NEXT PHASE

Ryan Banks Academy is a 100% Scholarship-Granting Independent Day School, Aiming to Become Chicago’s First Urban Boarding School. We are slated for a safe return to in-person learning in Fall 2021.

24-HOUR LEARNING
Providing scholars with an exceptional education combined with a 24-hour living and learning environment that addresses the needs of the whole scholar.

PERSONALIZED LEARNING
Utilizing an online educational platform that supports what teachers and scholars do in class each day. An aligned curriculum that comes with hands-on projects, teaching and learning resources, as well as assessments.

DESIGN THINKING
Introducing an iterative process in which we seek to understand the user, challenge assumptions, and redefine problems in an attempt to identify alternative strategies and solutions that might not be instantly apparent with our initial level of understanding.

LITERATION LITERACIES
Language learning that rests on the conviction that because every literacy practice is a unique capacity to open new worlds for scholars in all classrooms. Establish RBA as a Liberation Pedagogy Research Campus.

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING EDUCATION
Addressing racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities that exist in educational programming for people of color and represent critical areas for research and intervention.

Fighting educational inequity through personalized and immersive learning experiences.
THE RYAN BANKS ACADEMY MISSION

CORE VALUES

OUR MODEL

DISRUPT THE STATUS QUO

HONOR DIFFERENT WAYS OF LEARNING

CHAMPION SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL WELLNESS

CREATE A NURTURING, SAFE ENVIRONMENT

BUILD AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOCIETY

Smaller Learning Community
Smaller learning communities allow for a personalized approach to curriculum, and the structure to meet the needs and abilities of individual students. The small and intimate nature of RBA enables students, families and educators to create strong bonds that nurture the students and support their learning and their growth as individuals.

2021 Project Invent School
Project Invent empowers students with the 21st-century skills to succeed individually and impact globally, through invention. The goal is to create a generation of fearless, compassionate problem solvers. Scholars invent technologies that solve real-world problems. Project Invent trains and support teachers to ensure students are getting a transformative learning opportunity through inventing a real change. One of five Project Invent schools in the Chicagoland area. Learn more at projectinvent.org

2021 Career And Technical Education Pathways
Career and technology education provides scholars with what’s needed to succeed for life: technical skills, academic skills and employability skills. CTE develops positive attitudes, build self-esteem and empower students to excel. RBA will implement the following pathways in 2021-22:

- Computer Science & Information Tech
- Engineering and Design
- Film and Media
- Teaching

Steam-Focused Curriculum
RBA is a Summit Learning Innovation School for 2021-22, with project-based learning curriculum focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts & Math. Course work has real life applications, fosters independent study, and teaches collaboration and team-building skills. Learn more about SummitLearning.org

Social-Emotional Focus
Coursework built around social-emotional learning. Scholars focus on cultivating their unique strengths, interests, and passions. Each school day begins with a Circle, allowing students to address their SEL needs before engaging in their core curriculum and CTE pathways. RBA is a Valor COMPASS Partner School. Learn more at www.poweredbycompass.org

Network Of Educator Effectiveness School
The Network for Educator Effectiveness is a comprehensive educator evaluation system with a purpose to grow teachers and improve schools. Partnership with the University of Missouri.

SY22 GOALS

Provide a comprehensive, innovative educational experience for each scholar to promote life, career, and post-secondary success.

Establish a safe, positive, and engaging learning environment to meet the academic and social-emotional needs of each scholar.

Implement pedagogy that strives to serve the needs of all students, regardless of background, identity, or ability. Support diverse perspectives.

Cultivate partnerships with families and the larger community to support and expand learning opportunities for each scholar.

Select, develop, and retain a high-quality workforce to ensure each scholar is surrounded with excellent educators and support staff.

Make effective and efficient use of our resources to maximize educational success for each scholar.

10:1 Teacher:Scholar Ratio
10:1 Scholar:Staff Ratio
2-3 Growth in Reading in 9 months*

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