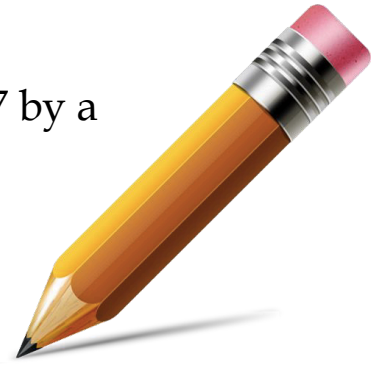


Students to Scholars

Students to Scholars supports the enrollment and success of promising and talented middle school youth from historically overlooked communities into local independent middle schools to prepare them for their college path in high school and college.

About the Program

Students to Scholars (S2S) was created in early 2017 by a Boys & Girls Club volunteer to provide selected children from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange Counties, North Carolina, a highly regarded youth program, with the opportunity for an education in the rigorous academic and culturally diverse environment of independent middle schools. Our goal is to prepare promising students for college preparatory programs in high school, either public or private. The ultimate goal is that these students will be able to compete academically for placement in any institution of higher education and succeed there. In 2020, S2S began accepting promising and talented students from other community organizations.



The associate schools are Triangle Day School, Duke School, Carolina Friends School, Durham Academy, and for Summer, Hill Learning. These are five diverse and welcoming schools, which admit our applicants in fifth and sixth grade. Students are selected to participate in S2S based on their willingness to work hard, aptitude for learning, support at home, and school performance.

The Students to Scholars program extends beyond the admission process by supporting the students who are accepted to independent schools as they make the transition into their new school and to adjust to the many changes they will encounter. The Scholars continue to receive academic and culturally affirming support throughout the middle school years as they take their place as leaders in their new schools.

Associate Schools



Triangle Day School (TDS) seeks to ignite intellectual curiosity, foster compassion and integrity, and nurture creativity, ultimately inspiring confidence in each student to lead a life of purpose. Their mission is to provide a warm and welcoming community devoted to academic excellence, and their core values are respect, responsibility, compassion, integrity, and resilience.

TDS was founded in 1991 by a group of teachers, administrators, and parents who wanted to challenge students who had demonstrated they were “ready for more.” Children graduate from TDS armed with intellectual curiosity, 21st century skills, and healthy self-confidence that all prepare them well for high school and beyond.

Triangle Day School offers Students to Scholars families a traditional middle school program in a welcoming environment.



Duke School takes pride in the fact that students leave with the ability to think independently and critically, and they are prepared to take their place in the global community in which collaboration and strong communication skills are essential. Their students not only master skills of traditional academic disciplines, they also develop a sense of self, community and culture. Duke School graduates are given the tools to confidently solve many types of problems, focus on important details, work cooperatively and resolve conflicts. Duke School’s project-based curriculum provides a creative, hands-on atmosphere for S2S students.



Carolina Friends School is a vibrant and inclusive learning community empowering students to think critically, creatively, and independently. The school was founded in 1962 by members of the Durham Friends Meeting and Chapel Hill Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends as one of the first racially integrated schools in the South and the first in the state.

CFS fosters active exploration and quiet reflection, individual endeavor and collaborative engagement. Inspired by Quaker values -- pursuit of truth, respect for all, peaceful resolution of conflict, simplicity, the call to service -- Carolina Friends School teaches children that it is possible to change the world. With this mission, Carolina Friends School offers S2S families an educational environment not found in other schools.



Durham Academy creates a positive atmosphere that fosters individual maturation and sense of place within a community. Every aspect of the student experience is designed to challenge with high expectations while providing careful, individualized support, including our advisory program, the academic curriculum and age-appropriate offerings in fine arts and athletics.

Most importantly, the teachers are experts in their field of instruction and connect with students on deep levels to facilitate learning, and have plenty of fun while doing it! At a developmentally significant stage in their lives, DA Middle School students are embraced for who they are and stretched to grow as students and people of strong character. For S2S families, DA offers a college-preparatory environment that is challenging and supportive.

Summer Associate School



Hill Learning Center was established in 1977 and now serves a range of public and private school students, teachers, schools, and school districts in four distinct program areas: School, Summer, Tutoring, and Educator Professional Development Programs. Hill Learning Center aspires to be a learning hub for equitable, research-based, differentiated instruction for students with learning and attention challenges. Hill Learning Center's mission is, "We transform students with learning differences into confident, independent learners." Hill Learning partners with Students to Scholars to offer our students "Hill Summer," a five-week program in the Summer that focuses on Reading, Math, and study skills.

Program Costs

Our associate school partners are dedicated to helping qualified participants in Students to Scholars attend their schools, taking into consideration each family's ability to pay tuition. Parents will apply for financial aid to the school to which their child is accepted.

Questions? Contact Alexandria Turnley, Executive Director, at aturnley@students2scholars.org or info@students2scholars.org.

How Can You Help?

Please consider volunteering with us (reach us at info@students2scholars.org) and/or make a tax-deductible contribution to Students to Scholars to start changing lives today! Donors who support Students to Scholars are directly contributing to the enrollment and support of a promising child and fulfilling our mission to improving the trajectories of their life toward college. Donors will be able to see each child grow as scholars and witness their futures unfold and meet the students whose lives are being changed by this program. Our students need your support to make this educational opportunity a reality.

To donate by a credit card, please visit www.students2scholars.org

Checks can be written to Students to Scholars and mailed to 1117 Sourwood Drive, Chapel Hill NC 27517. Please include the following with your check.

Name: _____

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Thank you!