



Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies Now Accepting Applications for 2010-2011 School Year

Upcoming Information Sessions Help Families Learn More About Detroit's Middle and High School of Academics, Art and Design

DETROIT, January 7, 2010 – Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies, Detroit's middle and high school of strong academics, art, design and creativity is accepting student applications through February 10, 2010. It is a partnership led by Detroit's College for Creative Studies (CCS), a world leader in art and design education, and Henry Ford Learning Institute (HFLI), a non-profit organization founded by Ford Motor Company Fund and The Henry Ford and dedicated to creating public schools in public spaces.

Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies, which opened in September 2009, was created to address the critical shortage of high-performing schools in the city, improve urban student achievement and prepare students with an interest in art and design for a future in the dynamic and growing creative professions. All students who are Michigan residents and eligible to enter the 6th and 9th grades for the 2010-11 school year may apply. Academic and artistic ability are not factors in admission. If student demand exceeds available space, admission will be determined by random lottery. Applications from students entering the 7th, 8th and 10th grades will be added to the school's waitlist. As a public school academy, all enrolled students will attend Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies tuition-free.

Families are encouraged to obtain applications and learn more about Detroit's middle and high school of academics, art and design by visiting www.schoolforcreativestudies.org, calling (313) 481-4000, or attending the following information sessions at 485 W. Milwaukee Street, Detroit 48202. Free parking for these sessions is available in the CCS lot located at Woodward Ave. and W. Baltimore. General information session dates and times are:

January 9, 10 am – noon

January 21, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

January 31, 2 – 4 pm

February 6, 10 am – noon

Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies is housed in CCS' new A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education in Detroit's New Center area. Students at Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies have the unique opportunity to learn and thrive in the Taubman Center's new integrated learning community, which also includes CCS' undergraduate and graduate design programs, community outreach activities, student housing, and research and professional activities in the design fields.

The middle and high school combines the College's educational resources with the nationally recognized education model first implemented at Henry Ford Academy, in Dearborn, Mich. Henry Ford Academy: Dearborn, which opened in 1997, has a cumulative graduation rate of more than 90 percent; 100 percent of its graduating classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009 were accepted to colleges and universities. As an achievement-focused Thompson Educational Foundation 90/90

school and part of the Public School Academies of Detroit system, Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies has committed to graduating at least 90 percent of its students and sending at least 90 percent of graduates on to college.

Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies provides students with small class sizes, support for student success, a college preparatory curriculum, career exploration, a world-class art and design program and resources, a new gymnasium, sports program, and state-of-the-art facilities. The student experience during the 2009-2010 school year has included hands-on design challenges in which students worked in partnership with their peers and community members to develop a work/study space for a partner, a new space for the broader community, or a better carryall for a particular person. Field experiences on college campuses, guest speakers such as furniture designers, and exploration of cultural institutions such as The Henry Ford and the Detroit Institute of Arts are helping students create real world connections.

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Note to editors: Images of Henry Ford Academy: School for Creative Studies students and the A. Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education are available at <http://bit.ly/HFASCSStudentExperience>.

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