



## Bradford Academy Schools

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(Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. )

All students who reside in the state of Michigan, grades Kindergarten - Twelve are eligible for the 2010-2011 school year.

Current Bradford Academy students in Kindergarten through Eleventh grade will automatically be eligible for the next grade.

Bradford Academy is also accepting applications for our first Senior (12<sup>th</sup> grade) class.

The Open Enrollment period is:  
Monday, March 1, 2010 through Friday, March 12, 2010

Information meetings are planned at the school for:

Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

For more information call  
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There is no tuition.



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### **What is the mission of Bradford Academy?**

The mission of Bradford Academy is where excellence in education and character is the expectation.

### **What type of school is it?**

BRADFORD ACADEMY is a co-educational public school academy of choice, serving grades Kindergarten through twelve for the 2010 - 2011 school year. BRADFORD ACADEMY is chartered through the Bay Mills Community College of Michigan. BRADFORD ACADEMY is governed by an appointed board of directors. Monthly meeting dates/times are posted in the administrative offices of the school.

### **Will my child be able to attend?**

All children, living in the state of Michigan eligible for grades kindergarten through twelve are invited to apply for the 2010/2011 school year. Current BRADFORD ACADEMY students in grades Kindergarten through eleven will be eligible to move to the next grade. Bradford Academy is accepting applications for Kindergarten through Grade twelve for the 2010 - 2011 school year.

### **What will my child learn in grades kindergarten through grade twelve?**

The BRADFORD ACADEMY Curriculum Framework for grades kindergarten through grade twelve is based on the Michigan Department of Education Core Curriculum which emphasizes standards and exit skills for each grade level. The Curriculum Framework was also developed in light of current recommendations from national curriculum and education professional associations. Teachers focus learning in the Fine Arts (perceptually art and music); Mathematics, the Natural Sciences, Physical Education and Health; Reading, Reading Comprehension, the Social Studies, Speaking and Listening (English Language Arts) and Writing. Use of technology as a learning tool is integrated throughout the curriculum.



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### **What about the high school curriculum?**

The high school curriculum is based on the rigorous standards and exit-skills that will be demanded of colleges for students graduating in the year 2011 and beyond. College acceptance testing standards and protocols (the ACT and SAT college acceptance tests) are embedded into the curriculum, starting with the freshman class. All high school students will be exposed to a rigorous 4 year college preparatory core curriculum focused on reading, writing, mathematics, science and social science. Students will be able to select a major with concentrations in the fine arts (art, drama, and music), mathematics & science or public service (strong focus on politics & economics, United States, and world history).

### **High School Community Mentor Project**

Every high school student will be assigned a community mentor who will assist and support the student during the four year high school experience with preparations for college, the world of work, and active adult citizenship in the body politic of the United States.

### **What about service learning projects and citizenship education?**

Students at every grade level will be given the opportunity to participate in community-based service learning projects. Involvement in these projects will give each student the opportunity to learn the value and importance of giving back to the community, and the importance of giving a hand to fellow citizens who may be in need of assistance.

Students will also be given the opportunity to engage in hands-on core democratic values curriculum and school-based projects that will give students the opportunity to learn the importance of being an active and involved citizen of the United States of America based on the core democratic values.



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### **How will character education and life skills be taught?**

A skill-based character education and life skills curriculum is embedded into the fabric of the daily schedule. Each month grade level assemblies are conducted to address topics including teaching outcomes related to organizational skills, negotiating skills, personal management and problem solving. Monthly character themes include: lessons on caring, courage, diligence, fairness, forgiveness, honesty, hope, thankfulness and tolerance.

### **I heard that classrooms are organized as learning centers. What is a learning center?**

One of the unique programs that students will encounter at the school are Educational Learning Centers (five closely clustered exit-skill driven learning stations within a classroom) which foster an innovative learning approach that helps create an atmosphere in which children respond positively to hands-on structured learning.

### **Are there any other innovative programs at the school?**

Since the school determines that academic success is based on exit skill mastery by students, the school is able to move students into higher level exit skills during the course of the year. This even may include a student being placed during the year into the next grade level for various competencies.

### **What about the use of technology, computers and the like?**

Bradford Academy has entered into an innovative partnership with Apple Computers and has aggressively used funding that has allowed us to supply wireless lap tops at every grade level in kindergarten - twelfth grades. This innovative program has allowed us to revolutionize learning and to spark the interests of children who learn in non-traditional ways. Early elementary grades will also integrate computer and other technology use into the classroom setting. Bradford Academy has state-of-the-art multi-media equipment available in every classroom.

### **What about other unique educational experiences?**

Students from various grades will have the opportunity to be involved in the *Friends of the Rouge Watershed Project*. This hands-on science project actually gets students

into the field, learn how to gather data, interpret results, and develop strategies that will help protect this vital area resource.



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### **Who will teach my child?**

Teachers and the professional support staff of the BRADFORD ACADEMY work as a team in support of your child’s academic and personal growth. The professional teaching faculty holds college/university degrees, and is state certified. All paraprofessionals meet the rigid standards for staff as outlined in the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*.

### **How will I know if my child is successful at the BRADFORD ACADEMY?**

Students at the BRADFORD ACADEMY are required to demonstrate mastery of the grade appropriate exit skills in the school’s curriculum. Parents will also receive quarterly and trimester updates on their child’s progress in Life Skills, and Character Development and Work Habits. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the scheduled parent/teacher conferences throughout the school year.

### **What about counseling and other support my child may need?**

To insure that the student is focused on learning, and that the school becomes for the student a place of encouragement, BRADFORD ACADEMY is committed to offering the student a full range of support services. Services are provided by the Learning Support Team (LST) and include special needs identification and qualification, speech and language support, special academic needs support, individual student and student group counseling. BRADFORD ACADEMY strictly adheres to all federal IDEA and 504 protections for identified students.

### **How can parents get involved in the daily life of the school?**

The involvement of the parent/legal guardians and the school community at-large in the life of the school is very vital for the success of the student. All parents are encouraged to become members of the *BRADFORD ACADEMY Parent/Teacher Association*. The PTA supports the mission of the school by supporting the academic, social, and learning

atmosphere of the school. Parents/guardians are also asked to donate 10 hours of volunteer time to the school per family per year. Details of the Parent Volunteer Program are available in the Administrative Offices. Parents are also encouraged to visit the school at any time during operational hours of the school. All faculty/staff have email addresses and parents/guardians are encouraged to remain in close contact with the teachers involved in their child's education.



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### **How much does this cost?**

There is no tuition charged for attending the **BRADFORD ACADEMY**. **BRADFORD ACADEMY** is a public school and receives funds from the state of Michigan and the United States federal government for operational costs.

### **Is there a uniform dress code?**

Students in grades kindergarten through grade twelve wear colored uniform shirts purchased from the **BRADFORD ACADEMY**. The uniform is completed by the parent purchasing at-will, dark navy blue, khaki or black slacks, skirts, and dress or casual shoes. Athletic-type shoes can only be worn as physical education apparel. Complete details and updates will be discussed at the information meetings.

### **Where is the BRADFORD ACADEMY?**

The **BRADFORD ACADEMY** is located at 24218 Garner Street, Southfield, Michigan, 48033 (just 1.5 miles south of the 696 Freeway and just west of Telegraph Road). **BRADFORD ACADEMY** is easily accessible to all children living in the Detroit and Metropolitan Detroit area.

### **Is there an after school program available?**

Also available for students is a for-fee after school program (Champions) offering enrichment activities, academic tutoring and athletic/sports activities.

### **Rehabilitation Act of 1972 - Section 504**

It is the intent of **BRADFORD ACADEMY**, a Michigan public school academy, to insure that students who are regarded as possessing a disability (handicap) within the definition of

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1972 are identified, evaluated and provided with required educational services.

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### One application per student

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Month Day Year

Student's Sex: M F (circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street Apartment# City State Zip Code

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Work Number \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in 2010/2011 School Year: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 (circle one) School Attending Now \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Legal Guardians Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Legal Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*(If there are brothers/sisters who are eligible for admission, please submit all applications together.)*