



# DELASALLE

*Opportunity Powered by Education*

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## WHAT IS DELASALLE EDUCATION CENTER?

DeLaSalle is an alternative high school that goes beyond the traditional school setting by offering:

- On-site holistic services such as:
  - Individual and group counseling
  - Drug/alcohol treatment and prevention
  - Teen parenting education
  - Early child development center
- Academic classes that are small, rigorous and personalized;
- And experiential based learning.

DeLaSalle's holistic approach to education allows our at-risk, non-traditional students to address their significant life barriers and gain the skills they need to be successful.

*The mission of DeLaSalle is to provide a holistic environment that offers students an opportunity to improve learning and life skills.*

*We envision a community in which all young people receive a quality education that fosters and stimulates their true potential.*

## DELASALLE AS A CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

In the 2010 - 2011 school year, DeLaSalle began operating its formerly private high school as a charter school sponsored the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) in order to ensure a sustainable future and achievement of the school's mission.

DeLaSalle remains committed to working with the community to provide **tuition-free** alternative education for Kansas City's children most at-risk of dropping out of high school. There are many reasons why DeLaSalle students are at-risk for dropping out, but might include:

- being below grade level in math and/or communication arts
- credit deficiency
- mental illness and/or a substance use/abuse/addiction
- unstable home environment
- pregnancy or having a child
- living at or below the poverty level
- unmotivated to learn



## CURRENT STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

DeLaSalle is currently staffed to serve 170 students and has maintained a steady waiting list since the first day of classes.

- 14-20 years old (16.7 - average age of student)
- 86% African-American; 12% Hispanic; and 2% Caucasian
- 43% male; 57% female
- 82% of students are economically disadvantaged and qualify for the free and reduced lunch program.
- The majority of students live in the area recognized as Kansas City's urban core.

For the last eight years, DeLaSalle has conducted a comprehensive, long-term follow-up study on program participants and graduates. *Over 900 surveys from former students and graduates have documented how DeLaSalle has been vitally important in the lives of its students.*

DeLaSalle participants are employed in a variety of jobs and careers in the community. They attend college and are actively involved in their communities and in raising their families. **73.3% of former students are currently working, with nearly 50% at one time, or currently, involved in continuing education.**

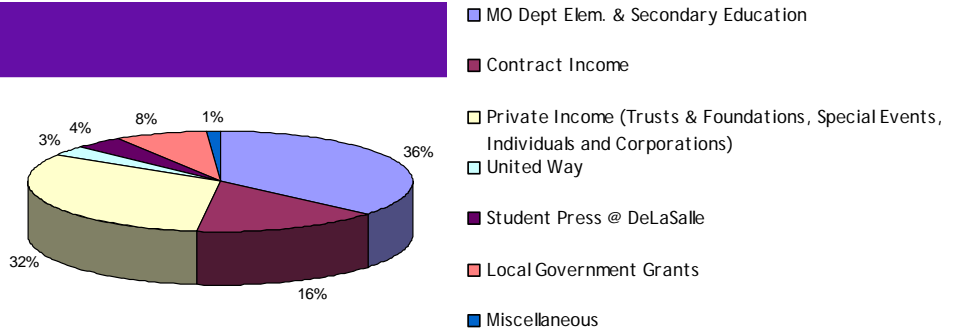


## DELaSALLE'S IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

"For every student with whom DeLaSalle can succeed, there is an economic life-time average (40 year) return of over \$400,000 in productivity and income and an additional cost-savings tax benefit of \$209,000 in reduced legal, welfare and healthcare costs, for an overall societal savings of \$609,000 per DeLaSalle student successfully served." *Opportunity Powered by Education; An Assessment of DeLaSalle Education Center's Model, Strategies and Impact*"

## FUNDING FOR DELASALLE

Among other sources, DeLaSalle relies heavily on donations from the community for funding. Without this support, DeLaSalle would be unable to continue to serve our students.



## Innovative educational programs DeLaSalle is able to offer because of donor support:

- Environmental Science with internships in the "green" job market
- Award-winning Student Press @ DeLaSalle
- Hands-on applications of classroom lessons to develop real world job skills
- PATHWAYS program, a partnership with Penn Valley Community College, allowing students to attend college and earn credit while in high school.

## VOLUNTEERING AT DELASALLE

In 2009-2010, approximately 40 community volunteers provided tutoring and mentoring for students in the classroom, volunteering approximately 1000 hours of service time.

DeLaSalle also has approximately 75 additional volunteers who serve in various ways including through participation in our Board of Directors, program advisory committee, special event committee and working on special projects or activities.

The Society of Urban Leadership (SOUL) is a volunteer group specifically for young professionals who want to make a difference in DeLaSalle students' lives.

Interested in volunteering?

Please contact Anne Harper, Community Relations Coordinator at [harpera@delasallecenter.org](mailto:harpera@delasallecenter.org) or 816.516.4445 x 242.

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