

Crossroads Charter Schools is a charter Local Education Agency (LEA) in Kansas City, Missouri. The LEA currently operates three charter schools. The scope of this project is to support the relocation and expansion of Crossroads High School to a school that serves students in grades 7-12 renamed as Crossroads Preparatory Academy. Crossroads High School opened in 2017 in a leased space with just thirty-five ninth grade students. The design of the high school will adhere to the same principles implemented in the districts elementary and middle schools – specifically, an engaging Project Based Learning Model integrated with the downtown Kansas City businesses and organizations, longer school days and robust summer program.

The academic outcomes for Crossroads Charter School students demonstrate that it is a high-quality charter school. The proficiency of Crossroads students on the state assessments is dramatically better than Kansas City Public Schools and comparable to the overall state, while serving a student population with higher percentages of educationally disadvantaged students, than the state average. Further, Crossroads Charter Schools is ranked fourth out of the nineteen traditional and charter school districts serving Kansas City students on the State assessments. In 2017 Crossroads Charter Schools was recognized as the *Missouri Charter School of the Year* by the Missouri Charter Public School Association.

The strongest testament to this project supporting the expanded capacity of Crossroads Charter Schools is community demand. In August 2017, there were 399 students on the waiting list across all grades K-9 compared to total enrollment of just under 700 students. Kansas City parents are becoming increasingly aware of the quality of educational choices and are selecting Crossroads Charter Schools for their children.