

Good Morning Rising Scholars Families,

Welcome to Rising Scholars! Thank you to all the families that came out on June 11 to learn more about the Rising Scholars Program and its benefits. Below are a few FAQs to help those that were not able to attend learning more about the program.

Each incoming 9th grade Rising Scholar is invited to participate in the Summer Learning Academy (SLA), June 22 – June 26.

SLA will be 8 – 11am each day and has three foci: math, ELA and soft skills/team-building. This is an opportunity for students to meet and network with their individual building cohort and their larger cohort as they move into their freshman year.

Summer Learning Academy

Who: All incoming 9th grade Rising Scholars

When: June 22 – June 26, 8 – 11am

Where: Pioneer High School, C221

What: Opportunity for students to get to know their cohort, learn some critical skills (math, ELA and team-building/soft skills) for success in high school and to learn more about the Rising Scholars Program. Transportation is NOT provided. Snack IS provided. SLA is highly suggested but NOT mandatory.

SLA is taught by AAPS high school teachers and UM mentors/tutors. Students do not need to bring any school supplies to SLA.

Please use this [link](#) if your student WILL NOT be attending SLA or if they will not be attending the entire week.

If you are unable to click the link, please use <http://tinyurl.com/ojsxba2>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is Rising Scholars?

A: The Rising Scholars Program is a partnership between Ann Arbor Public Schools and the U of M Center for Educational Outreach designed to reach out to underserved but high achieving students to decrease the documented achievement gap and prepare them for college. During their time in the program, students will participate in a Summer Learning Academy (SLA), identify personal and academic goals and participate in leadership, college preparation and career readiness opportunities.

Q: What are the program expectations and requirements?

A: Please visit www.aapsrisingscholars.weebly.com to review the program expectations and requirements.

Q: Is the leadership course required to participate in the program?

A: Yes. The 9th grade leadership course is required to participate in the Rising Scholars program.

Q: How was my student selected?

A: Students were identified by their building's team based on a combination of the eligibility requirements. Please visit our website at www.aapsrisingscholars.weebly.com to review to the selection criteria.

Q: Does the Rising Scholars program cost any money?

A: There is no cost to participate in the program. However, we will be hosting fundraising events to raise funds for Rising Scholar activities.

Q: I haven't heard anything more from or about the program since the information meeting. Why?

A: Please make sure your contact information is accurate in PowerSchool.

Updates are sent regularly during the school year to the contact information in PowerSchool.

Q: What do I need to do to enroll my student in the Rising Scholars Program?

A: Your student will automatically be enrolled in the Rising Scholars Program unless we hear differently from you. Please check your student's schedule in the fall to ensure they are enrolled in the 9th grade leadership course.

Q: How can I help the Rising Scholars Program?

A: We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Rising Scholars Parent Alliance, which is the PTO for Rising Scholars. If you would be interested in serving on the board, including co-chairing a position, please fill out the nomination [form](#).

If you are unable to click the link, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/oexqoas>

As always, if you have any questions and concerns, please feel free to contact me at 734-994-2030 or johnsonj@aaps.k12.mi.us.

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