

African American Academy

Name:	African American Academy	Enrollment:	508
Address:	8311 Beacon Avenue S	Nickname:	Panthers
Configuration:	K-8	Colors:	Green and white
Note:	This information for year 2000-01		



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In January 1990, the African American Academy was approved by the Seattle School Board. It opened as a K-5 at Colman School in September 1991 (see Thurgood Marshall). It then moved to Sharples for the next school year and became K-6 (see Kurose). From 1993-2000 its home was at Magnolia School.

The African-centered curriculum recognizes that humanity started in Africa and emphasizes the history, culture and heritage of Africans and African Americans through an interdisciplinary approach. The focus of the academy is to develop in each student a strong sense of self and a strong sense of heritage. Of the students, 91 percent are African American. Classes mix students of different grade levels, and middle school students serve as mentors. All students wear uniforms. Activities at the academy begin in August with a family potluck orientation.

The academy will move into a new facility, specifically designed for a K-8 program, in September 2000. The three-story building is designed for 650 students and will have two classroom wings containing a 90-seat lecture hall, cafeteria, and gymnasium with stage.

Name:	African American Academy
Location:	8311 Beacon Avenue
Building:	32-room brick and metal
Architect:	Streeter & Associates
Site:	12 acres
