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## Indianapolis Metropolitan Career Academies

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### What

Goodwill Education Initiatives, Inc. (GEI), an Indiana non-profit entity established by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, Inc., operates two high schools known as Indianapolis Metropolitan Career Academy #1 (Indianapolis Met #1) and Indianapolis Metropolitan Career Academy #2 (Indianapolis Met #2).

### Why

Indianapolis Metropolitan Career Academies prepare young people for productive lives through individualized "real-world" education. GEI's overall goal is to significantly increase the high school graduation rate and the enrollment of high school graduates in post-secondary institutions.

### Mission

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Career Academies will strengthen communities by helping urban high school students achieve their fullest potential. We will do this by educating "one student at a time" and operating schools that foster students' individual interests, engage them with teachers, parents and mentors to create Learning Plans that focus on those interests and combine school-based study with outside experiences.

### Makeup of the School

Indianapolis Met, which opened in August 2004 with a freshman class, is located at Goodwill Industries, 1635 W. Michigan St. in Indianapolis. Each year, another freshman class will be added until the school reaches its capacity of 120 students in four grades. The school will maintain a student-to teacher ratio of no more than 16:1.

### Educational Foundation

Each student who graduates from Indianapolis Met must be able to demonstrate that they can be a cooperative member of the community and have achieved proficiency in the following areas:

- Empirical Reasoning
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Communication
- Social Reasoning
- Personal Qualities

### Indianapolis Met and the Big Picture Company Model

Indianapolis Met is based on a school model developed by The Big Picture Company in which students are engaged in their own education through personalized learning, authentic work with adult mentors, a strong sense of school culture and the involvement of families, the local community and area businesses.

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