



FEMALES *of* COLOR

STEAM ACADEMY

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NEW SCHOOL OPENING FOR
THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR ALL
FEMALES ENTERING 6TH GRADE

WHO WE ARE

The Females of Color STEAM Academy (official name to be announced fall 2019) will open at the start of the 2020-21 school year, providing an innovative learning environment where young women are empowered and equipped to create bright, bold futures.

Our afro- and gender-centric curriculum focuses on STEAM education, which uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics to guide students in pursuing their passions while becoming critical thinkers, strong leaders and lifelong learners.

OUR MISSION

To be a catalyst for fearless female leaders who embrace excellence as a birthright; empower each other to succeed; and believe in their brilliance.

WE BELIEVE

We believe that every young woman was born excellent. Boundaries, preconceived notions and societal limitations do not impede our unstoppable ambition to succeed.

Every morning, our students show up for themselves, for their families and for future generations of young women who, like them, can shatter any glass ceiling set before them.

We are powerful.
We are inspired.
We are brilliant.

QUICK FACTS

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

- ✦ **Chief Equity Officer:** Dr. John Marshall
- ✦ **Principal:** Ronda Cosby

SCHOOL INFORMATION

- ✦ **Currently Enrolling:** Rising sixth grade female students
- ✦ **Inaugural Class Capacity:** 150
- ✦ **Address:** Location to be announced soon; transportation will be available to students districtwide
- ✦ **Phone Number:** 502.485.6250



A Message from the Principal, Ronda Cosby

The Females of Colors STEAM Academy will empower, engage, and encourage the next generation of leaders by creating an environment where young ladies embrace the unique excellence they were born with and have often been told is “too much” for the school environment. As an African American woman and educator, I have experienced the frustration of being marginalized and challenged by a society that is yet to recognize my brilliance. I can relate to students who feel they are invisible in the classroom, invisible in the curriculum, and invisible to the institution. I am excited to welcome the inaugural class of young ladies to this innovative and inclusive learning environment and eager to help build a legacy of doing school differently in Louisville.

Who Can Attend?

All interested females in Jefferson County from any background who are entering the sixth grade are welcome to apply.

How to Apply

- ✦ Apply online by visiting jefferson.kyschools.us and clicking **Register and Apply**
- ✦ Apply in person at the following locations:

JCPS Registration Site
4309 Bishop Lane

JCPS Satellite Office at the California Community Center
1600 W. St. Catherine Street

JCPS Satellite Office at the Academy @ Shawnee
4018 W. Market Street

JCPS English as a Second Language Office
1325 Bluegrass Avenue

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FAQ



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How do I apply?

Visit the Student Assignment website at <https://www.jefferson.kyschools.us/school-choices/student-assignment> and click the "How to Apply" button and follow the outlined directions.

Where will the Females of Color STEAM Academy be located?

TBD- a final decision will be made soon.

Will transportation be provided?

Yes, all students will receive bus transportation (if needed) regardless of their address.

How will admission into the program be determined?

All interested students will have to complete the application process in order to be considered for admission to the program. 150 students will be selected.

Will there be after school activities? Sports?

Yes, along with traditional activities like sports, other after school activities such as STEAM innovation time will be offered after school and on selected weekends.

Is the Females of Color STEAM Academy only for African-American females?

No, this program is open to all Jefferson County females entering the sixth grade.

Is there a dress code?

Yes.

Why is this program just for females?

This program is modeled after strategies used in other districts nationwide proven to impact the needs identified by our district's data on the academic performance of females of color.

What is different about the Females of Color STEAM Academy?

This program has been built to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of young women. In addition, we will offer an advanced and rigorous curriculum presented through the lens of African-American and Gender Studies with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. Culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies will be used to meet the common core standards.

Will students receiving special education services be allowed to attend?

Yes, all interested females entering the sixth grade are able to apply.

Are applicants required to be on free/reduced-priced meals to apply?

No, all interested females from any socioeconomic background entering the sixth grade may apply.

See school flyer for more information on how to apply.

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