

Perseid Academy Executive Summary

Proposed school type and model

Perseid Charter Academy will be an Expeditionary Learning school modelled after the late Kurt Hahn the father of modern experiential learning. Students enrolled in Perseid will engage in the learning community that is like no other. Every lesson will be an expedition packed with know-how knowledge. Perseid will begin its journey opening its doors to students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the first year. Each year they will continue to add a grade until 8th grade is included.

Grades served (first year and at scale)

Perseid 5 Year Enrolment Table

	Kdg.	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	Enrolment
Year 1	50	50	50							150
Year 2	50	50	50	50						200
Year 3	50	50	50	50	50					250
Year 4	50	50	50	50	50	50				300
Year 5	50	50	50	50	50	50	50			350

Mission, vision, educational philosophy, and culture

Perseid Charter Academy Mission Statement

Perseid Charter Academy will provide high quality instruction to students in a positive learning environment with tailored individualized instruction that builds the academic, psychological and social/emotional student perspectives to prepare them for higher learning.

Perseid Charter Academy Vision Statement

Perseid Charter Academy's vision is to provide a climate to empower all stakeholders -- staff members, students, parents, community members and partners in building a community of lifelong learners to continue their quest to become productive citizens in our global and diverse world.

Educational Philosophy

1. Students will be given opportunities to discover themselves and the world around them.
2. Students will be encouraged to accept challenges with an open mind.

3. Students will learn from victory and defeat.
4. Students will be educated on their social responsibilities as upward members of society.
5. Students will be encouraged to self reflect.
6. Student creativity and imagination will be encouraged at all times.
7. All students will be explores of the universe.
8. Students at Persied will take their education seriously.
9. Students will become lifelong learners.
10. Students at Persied will be career and college ready.
11. Self actualization will be promoted throughout Persied.

Academic goals

Students attending Persied Academy Charter School will score 75% at or above grade level in all reading, math, science and social studies.

Demonstrated capacity to open and manage a high-quality school, including brief explanation of how proposed school type and model will drive success for expected student population.

The school will follow the Experiential Learning Model. Students will engage in learning expeditions that are relevant to their everyday lives. The curriculum units will last for at least 10 to 12 weeks in order to ensure student understanding and mastery. Another advantage of the Experiential Learning Model is teacher looping. Every teacher will stay with their class for at least 2 years; which will give students solid foundational skills and room to catch up or grow. The school will be centred around hands on learning. Students will engage in activities that will range from public speaking to actual community engagement. The school will be community based which means that all stakeholders will promote and support stewardship among staff and students.

Targeted community(ies) and rationale

The targeted community for Persied Charter is Pullman. We chose this area because there are no Experiential Learning Schools in the area. The Experiential Learning Model is fairly new to the City of Chicago and there is only one school operating on that model now. Learning is no longer strictly classroom based, learning is about life and experience, the expeditionary model provides this. According to the census data for the Pullman area 42% of the population have school aged children, which makes it a good prospect for Perseid.

