

# THE AIM HIGH LEARNING EXPERIENCE



Innovated over more than 35 years, the Aim High experience equips middle schoolers facing systemic barriers to achieve their full potential as scholars and leaders. It strengthens students' capacity to use their voice and skills to make positive change in their own lives and in their communities.

Students build a SENSE OF AGENCY and strengthen their ability to THINK CRITICALLY and WORK COLLABORATIVELY over four summers at Aim High.

The Aim High magic is a delicate balance of four key ingredients - our CORE VALUES.

## COMMUNITY

Students feel a sense of belonging. At Aim High students develop positive relationships with their peers and caring adults. Throughout their summers at Aim High, students grow their confidence to take action and impact change (big or small) in their own lives and in their communities.

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## OPPORTUNITY

Students connect what they learn to their experiences, communities, and futures. They are given opportunities to expand and demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a variety of ways. Our [Content Overview](#) illustrates the knowledge and skills developed in our core classes: Issues and Choices, Humanities, and STEM.

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## RESPECT

Aim High students' experiences and identities are valued and celebrated. Students at Aim High explore and express their identities - as individuals, students, and members of the community. Students also develop empathy for others and connections in their differences, expanding their sense of self and role as inclusive leaders.

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## (HIGH) EXPECTATIONS

Aim High students see themselves as scholars and change agents. They build academic mindsets in which they see mistakes and challenges as learning and growth opportunities. They are able to reflect on and recognize their progress throughout the summer.