

## Special Features

Olmsted North has an amazing array of technology. With two computer labs, students have opportunities for technology classes and for individual tutoring using online resources that allow each student to focus on the skills that he needs. Laptop computers, projectors, and SMART Boards are incorporated into classrooms regularly to engage students in learning and to give them opportunities to learn in new ways.

The Principal's Advisory Council is composed of young men from each team who meet regularly with the principal to address issues in the school. The young men on the council are encouraged to wear a shirt and tie each day. Other leadership opportunities for students include membership on the Student Council, running for team office, and becoming a peer mediator.

Families are actively involved at Olmsted North. The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) achieved the largest gain in membership of any JCPS school during the 2006-07 school year.

Olmsted North hosts regular Parent Nights. These evenings offer food, drink, and information on literacy, math, social studies, arts and humanities, Commonwealth Accountability Testing System (CATS) scores, getting ready for high school, and a number of other topics of interest.



## At a Glance

- First public all-boys school in the state of Kentucky
- Average class size is 20 students.
- Advance Program
- Comprehensive Program
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Program
- Exceptional Child Education (ECE) Program
- Title I Program
- Extended School Services (ESS)
- YSC
- Team structure
- Computers in every classroom
- Required uniforms
- Athletics
- Extracurricular clubs
- PTSA



# NORTH

## Charging Into Excellence



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# Focusing on the Development of Young Men



## Welcome to Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North

Quality  
Instruction  
for  
Young  
Men

Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North, the Jefferson County Public School (JCPS) District's first all-boys middle school, provides a rigorous academic program for young men in grades six, seven, and eight. Families choose to send their sons to Olmsted North because they know that the faculty and staff hold students to high standards of excellence and are dedicated to providing the instruction, leadership skills, and support necessary for each young man to develop his potential to the fullest and to become a responsible, creative, and resourceful citizen.

Middle school is an exciting and challenging time for students. As schoolwork becomes more rigorous and social pressures and distractions increase, research shows that single-gender classes can improve student learning and behavior. Classes are designed around the learning needs of young men and include lots of hands-on lessons, teamwork, and team building.

### The School

Built in 1928 as a junior high school, Olmsted North is the home of the first all-boys public school in the state of Kentucky. Located at 4530 Bellevue Avenue in the south end of Louisville, the school is a part of the history of the area. The building's interesting architecture reflects the rich past of this old Louisville neighborhood. The school has two gymnasiums, a band room, an orchestra room, two computer labs, a library, a counseling center, a Youth Services Center (YSC), and a beautiful courtyard with picnic tables.

### Related Arts

Although the core subjects of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies are the mainstay of the academic day, related-arts classes also are offered. These classes allow students to participate in activities they enjoy and to explore new areas that will expand their interests. Related-arts classes include art, band, orchestra, chorus, general music, physical education, and technology.

Students are also able to take advantage of additional reading and math classes to bolster their skills in these areas. Many of these classes are computer-based, enabling individual students to work and progress at their own speed.

### Teams

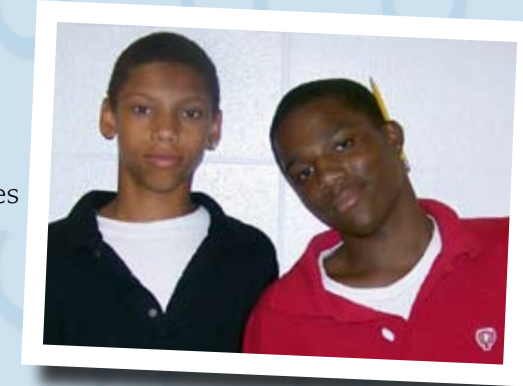
Olmsted North is organized into teams. Teams enable teachers to get to know their students and to tailor their instruction to meet the needs of individuals. With an average student-teacher ratio of 20:1 in core academic courses, teachers are able to spend more time supporting the learning needs of their students.

Teams increase opportunities for cooperative learning, hands-on lessons, inquiry-based science and math programs, technology, and various intervention programs to support students' success. In addition, teachers on each team share a common planning period that allows ample time for special projects and parent conferences.

### Leadership Development

The staff at Olmsted North is committed to helping young men develop their potential as leaders. Opportunities for leadership include the following:

- Peer Mediation
- Service Learning
- Student Council
- Principal's Advisory Council
- Student Clubs
- A rich array of athletic activities



### Athletics

Athletics are important to the growth and development of students. As our student athletes work together, they learn the value of friendship and the importance of teamwork and they learn that hard work pays off. These lessons not only improve athletic prowess but also prepare students for life. The students at Olmsted North have shared that their athletic experiences have been some of the most rewarding of their middle school careers. Olmsted North offers football, basketball, soccer, baseball, and track.

### Extracurricular Clubs

Club Day is held every Wednesday after school. Chess, concert choir, drama, engineering, and yearbook are just a few of the clubs that students can explore.

