

Ambition
Preparatory Charter School

2022 - 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

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A Message From Our Executive Director

As the Founder and Executive Director of Ambition Preparatory Charter School, I am pleased to present our annual report, which highlights our journey of growth and impact since our inception in 2019. Over the past few years, Ambition Preparatory has experienced remarkable expansion, both in enrollment and program offerings. Our commitment to providing a high-quality education rooted in academic excellence, character development, and community engagement has attracted families across the Jackson Metro area seeking an exceptional educational experience for their children.

Since our doors opened, we have seen significant achievements, including notable improvements in student academic performance and the establishment of a strong school culture rooted in our core values. As we look to the future, our trajectory includes continued growth and innovation. Looking forward, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to grow and evolve. With a clear vision and strategic plan in place, we are poised to expand our reach further, deepen our impact, and empower even more students to achieve their fullest potential. As we embark on this next phase of our journey, we remain guided by our shared ambition to inspire, empower, and transform lives through education.

In closing, I am inspired by the collective ambition of our teachers, staff, parents, and community, and I am confident in our ability to achieve our shared goals. We are committed to realizing our vision of providing a transformative education that redefines excellence in charter schooling and prepares all students for success in college and life. Ambition is not just a word but a guiding principle that propels us forward toward a brighter future for all. Together, we will continue to reach new heights and inspire greatness in every student who walks through our doors.

DeArchie Scott

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Founder & Executive Director

Ambition Preparatory Charter School



Our Leadership Team



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Founder & Executive Director



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Chief of Staff



Patrick Edmond
School Principal

Board of Directors



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As administrators of Ambition Preparatory Charter School, we strive to not only give the best of ourselves each and every day, but to also bring out the best in all of our staff and scholars. We believe that in order to maintain a successful and healthy learning environment every voice must be heard, no matter how big or small.

Our Mission Statement

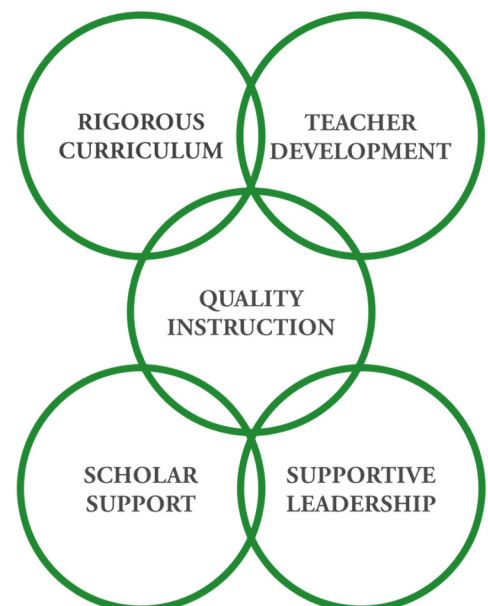
Through high-quality instruction, intensive academic supports, and hard work,
Ambition Preparatory Charter School
ensures that all students in kindergarten through grade eight have the academic skills
and self-discipline for college and life success.

Our Beliefs

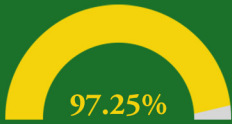
- We believe all students deserve a high-quality education.
- We believe that practice, preparation, and consistently analyzing data is the key to academic success.
- We believe that partnering with parents is critical to our students' success.

Our Education Model

- **Rigorous Curriculum** - We utilize researched-based curriculum in all subject areas.
- **Teacher Development** - We invest over 200 hours of teacher development each school year; our teachers receive ongoing coaching and feedback weekly from our Leadership Team.
- **Quality Instruction** - Our college preparatory elementary (K-4) literacy program has an average of 25 students per classroom led by two teachers with an instructional design placing students within the classroom in four rotating groups; students receive up to three hours of literacy instruction daily.
- **Scholar Supports** - We offer targeted individualized supports through adaptive learning technology and interventions.
- **Supportive Leadership** - Our school Leadership Team is present in the building throughout the school day and complete, on average, more than 150 hours of development a school year.



Student and Family Satisfaction Data



97.25% of our families were satisfied with the quality of education their child received and would recommend Ambition Prep to other families.



98% of our families were satisfied by the use of technology at Ambition Prep.



99.25% of our families feel that the facilities at Ambition Prep are safe and clean.

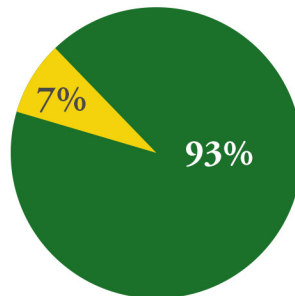


97.89% of our scholars enjoy attending Ambition Prep and are excited to come to school.



"I would like to thank the staff and teachers for the growth of my scholar educationally, mentally and physically!"

Student Retention



Students Retained



Students Withdrawn

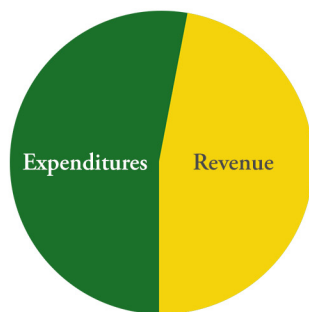


Financial Data

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Current Ratio	3.0	3.3
Unrestricted Days Cash	108	98
Debt to Asset Ratio	.82	.80
Enrollment Variance	1.02	1.05
Total Margin	14	5

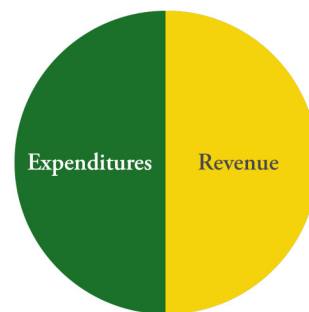
3-Year Total Margin %: .1

Financial Performance



2021-2022

- Revenue: \$4,599,927.18
- Expenditures: \$5,943,500.86
- Fund Balance: \$318,616.18



2022-2023

- Revenue: \$5,565,066.42
- Expenditures: \$5,943,500.86
- Fund Balance: \$378,434.44

Child Nutrition

Ambition Preparatory Charter School Child Nutrition Department is made up of a dedicated team of food and nutrition professionals focused on the scholars' health and their ability to learn. The belief is that proper nutrition in the school-age years can reinforce lifelong eating habits that contribute to the scholars' overall well-being. This will help them to grow and learn to their fullest potential, and then go on to lead a long healthy life.

Meals, foods, and beverages are all prepared and cooked in-house and meet state and federal requirements based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines.

The School participates in the Community Eligibility Program of USDA and offers free meals to all of its scholars!

Ambition Prep 2022-2023

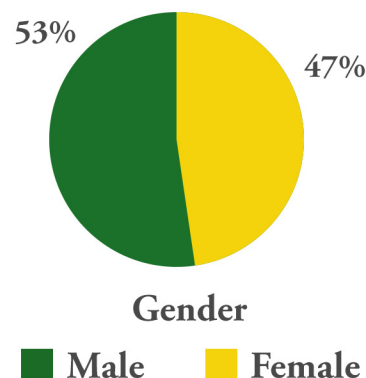
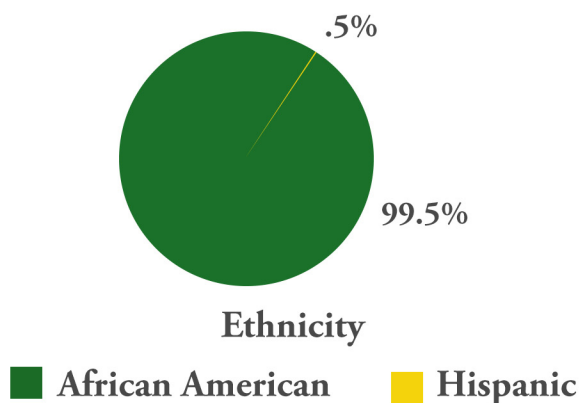
Enrollment Data

Total Students Enrolled: 395

Grade Level	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Kindergarten	72	82	80	79
1st Grade	63	85	79	79
2nd Grade		72	82	83
3rd Grade			76	87
4th Grade				67
Total	135	239	317	395

Ambition Prep's enrollment has gradually increased since its origins. As of the 2022-2023 school year, Ambition Prep serves over 395 scholars and we expect our enrollment numbers to continue rising as we add additional grade levels each school year.

Student Demographics



Waitlist Information

197

Total students on our waitlist for enrollment as of the 2022-2023 school year.

Staff Data

We currently have a full staff of over 70 individuals including our teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, and leadership.

Total Staff: 71 Teachers: 32

Extracurriculars

Music Program

All it takes is a great tune to get us going! Our scholars are immersed in the vast world of music full of fun instruments and will develop the ability to read music.

Art Program

Our scholars are introduced to basic art techniques, the building blocks that will provide a solid foundation for future art lovers and artists. This unique learning experience places an emphasis on having fun while exploring creativity!



Pep Squad

Give me an A-M-B-I-T-I-O-N! Our school's pep squad offers our Kindergarten - 1st Grade students the chance to show their school spirit!



Cheer Team

We've got spirit, yes we do! Ambition Prep's cheer team provides our 2nd-5th Grade scholars more opportunities to participate in school and local events.



Chess Team

Here at Ambition Prep, we offer a chess team that has helped to stimulate our scholars critical thinking skills and develop necessary leadership skills.



Dance Team

The Dazzling Cobra Misses, Ambition Prep's very own dance team has given our scholars an outlet to "shake a leg" and express themselves with dance.



Theater Club

Lights, camera, action! Our school's theater club is dedicated to giving our scholars more opportunities to learn and grow in the performing arts.

The Future of Ambition Prep

Projected Enrollment Data

School Year	Total Enrollment
2023 - 2024	491 (K - 5th Grade)
2024 - 2025	564 (K - 6th Grade)
2025 - 2026	660 (K - 7th Grade)
2026 - 2027	744 (K - 8th Grade)

Waitlist Information

286

Total students on our waitlist
for enrollment for the 2023-2024
school year.

Projected Staff Data

Total Staff: 94 Teachers: 45

As we continue to add more grade levels at Ambition Prep, we expect to also grow the number of staff, specifically more educators. With three more classrooms being added next school year, we will see a growth in the number of teachers.

Future Extracurriculars

Football Team

He could go all the way, TOUCHDOWN! We are currently working on organizing a football team for our male scholars starting in the 5th grade. Our goal is to not only have a fun and successful team, but to encourage our scholars to develop excellent teamwork and leadership skills in and outside of the classroom.



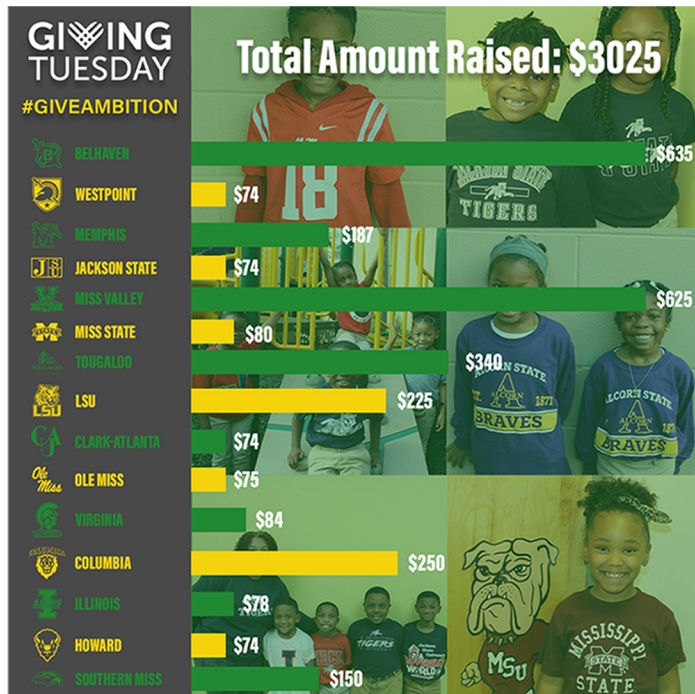
Soccer Team (Boys & Girls)

GOOOAL! It is our goal to also have a boys and girls soccer team at Ambition Prep in the upcoming school year. Like football, our soccer teams will put an emphasis on teamwork, leadership, and healthy exercise to ensure that our scholars are feeling their very best.



Giving Tuesday Campaign

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea; a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.



With contributions from the 2021-2022 school year, we have been able to sponsor the 2022-2023 school year's Cheerleader and Pep Squad, Chess Club, and more extracurricular activities!

Donors had the opportunity to donate to one of Ambition Prep's college-themed classrooms or to Ambition Prep in general. The classroom that received the most donations won a prize!

Top 3 Classrooms (Giving Tuesday)



Belhaven (Kindergarten): \$635



Mississippi Valley (1st Grade): \$625



Tougaloo (2nd Grade): \$340

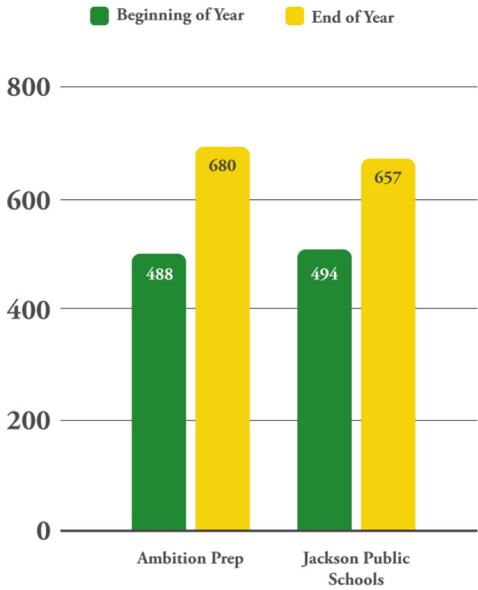
Total Donated: \$3,025



Scholar Data

MKAS Data

Mississippi Kindergarten Readiness

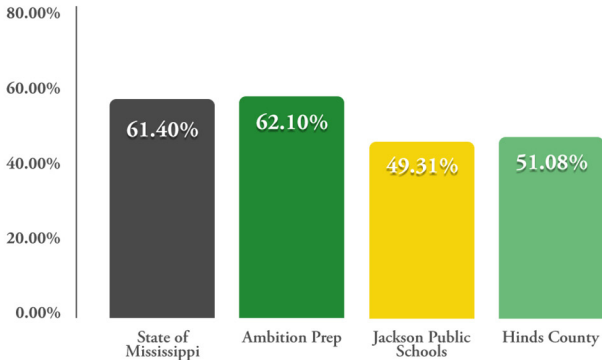


The MKAS Data shows the amount of growth in reading Kindergartners made between Fall and Spring. It shows each of Ambition Prep's kindergarten classrooms, the school as a whole, and the Jackson Public Schools' scores.

Our Kindergarten scholars have shown excellent growth in reading from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year.

Ambition Prep had an average **K-readiness Score** of **860** and had a Score Percentage of Students scoring at or above **681** of **62.10%**; higher than the Local School District and the State Average.

Spring Kindergarten Readiness MKAS: Percentage of Students



2022-2023 ELA & Math Growth

Ambition Prep had the highest percent of Reading Growth when compared to Jackson Public Schools, Hinds County, and all Jackson Charter Schools.

Reading Proficiency: **27.4%**

Math Proficiency: **22.4%**

Reading Growth: **64.2%**

Math Growth: **68.5%**

Reading Low Growth: **43.8%**

Math Low Growth: **76.5%**

Ambition Prep State Report Card

22 - 23 State Report Card: C

The 2022-2023 school year was the first year Ambition Prep received a letter grade on a State Report Card.

Grades are calculated based on the number of points schools earn in several categories, such as performance and growth. Growth makes up more than half the grade for elementary schools.

Ambition Prep earned **353** points earning a Letter Grade of **C**.





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