

## Contact Information

Emerald Academy  
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[www.emeraldacademy.org](http://www.emeraldacademy.org)



**ENROLLING NOW**  
2019-2020  
ACADEMIC YEAR

Emerald Charter Schools admits the students of any race to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school, and Emerald Charter Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Race in this definition includes color and national or ethnic origin.

Emerald Academy is a free, independently operated, K-8 college preparatory school. It opened in 2015 and is the only public charter school in Knox County.



“Emerald Academy was created to walk alongside city parents to support their child’s education. We work each day to change the trajectory for our city’s young people.”

-Steve Diggs  
President,  
*Emerald Charter Schools*



Year	Grades Served	Total # of Scholars
2015-2016	K & 1	120
2016-2017	K-2 & 6	240
2017-2018	K-3 & 6,7	360
2018-2019	K-4 & 6-8	480
2019-2020	K-8	540

## MISSION AND GOALS

Emerald Academy’s mission is to grow scholars into leaders by creating the best learning culture for city students to develop the skills, habits and values for success in high school, college and life.

GOAL 1

Scholars will read at or above grade level.

GOAL 2

Every scholar will be ready for high school and on their way to a 4-year college.

GOAL 3

Our school will rank in the top 5% of schools in Tennessee.

Emerald Academy is managed by Emerald Charter Schools, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization.

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## EASY TO ENROLL!

1. Student must have a permanent address in Knox County, Tennessee
2. Go to [www.emeraldacademy.org](http://www.emeraldacademy.org)
3. Click "Enroll"
4. Take 3 minutes to answer a few simple questions
5. You will receive an email confirmation that your child has "provisional acceptance"

You may complete a copy of the application by visiting:

**Emerald Academy**

**220 Carrick Street, Knoxville TN 37921**

**Monday through Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Translation services will be available at enrollment meetings through the Knoxville International Network.

\*Provisional acceptance means that in the event we have more applications than available seats by 5:00pm on March 23, 2019, we will hold a random lottery on March 27, 2019 to determine who is accepted. If a student is not accepted in the lottery, the family will be notified and his/her name will be added to the wait list.

## Did You Know...

Emerald Academy continues to grow as an education option for city families.

over  
**7 to 1**

In 2018-2019, enrollment applications outnumbered availability over 7 to 1.

In 2017-2018, third graders outperformed most urban Knoxville schools in the percentage of students reading at or above grade level. This is a key indicator of continued academic success.



Sixth and seventh graders outperformed their urban Knoxville peers in the percentage of students who were at or above grade level in math in 2017-2018. They will be prepared to take Algebra I in eighth grade and rigorous classes when they enter high school.



## HIGH EXPECTATIONS



Scholars, parents, teachers and staff create and reinforce a culture of achievement and are held to the highest standards.

## OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES

- Scholars wear uniforms and high expectations are placed on behavior.
- A nutritious breakfast and lunch is served in our cafeteria.
- **Physical education, music and art** are part of each scholar's experience.
- Sponsored by Emerald Youth Foundation, scholars have the opportunity to participate recreationally and competitively in a variety of team sports.



## PERSONALIZED FOCUS

Each K-5 classroom has two certified teachers and one technology device per three scholars, with personal devices for every scholar in grades 6-8.



## MORE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

In a safe and structured learning environment, scholars have a longer school year (192 days) and a longer school day (8 hours). Scholars who attend Emerald Academy K-8 will receive nearly **2 additional years** of instruction compared to students attending traditional public schools.



Renee Kelly, School Director