



Academy for Civic Engagement

at Lonnie B. Nelson

Purpose:

The Academy for Civic Engagement at Lonnie B. Nelson Elementary will prepare children to become contributing members of our democratic society and responsible citizens of our community and our world. The students build partnerships with local government and local businesses as they learn to become responsible citizens. The Academy for Civic Engagement encourages active citizenship by giving students opportunities to translate civic education into community engagement.

Key Components:

- Provides career exploration for all students based on “Being There” experiences, with community members participating in teaching and learning.
- Provides opportunities for children to participate in the democratic process.
- Provides opportunities for children to interact with children throughout the United States and the world.
- Provides year-long themes and project based learning for all children so that they acquire mastery and can apply their knowledge.
- Provides an enriched environment in the school and in each classroom.
- Provides active learning that recognizes the social, emotional, and metacognitive needs of our children.
- Provides adequate time, immediate feedback and choices to children.
- Assesses students individually; emphasizing portfolio and narrative assessments in conjunction with traditional grading.
- Grows an appreciation for the diversity in the world
- Provides opportunities for students to become self-governing by the use of Lifelong Guidelines and LIFESKILLS.

Number of students served:

The Academy of Civic Engagement will open in 2008-2009 for grades 1-5, serving 20 students per grade level. The program will expand yearly to become a full school program.

Eligibility:

Students enrolling in grades 1-5 for the 2008-2009 school year who seek to become strong leaders and build a foundation that will afford them the opportunity for future success are eligible to apply. Selection will be by random lottery.

Outcomes:

ACE will develop diverse leaders with the knowledge and skills to establish challenging career and educational goals, and the character and commitment to develop healthy, sustainable, and caring, communities.