



# Freedom Schools at Davidson College

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## Mission of Freedom Schools

The mission of the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools program is to create **supportive, nurturing, literature-rich environments** that set **high expectations** for all children, through a focus on literacy, cultural heritage, parental involvement, servant leadership, and social action.

Recognizing that children do not come in pieces, the CDF Freedom Schools program connects the complex needs of children and families to the rich resources of the community. The CDF Freedom Schools program empowers children to embrace their responsibility to make a difference in themselves, their family, their community, their country, and their world.

## Vision of Freedom Schools

"I Can and Must Make a Difference!"

## Local Site Information

**Ada Jenkins Center**  
(Davidson, NC)

June 26, 2006 – August 4, 2006

**FairView United Methodist Church**  
(Mt. Mourne, NC)

June 26, 2006 – August 4, 2006

**Applications Available:**  
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Leave No Child Behind®**

## What is Freedom Schools?

The CDF Freedom Schools™ program is a partnership between the CDF Black Community Crusade for Children® (BCCC) division and local community organizations, churches, and public schools that provides **literacy-rich summer programs** in communities where those opportunities are limited or nonexistent.

**Freedom Schools at Davidson College is free for participating students. The program includes free breakfast, lunch and a snack. In some cases, transportation will be provided for student participants.**

Nationally, Freedom Schools serve students ages five to eighteen for five to eight weeks, **integrating reading, conflict resolution, and social action in an activity-based curriculum that promotes social, cultural, and historical awareness. Parental involvement** is a key component of the program, as is **leadership development** (identifying, training, linking, and nurturing the next generations of servant-leaders).



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Freedom Schools is primarily staffed by college-age young adults, called servant leaders, who are committed to making life better for children.

Freedom Schools is a direct BCCC service model, a massive effort to mobilize the Black community on behalf of Black children and families who now face the worst crisis since slavery. The BCCC mission is to ensure that no child is left behind and that every child has a [Healthy Start](#), a [Head Start](#), a [Fair Start](#), a [Safe Start](#), and a [Moral Start](#) in life with the support of caring parents and nurturing communities. Freedom Schools incorporates elements of each of these five "Starts" into a comprehensive summer program.

**Through Freedom Schools, the BCCC programs work in partnership with parents, young adults, and caring community leaders to create a new education vision for our children.**

### *A Typical Day*

<b>8-8:30</b>	<i>Breakfast</i>
<b>8:30-9</b>	<i>Harambee!</i>
<b>9-10:30</b>	<i>Integrated Reading Curriculum</i>
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<i>Morning Break</i>
<b>10:45 – 11:45</b>	<i>Integrated Reading Curriculum</i>
<b>11:45 – Noon</b>	<i>Drop Everything and Read (DEAR Time)</i>
<b>12-1</b>	<i>Lunch with children and staff</i>
<b>1-3</b>	<i>Enrichment Activities (field trips, computer lab, arts &amp; crafts, dance, music, sports &amp; social action projects)</i>
<b>3</b>	<i>Dismissal of students. Staff must remain for afternoon debrief meeting</i>