



Helping to Transform Lives. Schools for the Future (SFF) is coming to Detroit in September 2012 through a partnership with Black Family Development, Inc. (BFDI) and Michigan Future. SFF Detroit will open its doors to 100 8th and 9th graders with mandatory summer orientations beginning in July. SFF features a student-centered strategy that builds each student’s leadership, performance-based teaching & learning that enables students to progress at their own pace toward graduation, and a heavy use of technology. Every student is given a mobile device so that they can access the curriculum and learn 24/7.

SFF Detroit is a school that sees beyond the walls of a single building and connect students to the wealth of learning resources and tools their community and country have to offer. It is a school where students are fiercely loyal to each other and unite as a force to ensure their academic and career success.

WHO IS SFF DESIGNED FOR?

SFF is designed specifically for middle school students with big dreams who have unfortunately fallen two or more years behind, having been retained in elementary and/or middle school. SFF Detroit will eventually enroll 270, 7th or 8th graders, ages 14-17. While many of our students will enter with severe academic skill gaps our goal is to graduate every student from high school ready for college and further career training – without the need for remediation.

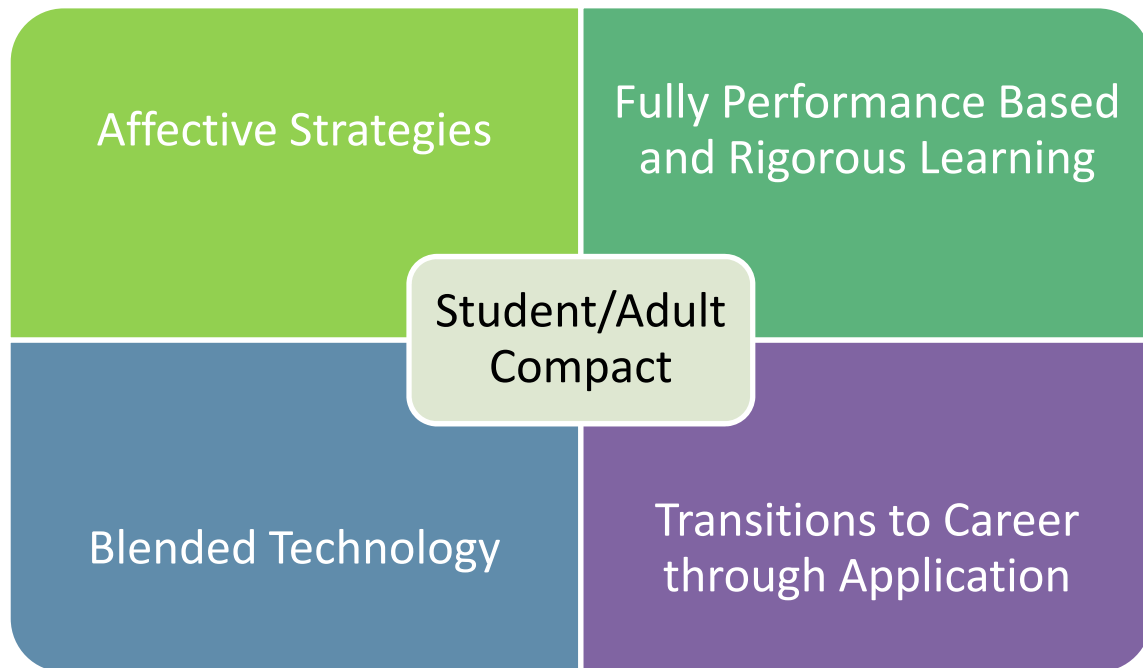
SFF helps each student build the cognitive framework and affective (“I can do it”) mindset to become a strong reader, mathematician, thinker, and learner. SFF’s affective strategy blends self-efficacy, social emotional literacy, problem solving skills, and immediate access to information to help students progress toward their life and career dreams.

What Makes SFF Unique

- Blend of affective and cognitive strategies
- Accepts students regardless of entering reading and math skill levels
- Powerful blend of face-to-face and technology-enabled educational strategies
- Anywhere/anytime learning using community resources
- Student-paced learning “recovery” and accelerator in one program
- Scalable learning management and assessment technology

Students follow a highly engaging and rigorous four-level curriculum program that is entirely performance-based. It blends a foundation of highly targeted classroom instruction with a full range of online and community-based learning opportunities. SFF helps students build developmental skills and higher order thinking simultaneously. Students become increasingly independent and rediscover that learning is awesome and helping each other inspiring.

SFF Core Elements



WHAT ELSE DOES SFF ACADEMY OFFER?

- Extended day from 4-6PM, including recreation, electives for credit, and intensive reading and math tutoring
- On-site breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and dinner
- Work study jobs, internships, off-site jobs, and career readiness
- College courses for credit while still in high school
- Extra-curricular activities including technology clubs, school newspaper, entrepreneurship training, and job shadows
- Adult mentors
- Individual and family counseling and other services provided by Black Family Development, Inc.