

Phalen Leadership Academies

Making Schools Better Together



The PLA Model

The PLA education model works to drive strong growth for our school partners and student scholars. We support our partner schools by ensuring the use of standards-based curriculum; high quality professional development; a coaching cycle that supports teachers; enrichment opportunities for scholars; and a proven process to authentically partner with parents.

PLA has a proven track-record of helping children achieve remarkable success. Our goal is for our partner schools to be one of the highest performing schools in their host district after two years with us and to outperform the state average after five years.

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“Phalen Leadership Academy is fantastic. My child transferred from a small town public school kindergarten. Within one month at the prior school, he was in ISS and had up to a dozen strikes against him. At Phalen, they help him learn on his level, work with his learning style, are compassionate about him as a student and as a person, engage him, love him, accept him and teach him as the normal little boy that he is.”

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PLA Highlights

- Transformed multiple failing schools into A-rated schools
- Students achieved highest IREAD scores in Indiana for two consecutive years [2015-2016]
- Achieved highest standardized test growth for all schools in Central Indiana, 11% growth [2015-2016]
- Two PLA schools ranked #4 and #5 in the district for strongest growth [2016-2017]
- Doubled scholar proficiency rates in our first year in Detroit [2017-18]

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“My son is a recent transfer from another school. He’s only been at PLA about a month, and I love it! His teacher and staff are all very caring and passionate about the kids and their education. My only regret is not enrolling him at PLA first. One of the main reasons for enrolling my son is that he is being taught on his own level. I like that the classes are small and that the students get the individual attention when needed.”

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