

# JOHN LEWIS INVICTUS ACADEMY

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## ABOUT US

**John Lewis Invictus Academy, Home of the Royal Lions**, is located in the heart of the historic Grove Park community, in Atlanta, Georgia. When the school was opened in the Fall of 2017, it welcomed approximately 300 students. Now, JLIA boasts a student population of over 850 middle school students. A *Title I school*, with a student body that is comprised of 95.4% African American; 4% Hispanic; 0.2% Multiracial; 0.4% White, and 100% free and reduced lunch, the faculty and staff are committed to providing quality, engaging, differentiated lessons. Our key foci are: *Climate and Culture; High-Quality Teaching; Literacy, and STEAM.*

**John Lewis Invictus Academy** is a part of the Douglass Cluster; therefore, its signature focus is the STE(A)M pathway. By exposing students to the tenets of a STEAM education, they will be able to strengthen their critical thinking skills, and engage in real-world scenarios, as they work collaboratively to solve problems for their community, by working with local businesses and post-secondary partnerships. JLIA students will be charged with working across all disciplines to research; synthesize; envision, and execute project-based learning (PBL) tasks that have a STEAM focus. These PBL experiences will exemplify their deep understanding of selected, high interest topics, as they strive to be productive, 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, who embody the five core competencies of Social Emotional Learning: *Social Awareness; Self-Awareness; Self-Management; Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision Making.* Additionally, they have resolved to show up for themselves, their families, and their community every day, as they approach their studies with our core values of: **P**erseverance~**R**espect~**I**ntegrity~**D**iscipline~**E**xcellence—**P.R.I.D.E.**

**John Lewis Invictus Academy** was named after the late Congressman John Robert Lewis. He was a principled Civil Rights leader who advocated for equity, equality, and liberation for all people. His courage and determination gave a strong voice to the voiceless. His statesmanship served as a firm foundation for those who were downtrodden, forgotten, and ignored by those who had been sworn in to represent their collective interests. Congressman Lewis served his constituents until he died on July 17, 2020. His favorite poem, *Invictus*, by William Ernest Henley, is also a reminder to stay the course, so that our students, our families, and our community can collectively say, *I am the Master of my fate; I am the Captain of my soul.*

**John Lewis Invictus Academy** is committed to opening *The John Robert Lewis Service Center*. This Center will be an invaluable resource for our community. There will be a food pantry that will support scheduled food distributions, and a clothing closet, so that students will have clean uniforms; coats; socks, and shoes. The community will be able to wash and dry their clothes on site, as well as receive information for potential employment; affordable housing; educational and financial literacy workshops, and so much more. JLIA is committed to lifting barriers that impede, or stagnate students' academic, and social emotional growth. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you in this work.

***Committed to #ReNEWing our Faculty, Staff, Students & Community #NOW***