



Public Charter High School

THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY

FACT SHEET

MISSION

Thurgood Marshall Academy Public Charter High School (TMA) prepares students to succeed in college and to actively engage in our democratic society.

ABOUT THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY

- **Enrollment (grades 9–12, SY08–09):** 377
- **Average daily attendance (SY08–09):** 93%
- **Free And Reduced Meals program eligibility (SY08–09):** 72%

THURGOOD MARSHALL ACADEMY'S PROGRAM

- **Thurgood Marshall Academy's law-themed curriculum** teaches basic academic skills as well as high-order, law-related skills such as using evidence to support an argument, conducting research, synthesizing information, and making presentations.
- **Extended day, week, and year programming** includes:
 - *After-school tutoring* by teachers and volunteers from the professional community;
 - *Personalized mentoring* by adult role models drawn largely from the District's legal community;
 - *College access and alumni programming* to ensure that graduates succeed in college; and
 - *Summer Prep* mandated for five weeks in the summer for incoming students.
- **Community partners drawn** from more than 50 organizations in the legal, business, education, nonprofit, and government communities provide funding, volunteers, and materials.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) met** as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) in both reading and math for school year 2007–08. Results indicate that 70.19% of TMA students were proficient in reading (up from 42.59% in SY 2006–07) and 60.58% of TMA students were proficient in math (up from 50.00% in SY 2006–07). Thurgood Marshall Academy ranked 1st in reading and 2nd in math when compared to other open-enrollment high schools in the District.
- **Full accreditation granted** by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in May 2008.
- **100% college acceptance achieved** by the classes of 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.
- **First high school in the District granted full-continuation of its charter** by the DC Public Charter School Board (January 2007).
- **First school in Washington, DC, to complete a New Markets Tax Credits transaction**, a permanent facility financing option that will save the school \$5.3 million over thirty years.

RECENT PRESS

- **In December 2008, BBC America aired two segments on Thurgood Marshall Academy students**, one featuring four Thurgood Marshall Academy students discussing their views on President-Elect Obama and the effect his presidency will have in the community, the other featuring interviews with two students and Academic Director Alexandra Pardo.
- **In June 2008, *The Wall Street Journal* described Thurgood Marshall Academy's intense focus on preparing at-risk students to succeed in college**, which has led to every graduate achieving acceptance to college.