

AXL's Mission

All college prep schools expect students to excel in a rigorous academic program. AXL asks more.

AXL will empower all students to master rigorous academic standards, become skillful and resourceful problem-solvers, and develop the character and love of learning they need to succeed in college and careers they choose.

APPLICATION STATUS

As a public charter school, we seek approval of our application from the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education to open AXL Academy. The Board will vote to approve our application this Fall, after soliciting input from community members.

Visit our website www.axlacademy.org for the latest updates on the status of our application and how you can show your support for AXL's charter.

We support public charter schools because:

All students deserve an outstanding education.

All families deserve public school choices for their children.

All students deserve a highly qualified teacher.

All students deserve the opportunity to create their own futures.

As a Public Charter School, AXL Academy is free and open to any Aurora resident. We operate independently of the local school district and we do not have special admission requirements.

AXL Academy will open in August 2007 with 240 students Kindergarten through 5th grade and will add grades each year over the next seven years until we reach our maximum preK-8 capacity of 750 students. We will maintain fewer than 25 students in each classroom.

AXL Academy will be located in central Aurora, convenient to public transportation and easily accessible from I-225.

You can request student interest form from the website, address or phone number listed below, or you can attend one of our information sessions. Students will be selected by a public lottery if applications exceed available openings.

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A REVOLUTION IN LEARNING
FOR GIRLS. FOR BOYS.

REVOLUCIÓN EN APRENDIZAJE
POR NIÑAS. POR NIÑOS.

Active teaching and learning,
strong school culture, and
a supportive environment
for students and families from
preK through 8th grade.

AXL's Revolution in Learning

AXL Academy engages students in a challenging program where all core subjects, as well as technology, fine arts, physical fitness and Spanish, are integrated into deep investigations of real-world issues. We call these Expeditions, and they connect classroom content to everyday life. Students develop the power to think, the confidence to act, and a sense of responsibility for one another.

Key features of AXL's revolutionary approach include:

ACTIVE TEACHING & LEARNING

Students learn by doing and by demonstrating what they've learned. With training from Expeditionary Learning™, AXL teachers design hands-on projects, real life problems, and frequent outside-the-classroom expeditions that make students active participants in their own education.

All of our curriculum includes Colorado Content Standards, but we enrich them to involve students in meaningful ways in the larger community.

STRONG SCHOOL CULTURE

Our active learning and strong school culture foster high academic achievement, character development, and social equity for all students. At AXL, we educate students to thrive in the larger community through innovative school structures and proven instructional practices.

Students are organized into separate divisions for girls and boys, each tailored to support academic achievement using the same demanding curriculum. Students remain with the same team of teachers for more than one year, which helps build trust and caring relationships.

AXL students wear simple uniforms to ensure respect for self and others, diminish social stress, and develop a shared, community identity.

Our preK-8 model provides a safe, stable, and nurturing school in which students know what is expected of them academically and socially and know they have the individualized support to reach their goals.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

All college prep schools expect students to excel in a rigorous academic program, AXL asks more: that students discover how they learn, that they take intellectual delight and responsibility in their education, and that they gain the courage and integrity to negotiate the futures they create. AXL is committed to preparing all students to succeed in college and careers of their choosing.

AXL provides excellent teachers to guide and support each student in meeting high expectations for achievement. This is possible with our ongoing, high quality professional development for all teachers.

EXTENDED SCHEDULE

AXL operates year-round, with three short breaks rather than one long summer vacation. The school day runs from 8:00am – 4:00pm with extended opportunities to learn and play until 6:00pm.

AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT

Teachers will use a variety of evaluation tools—including Colorado-mandated tests, nationally standardized tests, authentic assessments of students' knowledge and skills, and portfolios of students' work over time—to monitor students' progress toward, world class standards of achievement.

Performance data from these assessments will drive AXL's ongoing curriculum development, training for teachers, and individualized supports for students' learning.

FAMILY & STUDENTS

We are committed to recruiting a diverse student population that reflects the richness of culture, ethnicity, language, and socio-economics of Aurora. AXL creates an environment in which students can learn from one another, learn to respect one another, and develop the skills needed for success in a diverse world.