



# Schools and Communities United

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## King's Academy

**Grades K4-8 — 5th year as a City charter; before that 11 years as a private religious voucher school**

**Enrollment—Beginning of 2013-14 year: 191; end of school year: 193**

Overview: In December 2014, the City's Charter School Review Committee recommended putting King's Academy on Probation, because of poor academic performance and high turnover in staff and administration. In its 16th year as a school (11 years as a private voucher, 5 as a public City charter school), it "hasn't risen to the level one might expect" (Review Committee member) and has experienced extremely high teacher turnover.

### **Report from Review Committee's Consultant (Children's Research Center/National Council on Crime and Delinquency):**

"Because of the school's academic progress history, including annual scorecard results—particularly in the areas of student achievement on local measures and standardized year-to-year testing for students below proficiency as well as teacher return rate—CRC recommends that King's Academy be placed on probation for the fifth year of its contract with the City of Milwaukee. CRC further recommends that the CSRC develop specific measurable outcomes for the school during the 2014–15 academic year as well as a plan to address the unmet contract provision related to teacher licensure."

### **Local Management**

- The school is locally based and not part of a national system.
- It opened in 1999 as a private voucher school affiliated with Christ the King Baptist Church. In 2010 it converted to a public school chartered by the City of Milwaukee.
- In 2012-13, it had a deficit of \$118,375 due to enrollment falling below expectations. Because of surpluses in previous years, it was able to handle the deficit while still ending the year with \$495,488 in net fund balance.
- In 2012-13, it received \$1,653,377 in state charter school aid and other state and federal government grants.
- In 2012-13, the school's board consisted of: Joseph Moore III (Chairman), Michelle Mason (Co-Chair), Evelyn Jones, Marilyn McVicker, Derek Tyus, George Hinton and Anita Peterson. The Principal was Mondell Mayfield.
- The school does not have a working web site. The information above came from its most recent filing with the Internal Revenue Service.]

### **Facility**

7798 N. 60th St. Owned by CTK Development Corp., an affiliate of Christ the King Baptist Church. Exempt from property tax. Rent payment to CTK in 2012-13 was \$262,826.

### **Overall School Accountability Score from Department of Public Instruction**

- 2012-13: Score 57.1; "Meets Few Expectations." Ranked 14th of 18 non-MPS charters; 5th of 7 City charters
- 2013-14: Score 67.3; "Meets Expectations." Ranked 8th of 19 non-MPS charters; 2nd of 8 City charters

### **Student Achievement Score from Department of Public Instruction**

- 2012-13: Score 33.9—15th of 18 non-MPS charters; 6th of 7 City charters
- 2013-14: Score 35.8—14th of 19 non-MPS charters; 5th of 8 City charters

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### **Proportion of students considered Proficient or Advanced [DPI]**

- 2012-13 Mathematics 13.8%—16th of 18 non-MPS charters; 5th of 7 City charters
- 2013-14 Mathematics 21.8%—12th of 19 non-MPS charters; 4th of 8 City charters
- 2012-13 Reading 16.3%—8th of 18 non-MPS charters; 2nd of 7 City charters
- 2013-14 Reading 15.4%—9th of 19 non-MPS charters; 2nd of 8 City charters

### **Students**

- 2013-14: 95% Black non-Hispanic; 90% Economically Disadvantaged; 9% Special Education
- 2013-14: 6% of students who started in September 2013 withdrew before the end of the school year
- 2013-14: 27% of students who finished the previous year and were eligible to return did not return in the fall
- 2013-14: 62 students were suspended at least once during the year (30% of all students). Expulsion data not available.

### **Staff**

- Seven of the 9 teachers at the end of the 2012-13 who were eligible to return in September did not return (78% did not return).
- Of 10 teachers to start in September 2013, 8 stayed the entire year; both teachers who left were replaced during the year.
- Eight of the 10 teachers at the end of the 2013-14 year had one year of experience or less; one teacher had two years and one 13. One teacher did not have a DPI license.
- In interviews with Charter School Review Committee consultant, teachers noted a "lack of professional development for staff," "pay is not competitive," "insufficient classroom assistants to meet children's needs," "lack of clear vision for school," and "lack of organization."

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