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# METRO YOUTH ADVOCATES 2019

Program Sessions | Tuesdays • 4:00–7:00pm  
Louisville Free Public Library – Main Branch

January 22  
January 29  
February 5  
February 19  
February 26

March 19  
April 9  
April 16  
April 23

Metro Youth Advocates (MYA) works to develop high school students who are inspired, informed, and engaged to become effective advocates at the community level. During MYA sessions, participants strengthen their advocacy, public speaking, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

Application Deadline: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

Learn more and apply at: [www.kyymca.org/mya](http://www.kyymca.org/mya)

# MYA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Metro Youth Advocates, a joint effort of the Greater Louisville YMCA and Kentucky YMCA, elevates the youth voice across the Louisville Metro area by engaging students on local issues, both with policymakers and their peers.

During MYA sessions, students meet with experts from the government, social, and business sectors. They spend the remainder of each session working in teams to develop an advocacy proposal about a local issue area, which they present to the community at our culminating Town Hall.

Past issue areas have included:

**Child Abuse Prevention**  
**Newcomer and Refugee Outreach**  
**Vacant and Abandoned Properties**  
**College and Career Readiness**

**Violence Prevention**  
**Substance Abuse Prevention**  
**Relationships & Sexual Health**  
**Environmental Protection**

Throughout MYA, students will be introduced to topics such as:

- Introduction to Advocacy
- Advocacy Opportunities
- Scope & Role of Government
- Community Stakeholders
- Businesses & Advocacy
- Communications & Media
- Philanthropy

## VOLUNTEERS

If you or a colleague would like to serve as a facilitator for one of our Youth Advocate teams, or as a panelist and presenter at one of our sessions, please contact Elizabeth Penava:

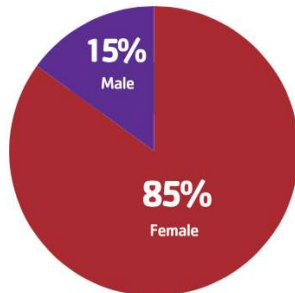
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the **MYA** METRO YOUTH ADVOCATES 2018  
**BY THE NUMBERS**

**81**

**STUDENT PARTICIPANTS**  
 Nominated for MYA by **15** Teachers  
 Counselors  
 Mentors



**REPRESENTING**  
**21** LOUISVILLE  
 HIGH SCHOOLS

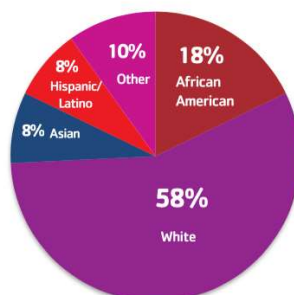
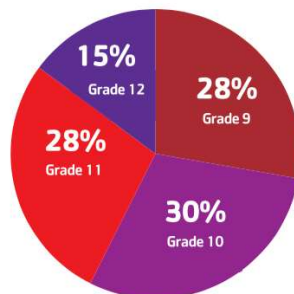
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 Ballard HS  
 Bullitt Lick MS  
 Butler Traditional HS  
 Central HS Magnet Career Academy  
 Doss HS Magnet Career Academy  
 DuPont Manual HS  
 Eastern HS  
 Fairdale HS Magnet Career Academy  
 Frederick Law Olmsted Academy North  
 Iroquois HS  
 Jeffersonville High School  
 Kentucky Country Day  
 Louisville Male HS  
 Mercy Academy HS  
 Phoenix School of Discovery  
 Pleasure Ridge Park HS  
 Seneca HS Magnet Career Academy  
 South Oldham High School  
 Spencer County High School  
 Valley Traditional HS



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 Districts



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