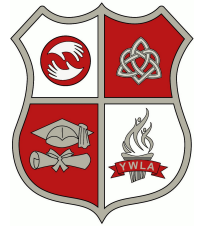# Young Women's Leadership Academy at Arnold

Grand Prairie, Texas

Today

Young Women's Leadership Academy at Arnold is an all-girls Public School of Choice that serves 6th-12th grade students with a HS that is rated in the top 5% of the nation. We are a part of the Young Women's Preparatory Network that embraces the core values of leadership, college readiness and wellness life skills. We focus on developing future leaders who are college-ready and college-bound. We are a designated T-STEM Academy with focused instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Leveraging our 1:1 iPad mobile technology, the administration and staff support, model and encourage student choice and creativity to empower students to become producers of content, find their own voice, and become lifelong learners.

Vision

The core of our vision stems from the belief that "You can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can't count the numbers of apples in a seed."

● **EMPOWER LEADERSHIP THROUGH VOICE**
We grow a culture of empowerment where teachers and students have a voice and gain confidence to share ideas to solve real world problems that matter.

● **ENCOURAGE COLLABORATION AND CRITICAL THINKING**
We promote building relationships in safe environments for sharing and listening to the opinions of others to build tolerance.

● **CREATE A CULTURE OF INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY**
Creativity is celebrated and shared with real audiences allowing feedback and reflection as a critical part of the learning process.

Vision in Action

🎬 [Student Daily Announcements Created in iMovie](#) are shared with students and our community on YouTube YWLA [webpage](#).

🎬 [Mindfulness Lessons in Clips](#) Counseling help is embedded in Student Daily Announcements in response to meeting student needs during COVID19.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 868 Students
- 75 Faculty
- All Girls Public School 6th-12th Grade
- 89% Eco Dis
- 42% LEP
- 100% Graduation Rate and College Acceptance

APPLE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Students:
- 1:1 iPad
- 7 MacBook Carts
- Everyone Can Create
- Apple Pencil

Teachers:
- 1:1 MacBook Air
- 1:1 iPad
- Apple TV

Apple Professional Learning:
- Everyone Can Create
- Everyone Can Code
- Innovation in Schools book studies
- Apple Teacher Learning Center
- [Apple Professional Learning Sessions](#)

Learning

YWLA provides a common learning experience for all students through a series of weekly Advisory lessons, "Journey Through the Apple Apps, One bite at a time". Classroom teachers reinforce and apply skills to new learning in content areas and innovate new ideas.

🔴 We provide rich learning experiences with choice to make learning personal and meaningful. Girls are producers of content, creating products based on learning modality to demonstrate learning and share. Students help each other learn.

🔴 Students connected through Keynote and Pages that allow for collaboration on projects and the sharing of files through shared albums in iCloud.

🔴 Students learn to code using Swift Playgrounds.

🔴 Teachers and students create tutorials using iMovie to help others learn content, review resources and create fun activities to share.

🔴 100% of staff are Apple Teachers. They participate in campus professional development, GPISD Apple Vanguard, Apple Education Learning Series Canvas Course, iLearn Conferences and Innovative Schools Leadership Book Studies.

🔴 Teachers utilize the Apple Teacher Learning Center to integrate technology and screencast lessons on the iPad and Mac.

🔴 Train Apple Teacher Cadres for subject areas that support peer teachers in integration.

Learning in Action
- Apple Advisory Lessons on YouTube
- Apple Teacher Cadres Reflect on Success
- Thankfulness Keynote Drawings
- Ocean Girl Story in Clips
- Clips Biopoems
- Photosynthesis Animation in Keynote
- Marine Biome Ecosystem Book in Pages

Success

We encourage creativity and choice in assignments helping students master concepts leading to greater success in learning.

🔴 Projects are shared with the community through our social media platforms and our GPISD district Digital Media Showcase.

🔴 Students increase literacy through reading ebooks using accessibility features

🔴 Student participates in community involvement through senior projects like coding courses for elementary students.

🔴 Promote responsible use through Digital Citizenship lessons earning the title of Common Sense Media School.

🔴 Leadership utilizes staff, student and parent surveys to create goals and steer learning.

🔴 Progress is noted in Campus Improvement Plan.

Success in Action
- YWLA Social Media- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- ADE School Journey- YWLA Website

What's next

This coming year will be filled with excitement as students return in person. We'll be able to hit the ground running with our Apple Teacher Cadres welcoming, inspiring and training new staff on all things Apple.

🔴 Train Apple Student Mentors to provide support and mentor teachers in the use of Apple apps.

🔴 Teachers will create Apple Portfolios.

🔴 Science will publish Podcasts using Garage Band.

🔴 Classes will begin a collaborative project with another sister school in our YWPN network.