

Acceleration Academy

LAE Board Meeting Update

February 14, 2024





Participating students receive at least 20 hours of additional instruction in a given subject over a week, which adds up to more hours of instruction in a core subject than a student gets in a typical month of school.

Key SY24 Acceleration Academy Goals

- Refocus on the original rationale of Acceleration Academy to select students for high impact instruction by talented teachers
 - Renew focus on acceleration, not remediation as a vehicle to address unfinished learning
 - Build teacher capacity through district and DESE PD
 - Required licensure and lesson plans for teachers
- Provide professional learning to Math and Literacy instructional leaders on planning targeted, standards aligned programming aligned to the instructional vision and using data to select and group students
- Measure impact of acceleration academies on student growth as demonstrated on assessment (Dibels, MCAS, MAP)
 - Specify growth targets for all vacation-based programming

Program Logistics

- Tuesday-Friday of February and April Vacation
 - February: ELA/Early Literacy
 - April: Math/Science
- Targeted small group instruction, social emotional supports, and enrichment provided
- Daily Motivational Incentives for Attendance
- Transportation provided for those who receive it during school year



Staffing

Role	#	Stipend
Educators - Sontag Prize <i>(202 ELA or other subject; 40 specialists)</i>	133	\$4,000
Para-professionals	43	\$1,500
Social emotional supports	19	\$3,500
Clerks/Parent Liaisons	24	\$1,500
Nurses	16	\$4,000
Program facilitators	25	\$3,500
Total	260	Total cost of stipends \$850,500

Examples of Student Schedules

Early Childhood (K-2)	
7:30-8:00	Arrival & Breakfast
8:00-8:30	Restorative Circles & Morning Meeting
8:30-9:30	Art
9:30-10:30	Literacy
10:30-11:30	Mindfulness
11:30-12:00	Interventions
12:00-12:40	Lunch & Recess
12:40-1:40	Math Lab
1:40-2:00	Music & Movement
2:00-2:30	Active Play
2:30-3:00	Closing Circle/Dismissal

Elementary	
7:30-8:00	Arrival & Breakfast
8:00-8:30	Morning Meeting
8:30-10:30	Literacy
10:30-11:30	Specials
11:30-12:00	Lunch & Recess
12:00-2:30	Literacy
2:30-3:00	Closing & Extra movement

Middle & High School	
7:30-8:00	Arrival & Breakfast
8:00-9:30	Specials
9:30-12:00	Literacy
12:00-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:50	Literacy
2:50-3:00	Announcements/Awards/Dismissal

Mix of Core Academics, Specials, and Social Emotional Focus

Student Opportunity Act



- Continue to support and expand robust Acceleration Academy opportunities for students through the Student Opportunity Act funding
 - Implement academic intervention and acceleration opportunities targeting student groups demonstrating the largest gaps in achievement