

Young Women's Leadership Academy at Arnold Middle School

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Mission: Our mission is to meet the unique needs of young women by providing an outstanding college preparatory curriculum with an emphasis on leadership skills needed to succeed in competitive future careers.

About Our School: The YWLA at Arnold MS offers 6th-8th grade girls a dynamic learning experience that encourages critical thinking, inspires confidence and nurtures the intellectual and social development necessary for success in college, career and life. Rigorous coursework, field-based exploration, and personalized counseling help students transition from middle to high school and to higher education and beyond. The academic curriculum offers all courses required by the State of Texas for the mastery of standards for each grade level.

- Suitable for students with a strong commitment to graduate from college
- Rigorous Curriculum and High Expectations
- Official TEA T-STEM Academy, Young Women's Preparatory Network School, Member of National Coalition of Girl's Schools, and Affiliate School in the Young Women's Leadership Network
- Emphasis on 21st Century Leadership Skills such as:
 - Teaming, collaboration, interpersonal skills
 - Personal, social, civic responsibility
 - Higher-order thinking and sound reasoning
 - Adaptability, managing complexity, self-direction
 - Curiosity, creativity, risk-taking
 - Interactive communication
 - Prioritizing, planning, managing for results
 - Effective use of real-world tools
 - Ability to produce relevant, high-quality products
- Competitive Robotics Team
- Leadership opportunities such as peer mentoring of elementary students, Leadership field trips, Student Council, House Leaders, National Junior Honors Society, Chair of Student Clubs
- Springboard Math Curriculum – the official Pre-AP program from the College Board
- Project-Based Learning and opportunities for field-based learning experiences
- House System where students are assigned a "House" and earn merits or demerits toward positive incentives such as Spirit Shirt/Jean Days
- High school and college credit Spanish courses, High school credit Speech, Technology, English I, Algebra I, Geometry, Language, Health, STEM, and Business courses
- Integrated Technology and Blended Learning using media such as Promethean Boards, iPads, Web-cams, Bloggie Cameras, experience with Internet research and applications such as Prezi, Google Earth, PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Inspiration, Audacity, etc.
- Campus Designated Standardized dress
- Full Fine Arts program including: band, choir, orchestra, mariachi, ballet folklorico, dance, theatre, and visual arts
- Athletics, Cheerleading, and Extra Curricular Clubs such as Photography Club, STEM Club, Garden Club, Fitness Club, Pinterest Club, Dance Club, Art Club, Book Club, Fashion Club, Cooking Club, Hospitality Club, etc. to promote well-rounded educational experiences and develop social skills
- Rachel's Challenge and Capturing Kids' Hearts strategies to promote a safe, positive environment

