

Applicant: Collegiate Academies, 5552 Read Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70127

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Competitive Preference Priorities Addressed:

- 1b—Collegiate Academies Supports High-need Students in Schools in Need of Improvement;
- 2—Collegiate Academies Promotes Diversity;
- 3—Collegiate Academies is a Novice Applicant

Goals and outcomes: 1) Improve student achievement; 2) Improve college readiness, matriculation, and success; 3) Improve operational effectiveness, scope, and reach.

This project features partnerships with and support from the following entities:

- **New Orleans**—Charter School Growth Fund; New Schools for New Orleans; Recovery School District- New Orleans; Youth Rebuilding New Orleans; Collegiate Academies Alumni;
- **Baton Rouge**—Baton Rouge Area Chamber; Baton Rouge Area Foundation; Council for a Better Louisiana; LA Association of Business & Industry; New Schools for Baton Rouge; Teach For America, Southeast LA; Star Hill Church, Baton Rouge;
- **Jackson**—MS State Government (Lt. Governor); RePublic Charter Schools; Hope Enterprise Corporation; Phelps Dunbar, LLC; Eastover Companies; and MuniStrategies

Short-term outcomes include: Increase graduation rate (85% of all students graduate in 4 years); 85% teacher retention; 85% student persistence; 85% teacher retention; Increase student academic success (75% average End-of-Course test passing rate; 21 average ACT score); 21 average ACT score); 100% college acceptance rate; Maintain high college matriculation and success rates (At least 98% of students enroll in college the fall after graduation; At least 60% of students complete college in 4 years; At least 80% of students complete college in 6 years). Grow to serve 3,559 students by 2020-21.

Contributions for research, policy, and practice: Significantly increase student achievement in New Orleans, East Baton Rouge, and Jackson, thereby transforming these communities educationally and economically; Develop and share a growth mindset across the country that proves all students can grow; Generate additional evidence that open-enrollment charter schools can provide an exemplary education to *all* students, including those with significant special education needs; and Establish Louisiana and Mississippi as home to multiple high school “proof points,” showing that high school is not too late for traditionally underserved student populations to be prepared for the academic and social demands of college.

Meeting the purpose of the CSP: This project will support 1 expansion school in New Orleans, LA and five replication schools—1 in New Orleans; 2 in Baton Rouge, LA, and 2 in Jackson, MS, as well as a high-quality program evaluation by McREL International (<https://www.mcrel.org/>)