



FREIRE SCHOOLS: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FREIRE SCHOOLS MISSION

Freire Schools empowers students to build the future. We provide a rigorous education in a safe, creative, and supportive environment that enables and inspires all children to achieve.

ABOUT FREIRE SCHOOLS

Freire Schools is committed to ensuring that every single student who walks through our doors can succeed and grow. We provide students in underserved communities a college and professional-prep learning experience with a focus on individual freedom, critical thinking, and problem-solving in an environment that emphasizes the values of community, teamwork, equity and a commitment to peace. We are four distinct schools in two different cities, each guided by the same values of equity, diversity, love, and critical thinking.

Freire students are confident, dynamic, and collaborative individuals who are engaged in their communities and are excited to apply the skills and knowledge they acquire at Freire Schools to create new possibilities for our future. Of Freire Schools' 2,000 students, 90% are Black or Latinx, and 83% of students qualify as economically disadvantaged.

Freire Schools students have their sights set on college. 96% of our 223 Class of 2024 graduates network-wide were accepted to a collective 155 colleges and universities and earned over \$22.5M in college scholarships and aid. The Class of 2024 is well on their way to setting new records for postsecondary outcomes.

We're all about big growth and big wins! And the research backs it up. In 2023, an independent Stanford University study showed that Freire Schools produces high performing charter schools whose academic growth in reading and math place us among the top charter organizations in the country. We're proud to be a "gap-busting" network, closing the achievement gap and helping every student succeed.

FREIRE SCHOOLS COMMITMENT

Kids are at the center of all that we do, and we believe that they have unlimited potential. We advance equity and raise the bar for all students by embracing deeper learning. We are committed to applying these principles at every level of Freire Schools' operation, ensuring that:

- Our schools are safe and welcoming.
- Our decision-making is informed by our history, the most respected research in the field, and our desire to do what's best for our kids.
- We are all connected and everyone has a voice – our students, parents, staff, board, and community.
- We identify, develop, and retain talented teachers and leaders from diverse backgrounds.
- We are intentional and strategic in how we use our public funds, and we maximize our resources to go beyond a basic education to one that is inspired and inspiring.
- We are ethical, legally compliant, and fiscally sound in all that we do.
- We are a voice for and example of high-quality urban education for economically disadvantaged students.

OUR NETWORK & SCHOOLS

FREIRE SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE

Freire Schools Collaborative (or Network Office) supports and guides the four Freire campuses, advances Freire Schools' mission, and thoughtfully plans the network's future, enabling teachers and school staff to focus on their critical work with students and families. The Network Office supports the schools in areas including teaching and learning, talent development, school finance and accounting, operations, fundraising, performance management, compliance and accountability, and new school development. Led by CEO and Freire Schools Network Founder Dr. Kelly Davenport, the Network Office staff are dedicated, nimble, responsive experts in their fields who are committed, above all else, to helping our kids build the future.

FREIRE HIGH SCHOOL

CHARTERED FOR 500 STUDENTS • GRADES 9-12 • FOUNDED 1999 • 2027 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

One of the first charter schools to open in Pennsylvania, Freire High School was founded in 1999 as the flagship Freire Schools campus. Our remarkable team of teachers, academic advisors, deans, counselors, and leaders allows us to provide the focused attention each student needs to catch up then surpass expectations. And people have noticed. We have made U.S. News and World Report's "100 Best High Schools" list, Philadelphia Magazine's Top Philadelphia Schools list, and Metro has called us a top-five Philly charter school. The Class of 2024 made impressive strides toward their college goals, with 100% of graduates accepted to at least one college (71 unique colleges and universities total) and over \$7.9 million earned collectively in scholarships and aid. Freire High's rigorous, creative curriculum and comprehensive academic and emotional supports help our students thrive in high school, in college, and beyond.

FREIRE MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHARTERED FOR 500 STUDENTS • GRADES 5-8 • FOUNDED 2012 • 1026 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19107

Students arrive at Freire Middle School at a range of achievement levels. Here, they don't just catch up – they make leaps in personal and academic growth, setting them up for even greater success in high school. Elevate215 identified Freire Middle as one of 36 Philadelphia public and public charter (K-8) schools "Beating the Odds" in academic growth. Freire Middle also received Great Philly Schools' 2020 High Growth Rating for demonstrating "impressive academic growth" over a three-year period in math and reading.

FREIRE WILMINGTON

CHARTERED FOR 500 STUDENTS • GRADES 8-12 • FOUNDED 2015 • 201 W 14TH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

Freire Wilmington's goal for our students is "Graduation x2" – success in and graduation from not just high school, but college as well. Our unique five-year high school program, starting in 8th grade, gives students the time and support they need to catch up and then excel. We enroll one of the highest low-income populations of any high school in Delaware into a high-quality and tuition-free college and professional preparatory program. The Class of 2024 made impressive strides toward their college goals, with 91% of graduates accepted to at least one college (56 unique colleges and universities total) and over \$6.9 million earned collectively in scholarships and aid.

TECH FREIRE

CHARTERED FOR 500 STUDENTS • GRADES 9-12 • FOUNDED 2016 • 2221 N BROAD STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132

TECH Freire reimagines the college and professional prep high school by blending state-of-the-art equipment and hands-on learning with the rigor of the time-tested Freire Schools liberal arts program to help each of our students truly thrive. Our campus houses a music recording studio and two fully-equipped maker spaces, including bandsaws, shopbots, 3D printers, VR equipment, and much more. TECH Freire's Class of 2024 boasted a 96% college acceptance rate and were accepted to at least 103 colleges and universities. They earned over \$7.6 million in college scholarships and aid. TECH teachers and staff believe that Action = Equity and act every day to ensure that our students receive the unique supports they need to succeed so that they can be advocates for themselves and their communities.