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# YoungDreamer ENTERPRISES

Motivating Youth Through the Arts and Entrepreneurship

Website: www.dreamerent.com

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### **Project Description & Importance**

- Issues Addressed
  - Educational enrichment of low-income youth
  - Financial development in the inner-city
  - Enterprise sustainability in Dallas
  - Dallas County has a poverty population that is 14 percent of the country's total population
- Goals
  - Provide young low-income students with an artistic outlet
  - Teach them about aspects of entrepreneurship
  - Increase their self-confidence and financial awareness

### New York Times Reports

### The Critical Years

Articles in this series will look at changing theories of how middle school should be taught.

#### Articles in the Series

#### THE CRITICAL YEARS Middle School Manages Distractions of Adolescence

By WINNIE HU

Briarcliff Middle School has emerged as a nationally recognized middle school that gets things right. May 12, 2007 EDUCATION NEWS

#### THE CRITICAL YEARS For Teachers, Middle School Is Test of Wills

By ELISSA GOOTMAN

Middle school teachers often lack expertise in subject matter and the mysteries of the adolescent mind. March 17, 2007 EDUCATION NEWS

#### Taking Middle Schoolers Out of the Middle

By ELISSA GOOTMAN

Schools debate whether to extend the nurturing cocoon of elementary school or to rush students into high school.



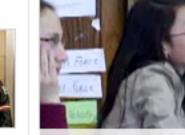


Audio Slide Show

#### A Model Middle School

Winnie Hu reports on a nationally recognized model of a middle school that gets things right.

- Related Article
- Series: The Critical Years





CH Video

Challenge of Middle School

January 22, 2007 | EDUCATION | NEWS



## Programs Served As Examples







Artists for Humanity, Boston, MA

### Structure and Partnerships

- Entrepreneurship curriculum and training
  - Business Plan and financial workshops
  - Development of creative products (Apparel, stationary, gifts, etc.)
  - Business expo to showcase products
- Partnerships
  - The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship donating books and other materials
  - Local business professionals will speak to youth
- The project activities, documentation and much of the curriculum will be on our website, along with the multimedia project containing interviews, lessons and more
- Website: <u>www.dreamerent.com</u>
- Questions or Suggestions: info@dreamerent.com