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## DAVID ELLIS ACADEMY WEST

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### MISSION

The educational family of David Ellis Academy–West (DEA-W) will provide a safe and supportive environment to prepare the children of today to be the leaders of tomorrow. We will promote, nurture and encourage academic mastery to inspire lifelong learning in a global society.

### OVERVIEW



The vision of Bishop David L. Ellis Sr. for which the school is named, was to provide a quality education for urban students in a safe, Christian environment. His dream was realized in 1975 with the opening of an early childhood center and an elementary school a year later. The Greater Grace Temple Christian Academy converted to a public charter school in 1997 under the leadership of Theresa Ellis, Bishop David Ellis' daughter. There was an

immediate need for expansion at the Detroit location with a waiting list of over 200 students. As a result, David Ellis Academy West was founded in 2006 in Redford, MI.

DEA-W, a tuition free school, provides a high quality, rigorous curriculum to students in grades kindergarten through eighth. Enrollment has increased steadily each year from 305 students and 16 staff members the first year to 737 students and over 50 staff members the third year. Today, DEA-W boasts an enrollment of more than 820 students and over 50 employees. The school services 61% free and reduced lunch students from the metro Detroit area.

### PROFILE

Today, David Ellis Academy West is a North Central Accreditation school that has been recognized for its award winning art program. The school's standardized test averages have steadily improved each year with a reading composite of over 75% and a math composite of over 70% after three years of operation. Academy students outperformed the state Adequate Yearly Progress expectations in 11 of 12 testing areas. Day course offerings include the Michigan Department of Education core curriculum, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, art and home economics. The Academy also hosts a wide array of afterschool activities including robotics, tennis, basketball, karate, drumming, majorettes, soccer, modern dance, cheerleading, broadcast club, hip hop dance, boys and girls mentoring, intensive tutoring, and advanced art.

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**Ticheal Jones**, School Leader; has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education, Master of Arts in Education, majoring in Administration and Supervision, and she is currently in the dissertation process of a Doctorate of Education degree in Educational Leadership.



Mrs. Jones is a dedicated and resourceful change agent with a history of success in fostering academic excellence utilizing a collaborative management philosophy. Her experiences include teacher, dean of students, assistant principal, principal and chief academic officer. During her time as an administrator she has been instrumental in developing curriculum, increasing parent involvement, and positively shifting school climates.

Mrs. Jones is very active within her church, participates in the community organization Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and volunteers regularly at the Beaconshire Nursing Home.

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