oftentimes report having low self esteem.

WHERE DO OUR STUDENTS COME FROM?

We have students from all over the KC metro area! We believe that Plaza Academy is KC’s most diverse school as we welcome families from every race, belief system, socio-economic status, background history, etc. We have a zero tolerance for bullying. Plaza Academy is a safe space for all.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM PLAZA ACADEMY CLASSES?

We want our students to become the best and most authentic version of themselves and provide a safe and nurturing place to do so. We guarantee small class sizes, classes based on skill level and interest (not by grade level), and a rigorous curriculum that strives to ensure students see the relevance and real world connections to their learning.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

We have a systemic series of checks and balances that is seamlessly built into our program, including hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, and semesterly rewards and consequences for student behavior. Our goal is to establish student accountability so they are not only aware of their actions, but can see the rewards and consequences of their behavior so they can make informed decisions.



WHAT DOES THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

The first step is to talk to our executive director, Ward Worley, who is a Plaza Academy graduate. Then you can schedule a time to tour the school and meet our staff prior to scheduling a shadow day. During a shadow day, the prospective student will attend classes with a similar aged current student so they can see how Plaza really works and how they see themselves fitting into our family.



QUOTES FROM PLAZA ACADEMY'S COGNIA PERFORMANCE ACCREDITATION AND THE ENGAGEMENT REVIEW:

- Plaza Academy is commended for its communication and positive relationships with parents, students, and faculty.
- Plaza Academy embraces struggling students and provides a setting focused on the whole child. A significant strength of the school is the pride that all stakeholders take in being part of a community.
- Students are encouraged to express their individuality, and they come to trust and respect the adults in the school.
- The school works as a team with parents and students to monitor student progress, set goals, and most importantly, celebrate success.
- Students at Plaza learn to care for themselves, each other, and their academic progress.
- Students learn not only that they will be held accountable for their behavior, but they also learn how to change behaviors that have become destructive habits in other settings.
- The staff and mental health professionals communicate with each other and with the students to determine the best course of action to nurture student success. As a result, communication is often organic, frequent, and timely.



The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools/ Cognia has accredited The Plaza Academy as a special purpose, special function high school and we are a Missouri Approved Private Agency for mental health care of adolescents. The Plaza Academy is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

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