



## Victorious Minds Academy

### The VMA Mission

Victorious Minds Academy (VMA) develops students who are self-confident scholars who embody the Principles of Kwanzaa and are empowered by their cultural knowledge.

### The VMA Vision

VMA **Educators** are committed to engaging in relational pedagogies that demonstrate understanding of the cultural heritage of students. They mentor the social/emotional character of each student, teach culturally relevant and rigorous content, and cultivate learners who are culturally competent and community minded.

VMA **Students** are committed to being critical thinkers, who are self-aware, reflective, and creative. They use their cultural competencies to co-construct learning experiences with teacher leaders as guides. VMA students are provided opportunities to articulate the wisdom and aspirations of their communities.

VMA **Families** are sources of knowledge. They are partners in classrooms and schools and support learning. VMA families and guardians are an integral part of culturally responsive themes and pedagogies. They are foundational to instructional opportunities in the home and in school.

**Community** collaborations are valued in the development of VMA learners. The creation of interdependent relationships fosters support networks for students. The community expands the students' knowledge base, broadens their opportunities, and appreciates their accomplishments.