

University Park Academy

Why We Exist
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Students are walking out of schools or just not attending by the thousands all over the nation of America and especially in Houston Independent School District. The problems are complicated and many; ranging from unprepared students to violent students disrupting classes. The students recalcitrant behavior is played out when medicated children , students with learning disabilities, or those that need to go slower, make their way into the 9th - 12th grade.

HISD dropout- prevention is looking for their students. They find students at home with babies, at work to help make ends meet, working to pay the cell phone bill, now living with grandmother or uncle or relatives as family displacement worsens. Then, they find students that have 26 credits but no high school diploma. After suffering horrible embarrassment they leave the system...get a job and tell everyone they graduated.

Where are those students that missed the TAKS or STARR. They are attending University Park Academy. Their 26 HISD credits are transferred to University Park Academy . After transcript evaluation the University Park Academy secures Contract Teachers or Volunteer Teachers to offer the course called Citizenship, required by non public schools, or chemistry, math, biology to clean up the transcript. Students exit exam at University Park Academy is the COMPASS TEST. This is the best measure of college or trade school pursuit.

South Park Baptist Church agreed with Pastor Marvin C. Delaney that we together...South Park Baptist Church and South by Southeast Community Development Corp. dba University Park Academy can rescue recalcitrant students and credit short students. This is how. View our you tube videos www.universityparkacademy.org select the Education page. For a look at the school check out this

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South Park Baptist Church gives the University Park Academy a generous monthly in-kind donation of market value building use calculated at \$11,500.00 (Eleven Thousand Five Hundred dollars)/ Monthly.

- 6,000 square feet school space
- 8,000 square feet gymnasium space
- Lighting
- Air Conditioning
- Heating
- Use of Vans for Field Trips
- Volunteer Church Personnel
- Cafeteria with free breakfast

- Parking
- Security (HPD)

Why did South Park Baptist make such a substantial investment. We want to effect change in the community is the answer. Students on the streets with no intervention is a problem.

The tables, chairs, desk, office supplies are a 501(c3) transfer from Crossroads Charter School to UPA. The copiers now inoperable were purchased by UPA.

A special gift from the Beverly and Willie Mitchell Foundation of Texas City Texas provided computers and printer to the tune of \$5000.00 dollars (five thousand dollars)

Where does the staff come from and the curriculum? The curriculum is <https://www.odysseyware.com/>, For entry level students... <http://www.extralearning.org/>Entry level skill CCP Curriculum. odysseyware exit level skills.

The staff is comprised of volunteers and two contract workers paid by HISD External Funding for students with broken skill sets in reading and math. These students no longer attend HISD. Transferring to University Park Academy a non-accredited private school removes them from the dropout roll.

What is HISD getting out of this collaboration with the under-funded University Park Academy?

- Removal of trouble students
- Automatic paper work reduction
- No more court appearances for family or Truant Officers
- Tax dollars are lessened by 3,000 students off the PEIMS Roll
- No more HISD state reports
- No more HISD police reports
- No more HISD attendance reports
- No more HISD low performance reports
- No more HISD Dropout Prevention Searches

University Park Academy receives no funding from any tax source and a pittance from the community in the form of student fees. One hundred dollars at credit transfer time when registering. Then seventy five dollars per month for ten months if you can afford it. Most cannot afford anything past the one hundred dollars...so we persevere to meet our objective return the student to the community with a high school diploma NOT A GED. **Feel the passion of these non paid volunteers and help us help them.**

Volunteer List

Marvin C. Delaney	Computer Science, Religion 101, Eco/FE
Ja'Nae Allen	Government , US History, W Geography
Brandi Utley	Heath Sciences
Jackie Brown	Comm APPs
MiMi Thames	English (Contract)
Christopher Millett	Math (Contract)
Mumbaji Johnson	PE

Beverly Mitchell	Administration
Rita Stewart	Counseling
Gerald Hill, PHD	Science Environmental Engineering
Harry Nelson	Chemistry
Alice Turner	Dietitian
Phil Smith	Security and Counseling
Johnny Davison	Accounting
Jerry Kizzie	Maintenance Engineering

**Note: Contractors are selected to provide services for Biology, Physics, Aquatics, when classes make.

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