

## New Mastery School schedules open house

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On Saturday, June 9, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the new Mastery School will be having an open house at 1300 Olson Memorial Highway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411 (Home of Harvest Prep and Best Academy).

Pictured: Students Courtney Crump and Billy Cook

Mastery School, Inc. is a joint effort between Minneapolis Public Schools and the founders and leaders of Harvest Prep and Best Academy, Ella and Eric Mahmoud. Mastery School is being created to provide new educational opportunities for children in north Minneapolis. Harvest Prep and Best Academy, the 2011 #1 Gap Closing Schools in Minnesota, are the models for Mastery School, Inc., and during its first year of operation, Mastery School, Inc. will be incubated in the same building with Harvest Prep and Best Academy, and will be led by the same leaders of these two great schools.

Graph 1 (pictured) shows the percent of students at Harvest Prep that were proficient in math in 2011 compared to the state of Minnesota overall and other north side area schools. Harvest exceeded the state by an astounding 24 percentile points in math. When compared with the seven public schools in the north side geographic area contiguous to Harvest Prep and Best Academy, the contrast is even starker.

The new Mastery School will begin with grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade, and will add a grade each year until it reaches the 8th grade. The new Mastery School is being created for the people and by the people. In addition to an outstanding education, it will provide the following benefits to each and every child enrolled at the school:

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- Free tuition and transportation to and from school
- Free breakfast and lunch
- 20-25 lbs. of free food each and every month for every child enrolled
- Free 1st uniform for students

Call to enroll NOW as spaces are limited, by contacting Ms. Gaynell Ray, 612-381-9743, ext. 2201, or by going online at [www.themasteryschool.org](http://www.themasteryschool.org)