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# PAVING PATHS FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS



## Tiger Academy

A YMCA Charter School

**Children growing up in Northwest Jacksonville have a lot to overcome. In a community with the highest instances of crime, poverty and other social ills, students typically have poorer academic outcomes.**

At the Y, we work side-by-side with our partners to give at-risk families an opportunity to achieve the highest quality education, working to break the cycle of poverty, changing the landscape of Northwest Jacksonville. In the center of the community, Tiger Academy, a YMCA charter school focused on self-discipline, personal and social responsibility and strong family involvement, provides children with a structured and nurturing learning environment – at no cost to them. Educational opportunities involve a longer school day and longer school year than traditional public school.

To ensure adequate support and enrichment services for both the students and their families, the Johnson Family YMCA is an integral partner and family service center for the school and school community. This unique partnership allows students and their families to participate in health and wellness programs, sports and recreational activities, and enhance their quality of life through programs like the G.E.D. Academy, substance abuse counseling, financial planning services, and a host of other supports.



### **AAneah, a first grader at Tiger Academy, wants to be a scientist when she grows up.**

Anthony, a single father, wants only the best for his daughter, AAneah. At Tiger Academy, he knows that she has a safe, nurturing place to learn and is building self-confidence, especially in her reading skills.

"She is such a strong reader today," Anthony says of his daughter. "I'm amazed at her vocabulary now, and instead of me reading the stories to her, she's reading to me."

As for AAneah, she gets excited about learning and has big plans for the future.

"I want to be a scientist because they always get to learn new things," she says.

Anthony takes her ambitions seriously. As an involved parent, he is invested in AAneah's education and volunteers on a regular basis at the school to support her.

This is one of many examples of how Tiger Academy approaches the education of children with a commitment to helping them reach their full potential: by giving them access to the essentials needed to learn, grow and thrive. We believe all children deserve that.

With your support, we provide the resources needed to ensure children, just like AAneah, have a chance at a high-quality, well-rounded educational experience that will set them on a path to high school graduation, college graduation and beyond.

**Give to the Y. Change your community.**



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