

## **At a glance: North Albany Academy**

The former Public School 20 is the City School District of Albany's only school serving students in prekindergarten through grade 8. Renovated in 2004-05 as part of the district's ongoing facilities project for elementary and middle schools, North Albany Academy enjoys a unique partnership with the adjoining North Albany YMCA, which provides the school's students access to a pool, gym, track and a branch of the Albany Public Library.



**Students:** 475

**Teachers:** 34

**Total employees:** 72

### **Points of distinction:**

- Recognized by the New York State Department of Education in 2008 as one of eight “rapidly improving” elementary schools in the district.
- Daily Webcasts of the morning announcements at [www.albanyschools.org/schools/northalbany/nrthalb.htm](http://www.albanyschools.org/schools/northalbany/nrthalb.htm).
- Albany County Outstanding Youth and Community Service award recipient, 2006 and 2007.

### **Partnerships:**

- Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Albany Fund for Arts and Education
- Albany Public Library
- Berkshire Farms Truancy Abatement Program
- Capital District Community Gardens
- Children's Museum of Science and Technology
- Citizens Bank
- City of Albany Parks and Recreation
- The College of St. Rose
- DonorsChoose
- General Electric
- LensCrafters
- Lexus Nexus
- National Urban Alliance for Effective Education
- North Albany YMCA
- North Albany Academy Alumni Association
- North Albany American Legion Post
- Liberty Partnership Program
- North Albany Neighborhood Association
- Parent Advocacy Project
- Park Playhouse
- Police Athletic League (PAL)
- Ronald McDonald Dental Van
- Rensselaer Center for Initiatives in Post-Secondary Education (CIPSE)
- Siena College
- Tulip Queen
- Turner Construction
- University at Albany S.T.E.P

### **What makes our school special?**

North Albany Academy's mission is to connect and build students' literacy, numeracy and technical skills across grade levels and throughout the content areas. We do this through



enriching classroom instruction by partnering with community businesses and local institutions of higher education. Our goal is to help all of our students meet or exceed New York state standards in ELA and math. As Albany's only PK-8 public school, it is only natural that staff members get to know students and families well and strengthen these bonds over time. North Albany has monthly "family" activities that are informative as well as social, bringing together parents, faculty, students and alumni, and instilling pride in both the school and community.

### **Did you know?**

Pulitzer Prize-winning author William Kennedy attended Public School 20.