

SDA Students Go To College

The mission of Starr Detroit Academy is to prepare students for academic mastery, college, work and life. To achieve this mission, our curriculum is college preparatory, starting in kindergarten. We want all of our students to have the academic requirements to succeed in a four-year college. SDA also exposes all students to college through our school culture. Each homeroom is named after a college or university and there are pennants representing many of the nation's colleges throughout our halls. We also plan on deepening our students' exposure to college through visits to college campuses. During the year our students will visit a variety of college campuses as well as hear from speakers about their experiences in college and life.

SDA Uniform Expectations

At Starr Detroit Academy, we value a strong school culture. Adherence to the school uniform policy helps to ensure students are aligned, focused on their academics, and ready to engage with their work. Please make sure your child comes to school each day in full uniform. See below for specifications. If you need to purchase additional uniform polos or sweatshirts, please contact Fellowship Uniforms at (313) 882-8975.

Starr Detroit Academy Uniform:

- A short sleeved Starr Detroit Academy polo shirt (The shirt must be worn tucked-in) or Starr Detroit Academy sweatshirt
- Solid khaki uniform pants or shorts (knee-length). The pants need to fit correctly (i.e., no baggy style)
- Solid, dark-colored shoes or sneakers with no embellishments. (No boots, sandals, two-toned or multi-colored shoes.)

Optional: Solid, dark-colored belt (No fancy buckles, studs, writing or markings)



Staff Profile • Blended Learning Teacher Valerie Dixon



Mrs. Valerie Dixon comes to Starr Detroit Academy with twelve years of experience in primary and secondary education. Prior to SDA, Mrs. Dixon worked in various capacities in elementary, middle, and high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area. She holds a B.A. in Business Administration and Management from Cleary University in Ypsilanti, Michigan and a Master's degree in Administration and Supervision in Education from Phoenix University.

Mrs. Dixon loves teaching! Her enthusiasm for teaching stems from her desire to help children develop confidence and realize they can accomplish their dreams. As a Blended Learning teacher, Mrs. Dixon works with kindergarten through fifth grade students every day. She strongly believes in the mission of Starr Detroit Academy to prepare students for academic mastery, college, work and life and is excited to have all of her students achieve the mission.

Mrs. Dixon was born in Plant City, Florida but has lived in Detroit since 1998 with her husband Ricky, a native Detroit. Mrs. Dixon enjoys singing, traveling, and spending time with her husband and three children. We are excited to have Mrs. Dixon as part of the SDA family!

Upcoming Events:

SDA Parent Night

Location: Starr Detroit Academy
19360 Harper Avenue

Date & Time: Thurs., Sept. 27 @ 5:30PM

Teacher Professional Development Day

Date: Fri., Sept. 28
(NO SCHOOL for students)

Volunteers Build SDA Playground!

Starr Detroit Academy has a brand new playground! On Saturday, September 15, over 80 SDA families, staff, and community members volunteered at KaBOOM! Playground Build Day. The volunteers worked all day to construct the playground, which features two slides, several rock climbing walls and jungle gyms, and a tire swing. Build Day occurred after months of planning and preparation, including two volunteer-led preparation days prior to build day. The playground was kid-designed and made possible through a grant from KaBOOM! and Foresters. KaBOOM! is a nonprofit organization committed to increasing the number of play spaces across the United States. Foresters is a financial services company committed to building play spaces in Detroit. Thank you to everyone involved in this project. We are excited to have SDA students enjoy their new playground.



SDA Partners with The Efficacy Institute

Your child may have told you that at Starr Detroit Academy we **Work Hard to Get Smart**. The idea that everyone is capable of greatness is part of SDA's core philosophy, which is based on the work of the Efficacy Institute and Jeff Howard. We are excited to have the Efficacy Institute as one of our partners. Representatives from the Efficacy Institute will speak at this month's Parent Night. Don't miss this worthwhile presentation!

BL Program	Description	Web Address
<i>Ready</i>	Reading instructional program	cainc-i-ready.com/
<i>RAZ Kids</i>	Online leveled books library	www.raz-kids.com/main/Login
<i>Reading Eggs</i>	Reading development program	readingeggs.com/login
<i>ST Math</i>	Math instructional program	web.stmath.com

Blended Learning class is part of the academic day for all SDA students. During a Blended Learning class, students work on computer software that assesses a student's performance and provides instruction in targeted areas. With blended learning programs, students receive individualized instruction in ELA and Math. Blended Learning instruction does not have to end in the computer lab; however, many of the software programs we use offer home access. Your child will receive their personal login information which they can use at home to access the programs via a computer, tablet, or in some cases a smart phone. Please contact our Blended Learning teachers Mrs. Dixon or Mr. Broden, or your child's homeroom teacher for more information.

Blended Learning at Home

On Thursday, September 27, Starr Detroit Academy will host Parent Night. SDA Parent Night will offer parents and families the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers to learn about the curriculum and their child's performance and progress. Parent Night will also feature presentations about SDA school culture and the Efficacy Institute, one of SDA's partners. The event is from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Upon arrival, parents should check-in at the front desk in the school lobby. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing all families at this exciting and important event.

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