



BUFFALO PREP

Requirements to maintain scholarship



Participation in Buffalo Prep

Buffalo Prep has been one of the Cullen Foundation's valued partners since the inception of the Cullen Scholars program in 2015, providing access and preparation for talented youth to achieve success in college preparatory high schools and higher education. In an effort to ensure academic success, Cullen Scholars participate in the Buffalo Prep program. This rigorous supplemental academic program provides cultural support and academic enrichment to our scholars throughout the year.

Buffalo Prep is aligned with the Cullen Foundation in its efforts to increase inclusive and equitable scholastic opportunities for students of color, while providing support to address the challenging situations that students and their families may face.

Buffalo Prep's Series of Programs

Cullen Scholars participate in the *full array* of Buffalo Prep programs:

- Middle School Prep
- High School Prep
- College Prep

The Middle School Prep program starts the summer prior to entering sixth grade, High School Prep covers 7th and 8th grade levels, and College Prep continues throughout high school to prepare students for higher education.

PREP PROGRAM	TIME OF YEAR	WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Middle School Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer after 5th grade• Summer after 6th grade	5 weeks for 8 hours per weekday each summer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During 7th grade	27 Saturdays from 9am-3pm
High School Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summer after 7th grade• Summer after 8th grade	5 weeks for 8 hours per weekday each summer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• During 8th grade	Tues and Thurs after school and Saturdays
College Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9th grade through 12th grade	Attend as needed Monday-Thursday from 3pm-7pm, and by appointment only on Friday and Saturday

Middle School Prep

(post 5th–7th grade)

Middle School Prep is an accelerated program offered the summers after fifth and sixth grade and on Saturdays throughout the seventh grade academic year. Students learn in a safe, caring, encouraging, and supervised educational environment.

Curriculum

- ✓ During the summers following fifth and sixth grade, students attend classes approximately eight hours per day, Monday through Friday, for five consecutive weeks.
- ✓ Students receive rigorous accelerated subject matter instruction that is aligned with the New York State Eighth Grade Common Core Standards in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- ✓ In addition, students develop competencies in problem solving, writing, scientific inquiry, critical thinking, time management, technology, and academic skills (e.g., note-taking, active reading, daily review, and test preparation).



High School Prep

(post 7th and 8th grade)

High School Prep is a nationally recognized 14-month program that prepares talented students to enter one of the college preparatory private, public, or charter high schools with which we partner.

Curriculum

- ✓ Students begin taking classes on the University at Buffalo South Campus for six weeks during the summer after seventh grade. During their eighth grade school year, students continue the program on Tuesday and Thursday nights after school and on Saturdays. The program concludes with a six-week summer program after eighth grade.
- ✓ High School Prep students receive rigorous accelerated subject matter instruction in English, mathematics, science, and global history.
- ✓ In addition, students develop competencies in problem solving, writing, scientific inquiry, critical thinking, time management, and computer and academic skills (e.g., note-taking, active reading, daily review, and test preparation).

College Prep

(9th–12th grade)

College Prep provides academic support, college advising, enrichment opportunities, and socio-emotional counseling throughout high school as students transition into higher education.

Curriculum

- ✓ Academic skills assessments, coaching, and workshops
- ✓ Tutoring
- ✓ College tours
- ✓ College fair and on-site college representative visits
- ✓ Individualized college counseling
- ✓ College and scholarship essay writing workshops
- ✓ Mock college admissions interviews
- ✓ Financial aid workshops and counseling
- ✓ Scholarship advisement
- ✓ SAT/ACT prep classes
- ✓ Circle Meetings (in-school Buffalo Prep community meetings)
- ✓ Mentoring
- ✓ Career exploration and development
- ✓ Leadership development
- ✓ Student-designed social events

In addition to nurturing academic success, college readiness, and career awareness, College Prep also encourages students and their families to think strategically about the college admissions process by helping students assess their skills and accomplishments and establish goals aligned with their college and career aspirations. The result is an individualized college admissions action plan that concludes with college acceptances.



Fees Associated with the Buffalo Prep

Buffalo Prep and Cullen Foundation cover the costs associated with Cullen Scholars' attendance at Middle School, High School and College Prep programs. However, there is a \$150 supply fee for each summer program following 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade which will be the responsibility of the scholarship recipient.

There is no supply fee for College Prep, although some of the workshops and activities offered to students do have minimal fees associated with them. Buffalo Prep can make payment arrangements to cover the \$150 supply fee and will work with families who may experience financial difficulties with regard to these fees.

Buffalo Prep Location

3485 Main Street
105 Allen Hall
University at Buffalo, South Campus
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