

The Young Women's Leadership Academy, San Antonio's first all-girls public school, opened in August 2008 as a tuition-free college-preparatory school that focuses on math, science and technology – fields typically underrepresented by women.

Our students receive a quality education shaped by the core values of college preparation, responsible leadership and wellness life skills, values that contribute to the type of well-rounded education that is vital to our students' success in college.

Consistently rated *Exemplary* by the state since its inception, YWLA is a collaborative effort between SAISD and the [Foundation for the Education of Young Women](#).

All YWLA students are expected to attend and graduate from a four-year college or university. [College prep](#) is ensured through a rigorous curriculum and a strong academic support system. College and career counseling is an integral part of the school's program.

Our young women are taught responsible [leadership](#) through active participation in extra-curricular activities and service-learning opportunities. The girls are highly encouraged to not only participate, but to create their own clubs and service-learning opportunities. Leadership is infused in the classroom and developed through summer enrichment programs, such as creative writing, crime scene investigation and NASA camps.

The academic and leadership pillars are rounded out with a commitment to [wellness life skills](#). Physical well-being and overall wellness are integral to the success of our students. Traditional physical education, as well as participation in programs with partnering community organizations, YWLA students are taught to make decisions based on core values and personal health.

