

The Aim High Learning Experience



Innovating for 40 years, the Aim High learning experience equips middle school students facing systemic barriers to achieve their full potential. It strengthens students' capacity to use their voices and skills to make positive changes in their own lives and be leaders in their communities.

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

The Aim High learning experience and magic is grounded in our four CORE values.

C OMMUNITY

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

O PPORTUNITY

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. New opportunities develop their academic mindset to be curious learners and engage in joyful learning experiences.

R ESPECT

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

E (HIGH) XPECTATIONS

Students envision themselves as learners and change agents. They build academic mindsets in which they see mistakes and challenges as learning and growth opportunities. They discover a love of learning through reflection and accountability with their peers and teachers.