



## **Mission**

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Our mission is to educate and empower our scholars to embrace their identity, lead lives of choice and opportunity, and impact their communities as the next generation of socially-conscious leaders.

## **Vision**

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We envision an exceptional educational experience within a joyful, authentic community where our young leaders are prepared to lead lives of choice and use their knowledge and voices for transformative change.

## **Our Purpose**

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Legacy Prep is Birmingham, Alabama's first and only approved public charter school will open August 2019 with 234 Kindergarten through Second grade. The Legacy Prep school model will build students academically, socially, emotionally, and foster the necessary habits, skills and mindsets needed to thrive in our world.

## **Our Drivers of Impact**

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To ensure the success of all learners, Legacy Prep is built on eight drivers of impact. Such principles will ensure all students leave Legacy with the freedom to lead lives of choice and opportunity in high school and beyond.

1. We are a school designed with children at the center.
2. Legacy Prep as a community catalyst through social justice and service.
3. Literacy is revolutionary.
4. Quality teachers drive exceptional results.
5. A school culture built on love, joy, support, and excellence, allows students to thrive academically and in life.
6. Data informs all decisions.
7. Unapologetic belief in all children and their brilliance.
8. We use innovation as a means to reimagine the student learning experience.
9. We view education as liberation.
10. We possess a growth mindset.

## **Fulfilling a Need**

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Legacy Prep's founding team and stakeholders within the Birmingham community realize the need and opportunity to offer a high-quality, inquiry and STEAM focused educational option to the students and families in economically disadvantaged communities. The current educational approach is not setting students on course to achieve their personal best or to be on course for secondary, post-secondary, and life success. There are currently 13 Birmingham City Schools on the failing schools list, 52% of Birmingham City Schools are rated (F) according to the Alabama Department of Education report card, and student proficiency rates are in the single digits. Now is the pivotal time to reimagine the educational experience for children and families in underserved communities. The demand is here; we have received 224 intent to enroll forms from prospective parents. The captured image is one in which students are able to engage in 21<sup>st</sup> Century critical thinking and learning skills, working collaboratively on projects, engaging in personalized learning experiences that connect skills and concepts from various subjects into the bigger picture of life and work. Our village will re-write the narrative, prove what is possible, transform the school experience, and leave a generational legacy. Alabama has begun to realize the power of school choice and the importance of revising the current educational system. We are a single-site independent charter school with plans of creating a nonprofit CMO and expanding our impact. We are trailblazers for what the charter sector can become in our state and believe with the financial support of this grant, we will be able to reimagine learning and prove what is possible in our city and state. We are seeking a grant request totaling [REDACTED] to support the startup and implementation needs of our public charter school over a three-year period.