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NCLB TITLE I PROGRAMS

The mission of Discover Music: Discover Life (DMDL) is to enhance student academic achievement and life skills through supportive mentoring and by developing and implementing standards-based curricula. Our unique method is presented from a perspective that meets students where they are emotionally, culturally and academically.

ABOUT US:

Discover Music: Discover Life, Inc. (formerly known as MusicAlive!) was formed in 2000 by Orbert Davis and Mark Ingram. Davis and Ingram have spent the majority of their professional careers as artists and mentors. Their concern about the quality and effectiveness of arts education for young people was the inspiration for DMDL's curriculum design. Their goal is to insure that high-quality, standards based arts programming is available for all students, especially those least likely to have access to the arts. DMDL personnel, comprised of highly qualified, professional teaching artists and academic instructors, are required to complete a 50-hour methods course. DMDL has serviced over 50 area schools (public and private) with its following programs.

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● Supplemental Instruction

Using natural elements found in music and the arts, this program teaches and reinforces skills necessary for language arts and math proficiency. Lessons focus on reading comprehension and fluency and mathematical problem solving. Classes are taught by highly qualified teachers and arts professionals who are experts in their respective fields. The Supplemental Tutoring assistance is based on assessment of students' needs, supporting the regular classroom curriculum and State standards.
(Grades K-12, grouped developmentally)

● Academic Counseling

"Learning Lab" provides assessment and strategic planning for the needs of the whole child, especially as pertaining to academic growth, enhancing the child's ability to communicate effectively, to interact socially and to positively express emotion. Learning these skills builds self-confidence in children and ultimately boosts students' ability to excel at home and at school. Counselors are highly qualified mental health professionals, experienced in multiple counseling situations.
(Grades K-12, grouped developmentally)

● Fine Arts: Attention! Programs

This program seeks to extract life skills and lessons taken from the DMDL curriculum and focus on specific issues impacting adolescent boys and girls, both as a group, and independently. Life skills include discipline, coping, effective communication and decision-making, and life lessons on democracy, integration and responsibility. Students will experience these skills through performing Hand Chimes, Drum Lines and Piano.

● ArtsAlive!

Students are exposed to visual, dance, and music Art forms and will be able to connect them to different genres of music, through mood and character representation. Students are also introduced to movement and dance, as it relates to the visual arts and music. Each session will involve Arts education and Arts creation, demonstrating the connection to core concepts in Reading and Math.

● Professional Development for Teachers

Workshops are facilitated to help teachers develop and integrate curriculum that meets the needs of at-risk students, utilizing the DMDL approach that "meets students where they are". This approach is based on the theory of multiple intelligences, developed by Howard Gardner, which asserts that children learn in different ways through multiple intelligences -- linguistic, logical-mathematical, bodily-kinesthetic, visual-spatial, musical, interpersonal, intrapersonal, and naturalist.

● Parent Involvement

Workshops are facilitated to encourage parents to become an effective Partner in Education, utilizing the DMDL approach that "meets students where they are". The goal is to strengthen relationships between the parents with teachers and principals so that they become more actively involved in their child's education.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How are classroom teachers involved?

Teachers are invited to attend any sessions and will have the opportunity to meet with Program Manager twice a month regarding student progress and needs.

How are parents involved?

Parents are welcome to attend any sessions. Student take-home activities involve the entire family.

How often do you meet with students?

Depending on the program and number of services a student may receive, we meet with students at least once a week for 1 - 4 hours.

What are the qualifications of staff?

Classes are taught by experts in their field: professional teaching artists and highly qualified teachers. All Instructors, new and renewing, undergo a week-long intensive training in the DMDL curriculum and methodology prior to the start of the school year.

How do you assess effectiveness?

Students participate in regular assessments, including standardized tests, teacher assessments and student portfolios. Students must participate in assessments and will be coached in planning for success.

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