THE STUDIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Proposed Pilot School in APS
studio noun \stoo-dee-oh\  
• a room or place for instruction or experimentation  
• a place where people go to learn, practice, or study
Mission

The Studio is dedicated to providing a diverse student body with an innovative, intellectually rigorous academic experience in a collaborative environment that nurtures the unique talents, strengths, and curiosity of each student.
Vision

Every student develops skills to confidently face challenges, design solutions to those challenges, and shape a successful future.
GAME LIKE LEARNING PRINCIPLES

Everyone is a Participant

Failure is Reframed as Iteration

Everything is Interconnected

Learning Happens By Doing

Feedback is Immediate and Ongoing

Challenge is Constant

Learning is Engaging
94% average student attendance rate
90% average teacher retention rate

Math Olympiad winners 3 YEARS IN A ROW

88% of Quest parents say the school keeps their child on track for college, career, and success in life after high school
94% of Quest parents say the school has high expectations for their child

+56% better than citywide average on 2013 ELA exams
+43% better than citywide average on 2013 Science exams

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Students 478
African-American 15%
Latino 35%
Caucasian 37%
Other 4%

31% special education
41% free or reduced lunch

Significant gains in systems thinking and time management
Source: Val Shute, FSU
APS 2020
Strategic Plan

Core Beliefs

• Every student has unique abilities that we must recognize and engage.
• A district with students at its center provides an adaptable and responsible foundation for learning.
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Every APS student will have a set of skills to implement his or her plan for the future

- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Self-Direction
- Information Literacy
- Invention
Common Core + 21st Century Skills

Why What You Learned in Preschool Is Crucial at Work

For all the jobs that machines can now do — whether performing surgery, driving cars or serving food — they still lack one distinctly human trait. They have no social skills.

Yet skills like cooperation, empathy and flexibility have become increasingly vital in modern-day work. Occupations that require strong social skills have grown much more than others since 1980, according to new research. And the only occupations that have shown consistent wage growth since 2000 require both cognitive and social skills.
Lottery-Based School of Choice
An option for Rigorous, Hands-On Learning
Our Students
APS Professional Development
Student Intensive Courses
Research Partners

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Design for Practice, Learning, Agency and Civic Engagement

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Thank you