

“Renaissance cares. Teachers, administrators, and parents work together for the improvement of the character of our children.”

– Angelina Ramirez, parent

Our mission is to provide a rigorous academic program for college-bound students in a small, personalized setting that impels and supports students to use their minds well, to care for themselves and others, and to rise to the challenges and duties of citizenship.



Work Hard, Be Nice, Get Smart



Friendship, Perseverance, Responsibility, Respect, Self-Discipline, Cultural Sensitivity, Courage

“Renaissance has provided my children with an environment to become thinkers, problem solvers, innovators, creators, and at the same time good citizens demonstrating empathy towards all people of different economic and ethnic backgrounds.”

– Wanda Crawford, parent



1170 Carew Street
Springfield MA 01104
413-750-2929

Arria Coburn, Principal
springfieldrenaissanceschool.com
eleducation.org



THE SPRINGFIELD
RENAISSANCE SCHOOL

¡SÍ, SE PUEDE!



*A College-Bound
EL Education Magnet School
with a STEM focus
Grades 6-12*

Education



HOW WE DO SCHOOL

The Springfield Renaissance School is a grades 6-12 College-Bound Magnet School with an EL Education and STEM focus.

Renaissance is an urban school that consistently and significantly outperforms schools with similar demographics on a range of indicators, including attendance, discipline, test scores, graduation, and dropout rates. 100% of the school's graduating classes to date have been accepted to a college or university.

EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING

The EL approach to curriculum makes content and skill standards come alive for students by connecting learning to real-world issues and needs. Academically rigorous learning expeditions, case studies, projects, fieldwork, and service learning inspire students to think and perform as professionals do, producing high-quality work for authentic audiences beyond the classroom.

STEM

Renaissance integrates the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) within EL to support its college-bound mission.

At Renaissance, students apply knowledge, concepts, and skills from STEM to grapple with real-world, rigorous, and relevant learning experiences. STEM education impels students to work collaboratively, gather and evaluate evidence, make sense of information, and solve complex problems. This approach prepares students for college, the workplace, and stewardship of their community.

Crew - Students and teachers often refer to Crew as their “school family.” Crews learn important team-building and decision-making skills by developing close relationships with their crewmates and teacher. Crew teachers act as the point person between families and the school. Crews are comprised of 15 students and stay together for grades 6-8, and then new crews are formed for grades 9-12.

Expeditions - Learning Expeditions are at the heart of the school's teaching philosophy; they are hands-on interdisciplinary opportunities for students to learn academic concepts through community engagement. Expeditions last for several months and include on-going fieldwork, learning from experts, and crafting final products. Some expeditions include deciding if we should inhabit Mars; learning about West Africa through chocolate; understanding physics from roller coasters, creating models and patents; proving bacterial resistance is a problem, and taking a stance about nuclear technology through art.

Intensives - Students take two four-day hands-on mini courses called “Intensives” each year. Among the 50+ electives are robotics, digital photography, rocketry, poetry, coding, cooking, camping on Cape Cod, dance, string instruments, and drumming. Intensives are a chance for students to learn new skills and have new experiences.

Adventure Education - Over the course of the year, students in all grades participate in an adventure trip, such as hiking, ropes courses, and rafting, to foster team-building and learning in nature.

After School - Sports include soccer, softball, cross country, and swimming. In addition, there are opportunities for skiing, hiking, and clubs including coding, engineering, street arts, chess, theater production, strings, and film. Teachers are available for after-school academic support on a weekly basis.

We Are College Bound! - From the first day of 6th grade all the way to graduation, students going to and completing college is our goal. Our college bound mission is driven by the hope that our students will use their college degrees to use their minds well, care for themselves and each other, and rise to the duties and challenge of citizenship. 100% of Renaissance graduates to date have been accepted to a 2 or 4-year college.

