



# 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. With a focus on racially and culturally affirming practices, Buffalo Prep advocates for educational access and equity and provides programming to academically ambitious scholars of color. Buffalo Prep strives to nurture its scholars' brilliance while empowering them to engage civically as their authentic selves. 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"><li>• Summer after 5th grade</li><li>• Summer after 6th grade</li></ul>	5 weeks for 8 hours per weekday each summer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During 7th grade</li></ul>	27 Saturdays from 9am-3pm
High School Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summer after 7th grade</li><li>• Summer after 8th grade</li></ul>	5 weeks for 8 hours per weekday each summer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During 8th grade</li></ul>	Tues and Thurs after school and Saturdays
College Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9th grade through 12th grade</li></ul>	Attend as needed Monday-Thursday from 3pm-7pm, and by appointment only on Friday and Saturday

# Middle School Prep

(post 5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> grade)

*Middle School Prep supports post-5th and -6th grade motivated scholars across Western New York with accelerated educational enrichment. It is an engaging, five-week summer program, during the crucial middle school years, that keeps scholars engaged through a culturally relevant, fun, and stimulating learning environment. This program nurtures a love of learning, cultivates peer-to-peer connection, and prepares scholars for success in their educational aspirations.*

## Curriculum

- ✓ Buffalo Prep's culturally relevant-sustaining curriculum is centered around three pillars: academic excellence, cultural competence, and critical consciousness. Culturally relevant and sustaining curricula seek to encourage and incorporate a breadth of heritages, languages, practices, and literacies in the classroom so that students see themselves in the material and are empowered.
- ✓ During the summers following fifth and sixth grades, Middle School Prep students attend classes approximately eight hours per day, Monday through Friday, for five consecutive weeks. Students receive rigorous accelerated subject matter in four core classes: English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- ✓ Scholars also focus on social-emotional wellness, professional skills, and other non-academic topics necessary for health, happiness, and success in the 21st century school and workplace.



# High School Prep

(post 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

*High School Prep is an intensive, 14-month program that prepares scholars for acceptance to and success at top independent, Catholic, charter, and criteria-based public high schools and higher education.*

## Curriculum

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- ✓ 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 session after eighth grade.
- ✓ High School Prep students receive rigorous accelerated subject matter in four core classes: English language arts, mathematics, science, and global history. Scholars also focus on social-emotional wellness, professional skills, and other non-academic topics necessary for health, happiness, and success in the 21st century school and workplace.





# College Prep

(9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grade)

*College Prep is a comprehensive program designed to assist eligible 9th-12th grade scholars to thrive academically and socially-emotionally as they navigate high school and prepare for their post-secondary journey. Through this culturally relevant program, scholars have access to tutorial services, academic skills coaching, college and financial aid advisement, enrichment activities, and socio-emotional support throughout high school.*

## 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



## 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  
Buffalo, NY 14214