



Access

Every student. Every chance. Every day.

OUR MISSION

Access propels at-risk middle school students through high school and on to college and career success with enrichment, counseling, and scholarships.

OUR PROGRAM

The Access program provides students with three critical services:



Enrichment

Access offers over 80 after-school and summer enrichment programs to challenge students in important STEM subjects like robotics, coding, and computer science, as well as in key areas such as leadership and character development, entrepreneurship, and the arts.



Counseling

Starting in 6th grade and continuing through college, our Graduate Support Directors build strong, enduring relationships with each student, providing individualized mentoring, guidance, and advocacy at every step of their 11+ year educational journey.



Scholarships

Access invests over \$675,000 annually in scholarships so our students can attend one of 25 local, college-preparatory private high schools.

OUR STUDENTS



97% represent minority populations

94% qualify for free/reduced lunch

66% live in single-parent households



ABOUT ACCESS

Access was founded in 2005 by a small group of St. Louisans convinced that education was the most enduring path out of poverty. Embracing an innovative model that emphasized extended school days, a challenging enrichment curriculum, and hands-on counseling, they started the first Academy with 15 students in a single South City middle school. Today, Access partners with four middle schools and 25 private high schools, and it serves over 400 students across the St. Louis metropolitan area.

OUR IMPACT



99%
ACCEPTED
to private, college-preparatory high schools



98%
GRADUATED
high school on time (compared to 84% nationwide)



96%
ACCEPTED
to college or other post-secondary institution

“It still amazes me that I’ve had somebody in my corner since the 6th grade. Access has followed me until I graduated from college.”

—Jasia Dickerson, Research & Development Technician, Johnson & Johnson (BA in Biomedical Engineering, University of Miami '19)

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