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The following information was provided by the schools featured in this listing, in response to an Urban Times questionnaire.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

☐ Center for Inquiry at IPS School 2 725 N. New Jersey St.

Who can attend: Students living within the IPS district.

Grade levels: Kindergarten through 8th-grade.

Number of students: 317.

Average class size: 20.

Mission: To develop a community of respectful, life-long learners who use inquiry, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to be socially responsible contributors to a changing global society.

Type of curriculum: Inquiry-based and global curriculum. The Center for Inquiry is the only school in Indiana authorized by the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization to offer the Primary Years IB program (grades K-6). The school also offers the IB Middle Years Program (grades 7-8) and expects to receive full authorization by IB for this program this year.

All students (K-8) receive foreign language instruction, vocal music, visual arts, media skills, and physical education in addition to their core subjects. The school offers students many opportunities for leadership, service, and exploration including Science Bound, the O-Ambassador Club, Discovery Clubs, athletics, instrumental music and dance. The school boasts active parent and community involvement and is known for its many partnership projects within the community. The Center for Inquiry has made AYP (adequate yearly progress) every year under NCLB (No Child Left Behind).

Tuition: None (if living within the IPS district)

For more information, contact: Principal Chris Collier at collierc@ips.k12.in.us, Beth Young at youngb@ips.k12.in.us or Carrie Gaffney at gaffneyc@ips.k12.in.us. The school phone number is 226-4202.

The Center for Inquiry has been featured in several past issues of Urban Times, including a report on the International Baccalaureate Program which can be found on our website at www.brookspublications.com. See "Center for Inquiry: Thinking and teaching globally" in the "Archives" section.

☐ Key Learning Community (River Campus) 777 South White River Parkway, West Drive

Who can attend: Anyone who resides in Center Township (for elementary:

River Key Boundary only)

Grade levels: Kindergarten through 12th-grade.

Number of students: Capacity of 500.

Average class size: 22-27.

Mission: Students continue in a heterogeneous, non-tracked program as a community of learners from kindergarten through the 12th grade. They will be supported in our democratic culture through the following set of beliefs and priorities:

☐ The Key Learning community gives equal emphasis for every student in each of the eight areas of intelligence: linguistic, musical, logical/mathematical, naturalistic, spatial, bodily/kinesthetic, interpersonal, and intrapersonal. This is the cornerstone of our program.

☐ Equally significant is the focus on the importance of intrinsic motivation in lifelong learning as a basis for high performance.

☐ Our shared responsibility is for all students to be provided with an equitable education based on the students' right to develop their multiple intelligences.

☐ The purpose of this education is to involve students as active participants in society, thereby cultivating ▶▶

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leadership through contribution to community and development of respect for the cultural values of others as well as their own.

❑ The Basic Virtues we hold in common are honesty, respect, responsibility, compassion, self-discipline, perseverance, and generosity.

❑ For the greater good of the entire community, we foster a culture of collaboration and cooperation through teamwork.

Type of curriculum: Multiple intelligences curriculum.

Tuition: Free for residents of Center Township.

For more information, contact: Kristen Motz at 226-4992.

❑ Key Learning Community (North Campus) 2411 Indianapolis Avenue

Who can attend: Anyone who resides in Center Township (North Key boundary).

Grade levels: Kindergarten through 5th-grade.

Number of students: Capacity of 200.

Average class size: 22-27.

Mission: Same as for River Campus, above.

Type of curriculum: Multiple intelligences curriculum.

Tuition: Free to residents of Center Township.

For more information, contact: Kristen Motz at 226-4992

❑ Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School 1140 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street

Who can attend: IPS resident students and tuition-paying students.

Grade levels: 5th- through 10th-grade (to be 6th- through 12th-grade in two years).

Number of students: 593

Average class size: 28

Mission: To prepare students with the skills and knowledge to succeed in the university program of their choice.

Type of curriculum: Core 40, Academic Honors, Early College.

Tuition: None for IPS resident students.

For more information, contact: Marty Weyand, IPS magnet coordinator, at 226-2800.

❑ Mary E. Nicholson Visual and Performing Arts Academy at IPS School 70 510 E. 46th St.

Who can attend: Anyone who has been assigned by the Magnet office and Office of Student Assignment.

Grade levels: Kindergarten through 6th-grade.

Number of students: 360.

Average class size: 22.

Mission: To inspire excellence in education in a culturally diverse environment through developing creativity in the arts.

Type of curriculum: Standards-based traditional curriculum with infused arts integration at every grade level.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Principal David Newman at 226-4270 or newmand@ips.k12.in.us, or IPS Magnet Coordinator Karen Monesmith at 226-4270 or monesmik@ips.k12.in.us.

❑ Washington Irving School 14 1250 E. Market St.

Who can attend: Children who live within the school's residential boundary.

Grade levels: Pre-kindergarten through 6th-grade.

Number of students: 595.

Average class size: 26.

Mission: To provide a safe and nurturing environment while developing the academic, artistic and social skills that enables all to become life-long learners and productive members of society.

Type of curriculum: Curriculum is based on state standards.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Principal Elizabeth Odle at 226-46214 or odlee@ips.k12.in.us.

❑ Charity Dye Elementary School, IPS School 27 545 E. 19th Street

Who can attend: Any students within the school's boundary.

Grade levels: Pre-kindergarten through 6th-grade.

Number of students: 435.

Average class size: 26

Mission: To provide an environment where all students will actively engage in learning, take ownership of their learning, make connections to everyday living with academics via intrinsic motivation that actively and consistently displays participation in good citizenship.

Type of curriculum: Rigorous state-mandated curriculum.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Principal Jamie Brady at 226-4227.

❑ Shortridge Middle School 3401 N. Meridian St.

In 2009, the school will become the Shortridge Magnet High School for Law and Public Policy.

Who can attend: Anyone in the district. Anyone else who is in IPS and qualifies for one of the magnets or who is outside of the IPS district and pays tuition.

Grade levels: 7th- and 8th-grades.

Number of students: 680.



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Average class size: 25-30.

Mission: The community of Shortridge Middle School is committed through mutual respect, personal pride and coordinated effort to providing a safe environment with educational experiences culminating in academic, artistic, social, emotional and physical growth for each student.

Type of curriculum: Regular middle school curriculum plus performing arts, visual arts, telecommunications, and math/science/technology magnets.

Tuition: Free for IPS students.

For more information, contact: Principal Linda Davis at 226-2810.

☐ William A. Bell School 60 3330 N. Pennsylvania Ave.

Who can attend: Children who live within the school's residential boundary.

Grade levels: Kindergarten through 6th-grade.

Number of students: 367.

Average class size: 22.

Mission: To challenge all students to reach their maximum academic potential. By maintaining high expectations and providing a cooperative, enthusiastic, student-centered environment, students will be encouraged to develop the essential skills outlined in the IPS curriculum guide. Toward this end, we believe that:

- ☐ All students can learn.
- ☐ All Students have the ability to improve academically.
- ☐ Learning is a process that progresses at varying rates.
- ☐ Students have different learning styles.
- ☐ Students need a safe, positive environment in order to learn.
- ☐ Students need the cooperation of both school and parents in order to learn best.

Type of curriculum: Curriculum is based on state standards.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Principal Jann McMillian at 226-46260 or mcmilij@ips.k12.in.us.

☐ H.L. Harshman Middle School 1501 E. 10th St.

Who can attend: For non-magnet students – Children who live within the school's residential boundary. For magnet students – Students throughout the district who qualify for school's magnet program.

Grade levels: 7th- and 8th-grades.

Number of students: 423.

Average class size: 20.

Mission: Harshman cultivates academic excellence and responsible citizenship.

Type of curriculum: Curriculum is based on state stan-

dards, magnet focus on math and science.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Principal Frances Brown at 226-46101 or brownfr@ips.k12.in.us.

☐ Arsenal Technical High School 1500 E. Michigan St.

Who can attend: For non-magnet students – Those who live within the school's residential boundary. For magnet program – Students throughout the district who qualify for school's magnet programs.

Grade levels: 9th through 12th-grades.

Number of students: 1,887.

Average class size: 35.

Mission: Arsenal Tech is now operating as several academies, each with a different mission statement. Those schools include the ACE Academy; the Athletics, Academics and Achievement Academy; the International Academy; the Early College/Leadership Academy; the Magnet Academy; the Career Technology Academy; and New Tech High.

Type of curriculum: Curriculum is based on state standards. Magnet programs offered in math/science, foreign language, health care professions, technology, telecommunications and diesel engine repair.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Principal Sarah Bogard at 693-5300 or bogards@ips.k12.in.us.

☐ Career & Technology Center Magnet Arsenal Tech Campus 725 N. Oriental St.

Who can attend: Students within the IPS boundary.

Grade levels: 9th- through 12th-grade.

Number of students: 450.

Average class size: 15.

Mission: To provide students with entry-level skills and knowledge to become responsible citizens, productive workers and lifelong learners.

Type of curriculum: Technical training

Tuition: None

For more information, contact: Vernon Williams, 693-5433



CHARTER SCHOOL

Charter schools are public schools, but operate under their own boards of directors. They receive freedom and flexibility from many state regulations in exchange for exceptional levels of accountability.

☐ Herron High School

110 E. 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

Who can attend: Any student in the state of Indiana.

Grade levels: 9th and 10th grades (to expand one grade level a year through 2010).

Number of students: 210.

Average class size: 13.

Mission: Herron High School's liberal arts approach to education finds its roots in the Latin word "libertas," meaning "freedom." Free Greek and Roman citizens needed an education that would equip them to be active participants in the Athenian democracy and the Roman republic, and one that would help them realize their full intellectual and human potential. Thus, began the tradition of preparing well-rounded, truly educated citizens.

Herron High School is founded on the belief that a classical liberal arts education, where students are steeped in great historical thought and production, is the very best preparation for future influence. We emphasize the integration of academic subjects; the teaching of great works of literature through original source documents; formal instruction in Latin, logic, and rhetoric; and appreciation for the great works of visual, musical, and dramatic art. Students are inspired by the great truths and beauty of our common roots.

Type of curriculum: Classical, liberal arts college preparatory education.

Tuition: None.

For more information, contact: Mandy Schwartzentruber at 231-0010 or mschwartzentruber@herronhighschool.org, or Mrs. Janet McNeal at 231-0010.

Mission: To foster knowledge and values for a lifetime through a superior education with a classic curriculum enriched by the inclusion of ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic diversity, and by the resources of our urban community; and shape our students' intellectual, emotional, social, physical, and spiritual gifts by maintaining high academic expectations and ethical standards, and by encouraging and teaching moral and religious values, respect, service, discipline in a climate of enthusiasm and joy.

Type of curriculum: Classic.

Tuition: \$12,610 per year through 5th-grade; \$13,185 for grades 6 through 8

For more information, contact: Melinda Fisher, Director of Admissions, at 926-0425, Ext 134; or mfisher@strichardsschool.org. St. Richard's School is independent and affiliated with the Episcopal Church.

☐ Indianapolis Christian School

620 East 10th St.

Who can attend: All applicants with approved screening interview.

Grade levels: Kindergarten through 12th-grade.

Number of students: 75.

Average Class Size: 8-10.

Mission: To educate the "whole" person in intellect, character, and spirit.

Curriculum: Core 40 (set by Indiana Board of Education); accelerated in math, reading and language arts.

Tuition: \$3,9600 yearly (equivalent to \$330 per month for 12 months).

For more information: 636-4560 or office@indianapolis-christianschool.org., or see the website at www.indianapolis-christianschool.org.

☐ Holy Cross Central School

125 North Oriental St.

Who can attend: Children of school age.

Grade levels: Pre-kindergarten through 8th-grade.

Number of students: 154.

Average class size: 18.

Mission: To provide a quality Catholic education which emphasizes student learning in all areas, fosters diversity, responsibility, and self-esteem. Holy Cross Central School is a place where students think, dream, believe, and achieve.

Type of curriculum: We follow the state standards.

Tuition: Based on income.

For more information, contact: The school office at 638-9068.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

☐ St. Richard's School

33 E. 33rd St. (at Meridian Street)

Who can attend: Open to all students of good character and strong academic promise.

Grade levels: Pre-kindergarten (age 3) through 8th-grade.

Number of students: 363

Average class size: 16



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☐ St. Philip Neri School

545 Eastern Avenue

Who can attend: All children of school age.

Grade levels: Pre-kindergarten through 8th-grade.

Number of students: 174.

Average class size: 20.

Mission: Same as that of Holy Cross Central School, above.

Type of curriculum: We follow the state standards.

Tuition: Based on income.

For more information, contact: The school office at 636-3231.

☐ The Oaks Academy

2301 N. Park Ave.

Who can attend: Anyone.

Grade levels: Pre-kindergarten through 8th-grade.

Number of students: 285.

Average class size: 17.

Mission: The Oaks Academy is a Christ-centered school that exists to provide a rich, classical education to children of diverse racial and socioeconomic backgrounds, preparing them to succeed in a rigorous second educational program and to demonstrate spiritual, social and emotional maturity.

Type of curriculum: Classical.

Tuition: \$5,250 to \$5,750 for pre-kindergarten (half or full day); \$5,750 to \$7,750 for kindergarten (half or full day); \$7,750 for 1st- through 5th-grades; \$7,950 for 6th- through 8th-grades.

For more information, contact: Angela Gray at 931-3043 or agray@theoaksacademy.org. ■