



Race, Policy & Law Academy

Mission/ Vision

The Race, Policy, and Law Academy will prepare students to work together for equity and racial justice through careers in law, policy, organizing, and communications.

RPL is an inclusive community of engaged students, teachers, and community members who are dedicated to racial justice and empowerment. Through relevant curriculum and real world experiences, we take action to address inequity and persevere in the face of systemic injustice.

We will explore intersecting social identities through a variety of narratives and experiences—particularly those that have been historically marginalized—so that we can deepen our awareness of multiple perspectives and approach the world with a critical consciousness. In addition, we will develop a deep knowledge of racial oppression as well as the strategies, tactics, and cultural practices used for resistance, healing, and liberation. With this knowledge, we will learn how to use organizing, legislative and policy advocacy, communications and media, and litigation as tools to promote equity and justice in our communities.

Through the use of restorative practices, we will foster a culture and community that enables courageous dialogue in the classroom that will equip students to engage in those conversations outside of the classroom. Students will demonstrate empathy and effective communication to collaborate in diverse groups to innovate creative solutions to the pressing social justice issues of our day.

Career Preparation and Work-Based Learning

Students learn in action as they engage with a wide array of guest speakers and participate in field trips which may include:

- Courthouse
- Local, State and Federal Agencies
- Law Schools
- Colleges & Universities
- Community organizations

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Course Sequence:

	10th	11th	12th
Eng	Eng 2 (Academy)	Eng 3 CP (Academy)	Eng 4 CP (Academy)
CTE*	Law & Society	Policy & Advocacy	Social Justice & Advocacy: Graduate Capstone
Hist	World History	US History or AP US History (non-Academy)	American Govt./ Econ AP or CP (non-Academy)
Dual Enrol	ADJUS 56: Criminal Investigation ADJUS 23: Criminal Procedure		

*CTE: Career-Technical Education Course

Sample Related Jobs

Lawyer, paralegal, policy advocate, nonprofit director, social worker, community organizer, government official, journalist, communications director, social media manager