



URBANPROMISE MINISTRIES MISSION

To equip Camden's children and young adults with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth and Christian leadership

UrbanPromise got its official start in 1988 as a spin-off of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE). EAPE was founded by Dr. Tony Campolo, a sociologist and well-known Christian speaker and author widely known for his passionate call for Christians to take seriously Christ's demand that we seek justice for the poor and liberation for the oppressed. Tony recruited Bruce Main to launch an outreach to children and teens in the city of Camden. Starting with one summer camp run out of a struggling Baptist Church, the outreach quickly grew to include multiple summer camps and afterschool programs. The mission of UrbanPromise is to equip children and teens with the skills necessary for academic achievement, life management, spiritual growth and leadership rooted in the principles of Christian faith. As a non-denominational organization, the UrbanPromise community seeks to fulfill this mission through after school programs, summer camps, alternative schools, job training initiatives and a host of other programs that challenge youth to develop their academic, social, creative, spiritual and leadership potential. Unique to the vision of UrbanPromise is a commitment to involving local teenagers (StreetLeaders) in the tutoring, mentoring, and coaching of younger children in the community. By involving teens in the leadership process, UrbanPromise is creating a new generation of young, visionary leaders who embody a commitment to change their own community.

URBANPROMISE ACADEMY VISION

UrbanPromise Academy (UPA) is a college preparatory high school that engages excellence by engaging knowledge and transforming lives. UPA will enroll students primarily from Camden, NJ who are seeking an alternative to traditional public school education. Our educational program will develop the whole person through innovative instruction, experiential and expeditionary learning, and leadership development. As a community of learners we will promote an interconnected view of knowledge while implementing a curriculum that prepares students for higher education. Our teachers will excel in their craft by providing relationship, rigor, and relevance throughout the educational program. We will be a support to the emotional, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual development of students, faculty, and staff. UPA will be a trusted steward of the gifts and support of all its stakeholders including, alumni, parents, students, faculty, administration, staff, religious communities, businesses, donors, and institutions of higher education in order to provide a legacy of hope and fulfilled promise.

OUR COMMUNITY FOCUS:

Christian Values
Academic Discipline
Leadership Development
Community Service

CURRICULAR FOCUS:

College Preparation
Small Group Cooperative Projects
Technology Integrated Classrooms
Life Skills Development
Service Learning

UPA FACTS

- Affiliate of the Pinnacle School which provides a curricular requirements for college bound students
- Accreditation through the Educational Accreditation Assoc. and the International University Accrediting Assoc.
- Focus on students who are not reaching their potential in the public school system
- Small classes with a 1:10 teacher-student ratio
- Faculty who are concerned about providing the best opportunity for student success
- Active volunteer teachers and volunteers who are committed to helping students reach their potential
- Grade reporting every nine weeks with mid-semester progress reports
- Parent-teacher conferences once every quarter
- Opportunity to participate in UrbanTrek's expeditionary learning program, and Street Leaders job training program
- Afterschool enrichment programs: Science-Tech-Engineering-Math Club, Literary Club, Media Club, Boat Building

***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11***

UrbanPromise Academy Prospective Student Inquiry & Application Process

Step One: The Inquiry

The admissions process begins with you. You realize that your child isn't succeeding as he or she should, or is simply unfulfilled academically or socially, and you want something different. You are now considering *UrbanPromise Academy*.

Family Meeting

In order to determine whether UPA can help your child succeed together, we will meet to provide an overview of UPA and learn how UPA might best serve your son or daughter. You must make an appointment to meet with the school Principal by calling (856) 382-1874. Appointments are normally scheduled before 9:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. You must bring your child's birth certificate, most recent report card, and Individual Education Plan (If Applicable)

Open House/Shadow Days

Phone calls, brochures, and websites cannot fully communicate the unique environment and culture that comprise UPA. The only way for parents and students to fully appreciate this is to see the school firsthand. Attendance at an Open House can assist in learning more about UPA as you visit a classroom and observe our teachers and students in action. Shadow Days are scheduled visits that allow your child to sit on a day of classes to experience the culture and climate of UPA. These opportunities can be scheduled at the conclusion of the Family Meeting.

Step Two: The Standardized Achievement Assessment & Student Essay

A crucially important step in the process is assessing your child's current level of achievement in reading, language arts, and math, and their ability to communicate in writing.

The TerraNova Achievement Test

This assessment will provide us with nationally standardized scores that we will use as part of our determining your child's current level of academic achievement. The test date is schedule once you have made a decision to move forward in the application process.

Essay

The essay will allow us to learn about not only your child's writing ability, but also his/her commitment to joining the UPA community and it is submitted on the date your child takes the TerraNova Test.

Step Three: Admission Decision

At this stage, we determine whether or not your child is a fit for UPA and what grade he/she will enter. If the prospective student is admissible the parent/guardian will receive a written letter of acceptance which will include instructions for enrollment and tuition payment. Currently, annual tuition, registration and activity fees total \$7,000 however families are responsible for contributing \$2,090 per year toward that total (there is a discount for multiple siblings). A payment plan is available.