



L'Ouverture Middle School

*From where you are
to where you want to be*



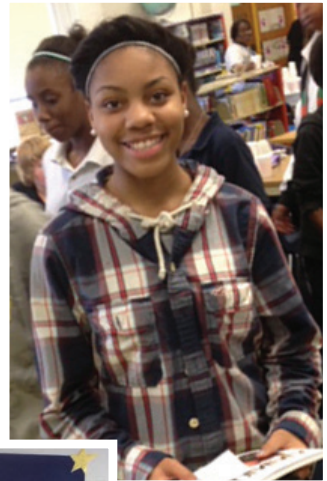
EXPECT BETTER

Middle school offers children a place to take their first steps in becoming who they want to be as adults. At L'Ouverture that means not only preparing academically but building a good work ethic and moral character. We are dedicated to helping our students be the change they want to see in their own lives and their community.

We'll start by building a personalized plan for learning that shows where your child is and outlines a path to grow. We'll provide the resources needed to achieve those goals. And then, with lots of support and encouragement along the way, we'll help your child:

- Express themselves and discover their talents
- Think about their future and how to get there
- Learn how to stay focused on success

Join our family of students, teachers, administrators, alumni and corporate sponsors. We know that when your child succeeds, your family and the entire community succeed.





Building a base of academic excellence

Not all children learn at the same pace or in the same way. That's why we tailor our core classes to make sure your child is prepared for high school:

- **Reading.** We offer three tiers of reading instruction, through “Scholastic Suite,” so your child will have a reading class designed to meet his or her personal needs. And it works: A recent 8th grade class averaged three years of growth in just 1½ years through this program.
- **Math.** Your child will also receive individualized math instruction through the use of “Renaissance Math.” The results: A recent 8th grade class averaged a year of growth in just five months. A math specialist is also on staff as a resource for students.
- **Technology.** Each core classroom has a “SMART” board and computers to make learning more interactive. Your child will have access to a laptop cart for reports, presentations or research.

Discovering their talents

Part of growing up is figuring out what you enjoy and where you may find success. Your child will have a chance to explore his or her interests and build their talents through programs such as:

- **Sports.** Your child can improve athletic skills and have some fun. We have girls' and boys' basketball teams, a coed flag football team, and more sports available during our after-school program. All student athletes are also involved in tutoring and mentoring to be role models for others.
- **Student council.** This group gives students the chance to be leaders. They help plan special events, work with the principal and teachers to address important issues, and represent classmates at various functions.
- **Art classes.** Children are able to express themselves in a creative way using a wide range of materials.
- **Environmental studies.** Learning about energy use, conservation, "living green," and making smart and healthy environmental choices is fun with the help of our Missouri Botanical Garden partnership.
- **Nutrition program.** Students participate in planting and harvesting our school garden – and get to enjoy the results of their labor through this nutrition and health program presented by Saint Louis University.



Providing extra help

We understand the challenges you face raising your children, and we're here to help:

- **Extended-day program.** UrbanFUTURE (UF) is a free program combining academics, enrichment activities, character development and career preparation in a fun, safe atmosphere. UF connects today's classroom to tomorrow's career to show students what they learn today is relevant in tomorrow's job market. Students receive mentoring and tutoring to learn how to succeed through academic growth and career preparation.
- **Sister Circle.** Our young women can work with a mentor each week to learn about and practice peer mentoring and conflict resolution.
- **Positive behavior support.** Our specialist runs several programs to help support students in making the right choices, including student recognition, field trips and our incentive store.
- **Tutors.** Wells Fargo Advisors tutors visit students weekly to give extra help in math and reading and to serve as mentors and role models.



*Wells Fargo Advisors is
investing in your child's success*

Partnering for success

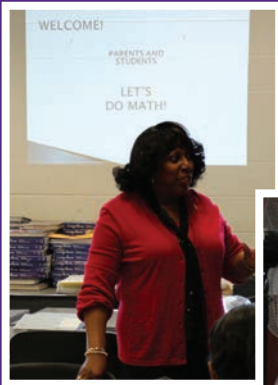
L'Ouverture has partnered with Wells Fargo Advisors, a financial services company just around the corner from the school, and the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to help our students succeed. Together we're making a long-term commitment to help each student live the life they want by forming a step-by-step program that encourages learning and rewards efforts through:

- Tutoring in reading and math
- Financial literacy
- Workshops for parents and teachers
- Rewards programs to mark progress

Families matter at L'Ouverture

We recognize the importance of parents and extended families and want to strengthen the bond between home and school for all students:

- **Progress reports.** Every five weeks progress reports are sent home in addition to quarterly report cards to make sure you know your child's progress.
- **Support staff.** You and your child have access to a counselor, positive behavior support specialist, instructional support specialist, and teaching and learning facilitator to help work through a child's learning or discipline problems.



Building on a tradition

Founded in 1868, L'Ouverture Middle School draws 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from many different neighborhoods to prepare them for high school. We've worked together with Dunbar Elementary and Vashon High School to make sure students have a consistent approach to education and a welcoming, respectful environment that encourages excellence.

We want each student to grow academically, socially and morally to become a caring member of the community. We encourage students to embrace personal change and work hard to bring positive change into our school and community. We expect all students to be responsible, respectful and ready to learn so that they can achieve their goals. And we will provide meaningful opportunities for students to grow their talents and characters.

Set your child on the right path for long-term success with a good education. Contact us to learn more or to enroll:

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**Francois-Dominique
Toussaint Louverture**

As leader of the Haitian revolution, Toussaint Louverture led a society of slaves into the free, independent state of Haiti.

Named after this heroic general who not only fought for liberty but established the first school system for people of color, L'Ouverture Middle School takes pride in its history and helps each student envision how they can make the world a better place.

