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United Preparatory Academy SY 2022-2023 Annual Report

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United in Achievement

At United Preparatory Academy (UPA), we measure proficiency longitudinally in terms of annual progress on Ohio state tests and interim progress during the school year on the i-Ready assessment in reading and math.

Measure 1: Ohio State Testing

The Ohio state tests are administered annually to measure student proficiency on state-mandated academic standards for each grade level. The state tests allow UPA to compare their results with Columbus City School District (CCSD) as well as schools across Ohio.

District and State Comparison

The Ohio State Tests were administered in the spring of 2023. Below are the proficiency rates for each tested grade and subject.

	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade
Reading	41.9%	21.9%	61.5%
Math	51.6%	46.9%	46.2%
Science	N/A	N/A	38.5%

UPA had higher proficiency rates than the neighborhood school and comparison district in every tested subject except 4th-grade reading.

Similar School Comparison

In order to consider our academic progress in context, UPA evaluated its rank by performance index compared to the Columbus City district schools students would attend if not enrolled at UPA. Each school in the table below has an economic disadvantage rate of 100%.

Rank	Building Name	Type	District	PI Score /110.3	Grade Span
1	Binns Elementary	District	CCS	70.9	K-5
2	Westgate Alternative Elementary	District	CCS	70.9	PK-5
3	United Preparatory Academy	Community	UPA	70.6	K-5
4	Valleyview Elementary	District	CCS	64.3	PK-5
5	Avondale Elementary	District	CCS	54.8	PK-5
6	West Mound Elementary	District	CCS	50.4	PK-5
7	West Broad Elementary	District	CCS	48.4	PK-5
8	Starling PK-8	District	CCS	44.2	PK-8
9	Eakin Elementary	District	CCS	44.2	PK-5
10	Burroughs Elementary	District	CCS	43.2	PK-5

Measure 2: i-Ready

UPA students take the i-Ready diagnostic assessment in the fall, winter, and spring each school year. The i-Ready assessments are state-aligned, computer-adaptive tests that accurately reflect the instructional level of each student and measure growth over time.

The assessment itself is unique in that it adapts to the student’s ability, accurately measuring what a child knows and needs to learn. The diagnostic assessment pinpoints students’ needs in reading and math down to the domain and sub-skill level by using sophisticated adaptive logic, and a bank of thousands of test items. Millions of test records have been collected over the last several years which allows us to compare our students’ scores and growth with those of K-5th graders across the United States.

Grade Report

This table shows the percentage of students who met their annual growth targets.

	K	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Reading	44%	53%	57%	55%	38%	53%
Math	52%	63%	47%	36%	47%	74%



United in Accountability

At UPA, we value transparency and accountability to our scholars, families, and community. Below are the performance standards by which the success of United Preparatory Academy was evaluated by our sponsor, the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation.

Performance Standards

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Primary Academic Indicators

Indicator	School Performance
Performance Index (PI)	Does Not Meet
Value Added (VA)	Does Not Meet
Gap Closing	Meets
Prepared for Success	N/A
Graduation Rate (4 Year)	N/A
Improving At-Risk K-3 Readers	Does Not Meet
Performance v. Local Market (Performance Index)	Exceeds
Performance v. Local Market (Value Added)	Does Not Meet
Performance v. Statewide Charters (Performance Index)	Exceeds
Performance v. Statewide Charters (Value Added)	Does Not Meet

Financial Measures of Success

Indicator	School Performance
Ratio of Assets to Liabilities (Current Year)	Exceeds
Days Cash (Current Year)	Exceeds
Current year enrollment variance (Current Year)	Exceeds
Multi-year Ration of Assets to Liabilities (Prior Years)	Exceeds
Cash Flow (Prior Years)	Meets

FY23 Revenue and Expenditure Summary

Revenue		Expenses	
State Foundation Payments	\$2,487,543	Salaries and Benefits	\$1,869,030
Federal Grants	\$1,115,111	Capital	\$18,283
State Grants	\$18,789	Purchased Services	\$1,536,153
Philanthropy	\$13,273	Curriculum, Supplies, and Technology	\$187,098
Other	\$404,819	Other	\$47,061
TOTAL	\$4,039,535	TOTAL	\$3,657,625

Operations/Governance Primary Indicators

Indicator	School Performance
Records Compliance	Exceeds
LEA Special Education Performance Determination	Exceeds



United in Partnership

UPA scholars thrive within our proven model that focuses on rigorous academics and a strong culture. Through replicable program elements, powerful partnerships, and family engagement, scholars leave United Preparatory Academy ready to take on the world.

Program Profile

United Preparatory Academy provides a college-preparatory, elementary grades education to students in Columbus, Ohio. United Preparatory Academy delivers academic and character development programming that prepares students to gain entry and succeed in the most demanding high schools and colleges. Critical to meeting the UPA mission are the following program elements:

- An intensive curriculum with a strong focus on skill development, especially in reading, writing, and mathematics.
- A highly structured environment that encourages and requires positive decisions and offers immediate feedback and coaching when less-desirable decisions are made.
- Extended class time in literacy and mathematics to ensure proficiency in basic skills for all students.
- Regular homework to ensure skill development and content mastery.
- Interventions, including in small groups for students who do not meet academic standards.
- A simple uniform that supports respect for self and others and diminishes social stress.

Our Partners

United Preparatory Academy also partners with a variety of organizations to ensure students have access to a world-class, well-rounded education. A sample of partner organizations and their role at UPA are listed below:

- 1girl - Girls' empowerment programming for students
- Dowd Education Center - One-on-one mentoring for scholars
- Girls on the Run - Girls' empowerment programming culminating in the completion of a 5K race
- Momentum Dance - Dance residency for scholars culminating in a public performance
- YWCA - Health, wellness, leadership education for students during before- and after-school programming

Annual Report Distribution

United Preparatory Academy will distribute the Annual Report to all families by posting the report on its website.