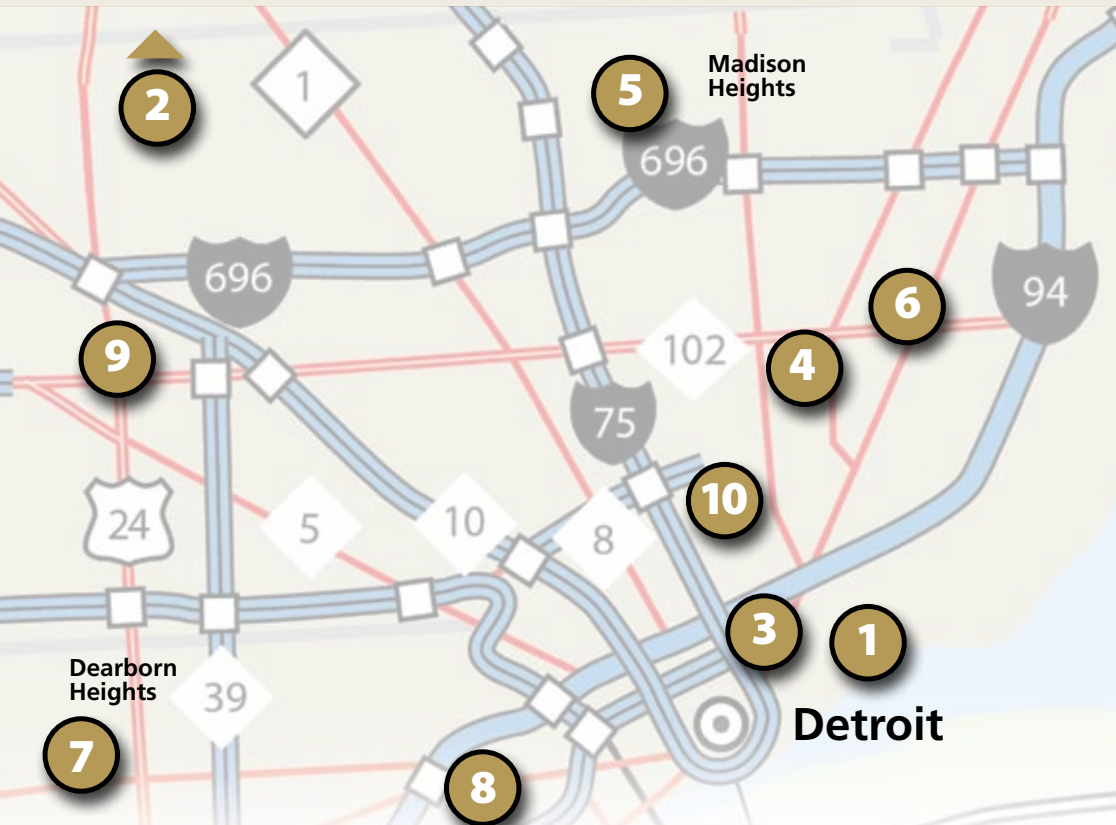


## Oakland University Public School Academies



**1** **Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences**  
2985 E. Jefferson, Detroit

**2** **Michigan School for the Arts**  
825 Golf Dr., Pontiac

**3** **Detroit Edison Public School Academy**  
1903 Wilkins, Detroit

**4** **Dove Academy of Detroit**  
8210 Rolyat, Detroit

**5** **Four Corners Montessori Academy**  
1075 E. Gardenia, Madison Heights

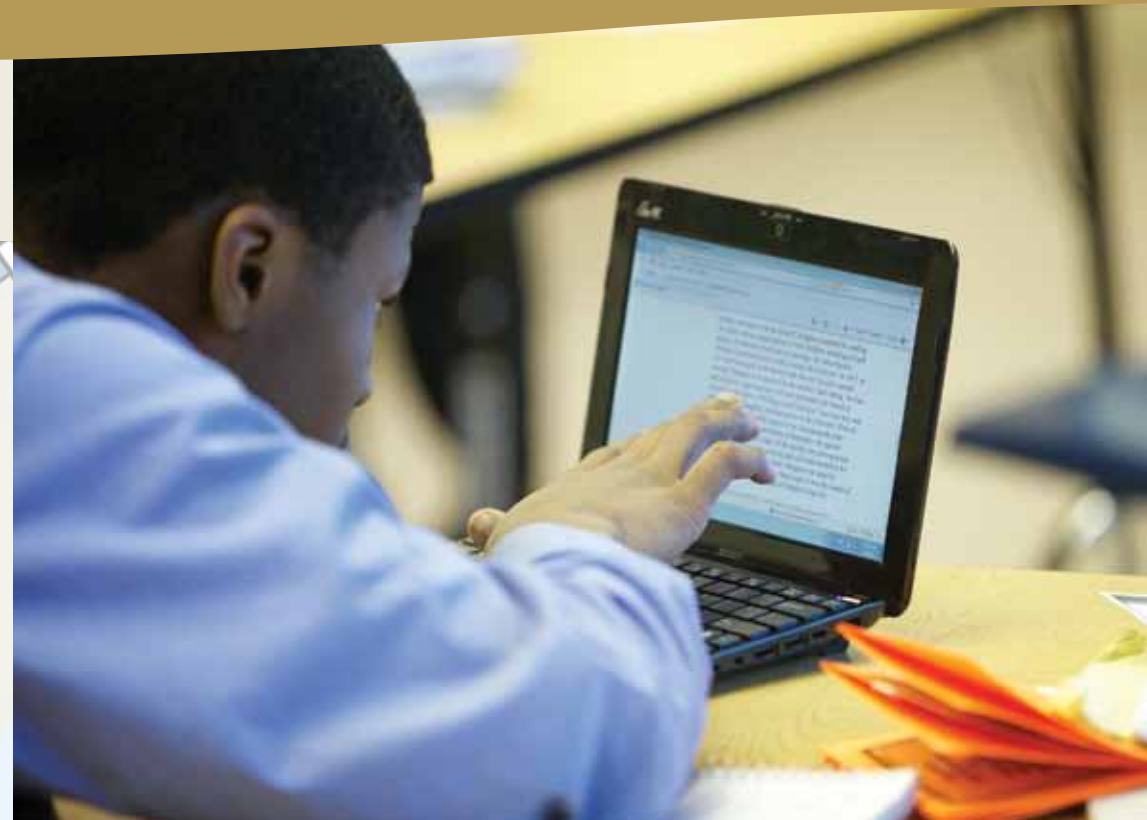
**6** **Nsoroma Institute**  
20045 Joann St., Detroit

**7** **Star International Academy**  
24425 Hass, Dearborn Heights

**8** **Universal Academy**  
4612 Lonyo, Detroit

**9** **Weston Preparatory Academy**  
22930 Chippewa, Detroit

**10** **Caniff Liberty Academy**  
2650 Caniff, Hamtramck



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## Oakland University Public School Academies and Urban Partnerships



*Educational quality and choice for all families*





## *OU chartering history*

OU chartered schools offer the diversity of options envisioned by the Oakland University Board of Trustees when they approved the Public School Academy Chartering Policy in 1995. Our first school opened its doors to 100 students in 1996. By way of this modest entry into the chartering arena, OU joined other universities, intermediate school districts and local school districts across the state in responding to the call for more

educational choice. OU has grown over the years to charter 10 schools with a total enrollment of more than 5,500 students. In a relatively short time, charter schools have changed the face of education in Michigan. Oakland University is proud to be a part of the charter school movement and is committed to the education and enrichment of its schools and students.

## *Vision*

Advancing excellence in public education through choice, accountability and responsible stewardship of the entrusted resources.

## *Mission*

The Oakland University Office of Public School Academies' mission is to support quality charter schools through leadership in educational initiatives at the national, state and local levels and to ensure accountability through effective performance evaluation.



## *What are charter schools?*

Charter schools, or Public School Academies, are publicly funded, nonsectarian public schools that offer flexible alternatives to the traditional public school system. They provide choice for parents, students and teachers.

A charter school comes into existence via a contract with a community college, a university, an intermediate school district or a local school board. The contract establishes the framework within which the school operates and provides public support for a specified period. Each charter school maintains autonomy over its operations. In exchange for flexibility afforded by the contract, the schools are held accountable for achieving specific goals, including improving student performance and compliance with federal and state laws.



Per-pupil state aid funds follow a child to a charter school. By law, this amount may not exceed the per-pupil base foundation received by the local school district where the charter school is geographically located. Charter schools often have a specific focus or instructional technique, or are designed to fit the needs of a particular group of students.

In the mid-1990s, the Michigan State Legislature approved 150 schools to be authorized by universities, a number which stood until legislation was approved in December 2011 that mandated lifting this limit. The new law phases out the cap on university authorized charters over a three year period — allowing up to 300 schools by the end of 2012, 500 at the end of 2014, and an elimination of the cap in 2015.

## *The Oakland University difference*



Oakland University Board of Trustees approved the Public School Academy Chartering Policy in 1995 for schools to be located in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties with the hope of making a difference in the education of children in its external environs.

With 10 schools in close proximity to the university, opportunities exist for OU to have an involved and active relationship with the schools, as well as to foster an atmosphere of collaboration and partnership among the academies. Academy staff and students are frequent visitors to the campus for both academic and cultural activities. The diverse programs in the schools provide distinct educational choices for families. Yet, each school prides itself in reaching high standards of quality and achievement.



Fine Arts and athletic opportunities

*Environmental Initiatives*

*Community and Business Partnerships*

**K-8 Montessori Education**

International Baccalaureate Schools

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