

CARES FOR COLLEGE ABSTRACT: Paterson ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

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Paterson Arts and Science Charter School (Paterson ASCS) is currently in its fifth year of operations, serving 684 students in grades K-9. With an already established and successful academic program, The New Jersey Department of Education granted Paterson ASCS permission to expand its enrollment to 1,025 students across grades K-12 by the 2021-2022 school year. Due to this expansion, Paterson ASCS will open two additional campuses in the city of Paterson in order to serve 100 students per grade in K-1 along with 75 students per grade level in grades 2-12. Paterson ASCS currently serves a student population that is 82-percent low income, 7-percent special education, 7-percent English Language Learners (ELLs), and 98-percent minorities. Paterson ASCS is powered by a STEAM approach to academics that uses applied science throughout its curriculum with focuses in Science, Technology, English, the Arts, and Mathematics all combining to provide students with a well-rounded education that is grounded in all major disciplines and mediums for expression of learning. By integrating the Arts into Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, Paterson ASCS believes that a STEAM team can achieve more through true collaboration among all subject matters. A major aspect of its academic program revolves around college and career readiness. Students at Paterson ASCS see the opportunity to learn from passionate teachers and guidance counselors in the ways of preparing for and attending colleges and universities that will help them to pursue their greatest interests and desires in life. The College Coaching Program (CCP), college visits, and SAT and AP courses will play integral roles in our students' college and career readiness. Paterson ASCS believes that students must progress beyond high school with a real vision to achieve success.