

Carter G. Woodson Academy

Carter G. Woodson Academy provides an advanced and rigorous curriculum that meets the new common core standards through the lens of African-American history, culture and culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies. This traditional college preparatory program, which launched in the fall of 2012, serves at-promise males in grades 6-12 who have unlimited potential. All participants will graduate college- and career-ready.

This FCPS program is named for Carter G. Woodson -- a historian, author, journalist and educator who devoted his life to the research of African-American people, culture and history. A graduate of Berea College and the University of Chicago, Woodson was the second African-American to earn a doctorate from Harvard University. Known as the "Father of Black History," he firmly believed that all would benefit from learning about the experiences and contributions of African-Americans and advocated for its inclusion in the curriculum of all schools.

Vision statement:

"To educate, motivate and activate the potential for excellence that lies within every male"

What makes our school special

- High expectations for learning and achievement
- Student-focused academic support
- Committed staff with a "whatever it takes" mentality to ensure scholars' success
- "The Power of Stories" with community speakers
- Individual mentoring
- College, cultural and abroad field trips
- Enrichment and hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- After-school and evening tutoring
- Optional Saturday programming
- Partnerships with colleges, universities and community & technical schools
- Support from community groups and agencies
- Scholarship opportunities

About Our School

Enrollment: 189

Mascot: Royals

Motto: Raising Our Young men to Achieve and Leading them to Succeed

Colors: Purple and gray

Racial balance:

- 1% White
- 86% African-American
- 6% Hispanic
- 7% Other

Free-and-reduced meal qualifiers: 60%

English language learners: 1%

Special Education: 9%

(Data is a snapshot from Oct. 1, 2015.)

Source: <http://www.fcps.net/schools/others/carter-g-woodson-academy>, 03/02/2016