



# RTM Simon Youth Academy

At Penncrest High School

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# **SYF** Simon Youth Foundation

Simon Youth Foundation (SYF) is a national nonprofit committed to helping students graduate. SYF supports high-quality Alternative Education programs across the United States. Through 32 Simon Youth Academies in 12 states SYF helps thousands of students reach graduation day each year. In partnership with local public school districts, SYF has maintained an average lifetime graduation rate of 91%, helping more than 28,000 students graduate, awarded more than \$21.1 million in scholarships, and invested \$1.2 million in capacity building. SYF alumni are graduates from State and Community Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Ivy League schools.



Simon Youth Foundation has 32 Academies in 12 states



SYF has awarded \$21.1 million in scholarships to nearly 6,000 students (through the 2022 academic year)



Simon Youth Academies maintain an average graduation rate of 91 percent

# SIMON YOUTH ACADEMIES

32 Academies in 12 States  
As of September 2023



## FLORIDA

Simon Youth Academy at BETA  
Orlando, FL

Simon Youth Academy at  
Orlando Outlet Marketplace  
Orlando, FL

Simon Youth Academy at  
Port Charlotte Town Center  
Port Charlotte, FL

Simon Youth Academy  
on Cochran  
Port Charlotte, FL

## GEORGIA

Simon Youth Academy at  
Phoenix High School  
Lawrenceville, GA

Simon Youth Academy at  
Sugarloaf Mills  
Lawrenceville, GA

## ILLINOIS

Simon Youth Springfield  
Learning Academy  
Springfield, IL

## INDIANA

Simon Youth Academy at  
Circle Centre Mall  
Indianapolis, IN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Greenfield-Central Schools  
Greenfield, IN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Lawrence Township Schools  
Lawrence, IN

Simon Youth Academy at  
McKinley Alternative School  
Kokomo, IN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Options Charter School  
Noblesville, IN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Richmond High School  
Richmond, IN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Shelbyville Central Schools  
Shelbyville, IN

Simon Youth Academy  
at Avon  
Avon, IN

Simon Youth Center Grove  
Academy  
Greenwood, IN

Simon Youth Clark-Pleasant  
Academy  
Whiteland, IN

Simon Youth Hope Academy  
Indianapolis, IN

## KANSAS

Simon Youth Academy  
at Towne East Square  
Wichita, Ks

Kansas

Texas

## LOUISIANA

Simon Youth Academy at  
Prien Lake Mall  
Lake Charles, LA

Simon Youth Calcasieu Parish  
Academy  
Sulphur, LA

## MASSACHUSETTS

Simon Youth Academy at  
Burlington  
Burlington, MA

Simon Youth Academy at  
Northshore Mall  
Peabody, MA

Illinois

Indiana

Tennessee

Georgia

Florida

## NEW JERSEY

Raymond J. Lesniak Recovery  
High School, a Simon Youth  
Academy  
Roselle, NJ

Simon Youth Academy at  
The Mills at Jersey Gardens  
Elizabeth, NJ

## NEW YORK

Simon Youth Academy at Baldwin  
Baldwin, NY

New York

Pennsylvania

Massachusetts

New Jersey

## PENNSYLVANIA

Simon Youth Rose Tree Media  
Academy  
Media, PA

## TENNESSEE

Simon Youth Academy at  
Hickory Hollow  
Antioch, TN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Old Cockrill  
Nashville, TN

Simon Youth Academy at  
Opry Mills  
Nashville, TN

Simon Youth Kelley Academy at  
Lincoln Park Center  
Knoxville, TN

## TEXAS

Simon Youth Judson Learning  
Academy  
San Antonio, TX



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CELEBRATING TWENTY-FIVE YEARS  
OF ACADEMIC INNOVATION

# About the RTM SYA...

The Rose Tree Media Simon Youth Academy program gives students a chance to take charge of their educational experience. The program allows students to work alongside teachers and peers on a daily basis using a combination of small group and computer-based instruction.

RTM SYA provides a non-traditional high school setting that gives students the same education they would receive in a traditional classroom, but in a flexible environment that emphasizes one-on-one learning, personalized support and small class sizes led by compassionate teachers.



# About the RTM SYA...

**How are students referred?**

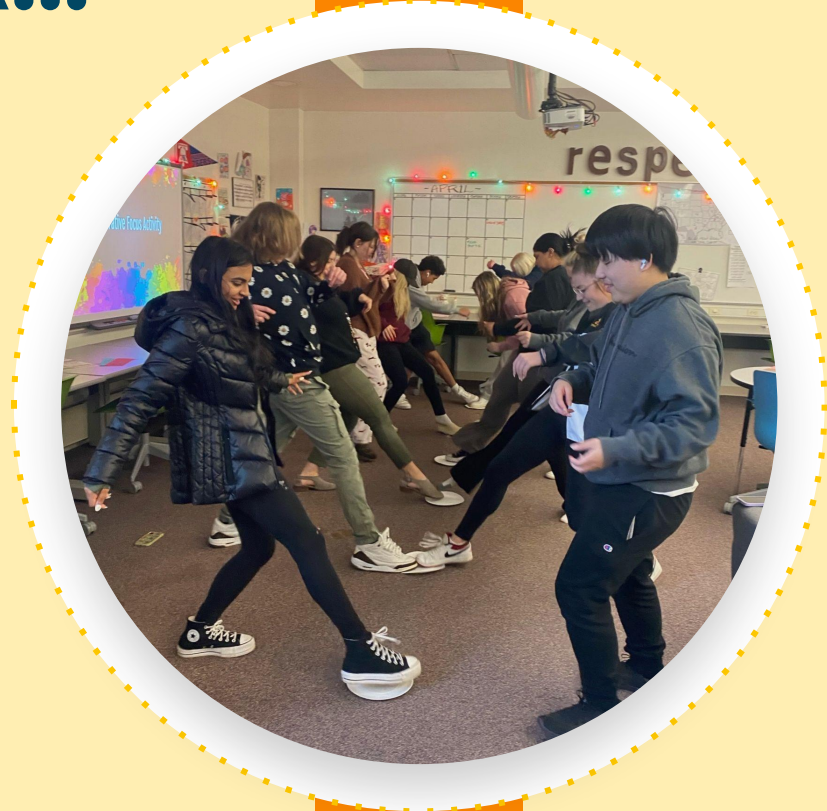
Guidance counselors, Case Managers, PHS Admin Team. All are instrumental in identifying who needs SYA and will benefit from the program.

**How long are students a part of the SYA?**

It varies based on why it is a good fit and what the student needs.

**Is there a cost for students/families?**

No. It is an RTMSD program.





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**Simon Youth  
Rose Tree Media Academy**  
Rose Tree Media School District,  
Media, PA

This plaque is presented  
November 16, 2023  
in recognition of

**15 Years of Service**

With gratitude for all who contribute to our students' continued success.



# Who we are.

Introductions from the SYA team.



**Selena  
Cooper**

RTM SYA  
Teacher  
*Science &  
Math*



**Tom  
Derbesy**

RTM SYA  
Teacher  
*English &  
Social Studies*



**Amanda  
Sheldon**

RTM SYA  
Teacher  
*Special  
Education*



**David  
Stango**

RTM SYA  
Principal





# The SYA Staff.

# The SYA Program.

SYA is located in the M-Wing of PHS (near the Auditorium). This affords us a great space for the SYA classrooms within PHS with a separate entrance for SYA student arrival and dismissal.

The SYA session hours are 9:00 AM to 2:23 PM, with an available afternoon session from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

## Key aspects of the SYA:

- Edmentum courses with inhouse teachers
- PHS Classes and electives
- Groups and Direct Instruction
- SYA Teacher Advisors, Daily Checks & Goals
- I/E, SEE and EF. Individualized Programing



# The SYA Program.

## Key aspects of the SYA:

- Edmentum courses with inhouse teachers
  - Edmentum
- PHS Classes and electives
  - If able, students take electives or other PHS classes
- Groups and Direct Instruction
  - Some work is better with a group
- SYA Teacher Advisors, Daily Checks & Goals
  - 1:1 connection with the support of the full SYA team
- I/E, SEE and EF. Individualized Programing.
  - We work to accommodate what each student needs.



# RTM SYA Field Trips & Service

*Learning and  
connecting beyond  
the classroom.*











The best part of the the SYA is...

**The SYA  
Students.**



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Graduates of the RTM Simon Youth Academy (based on SYF data, 2009-present)

**“The more we pay attention,  
the more we begin to realize  
that all the work we ever do  
is a collaboration.”**

