



Quick Updates

- A new traffic plan is being developed by the Mount Penn Borough. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Mount Penn Borough.
 - Specific “back to school” information for students and parents will be shared at virtual meetings:
 - MSHS (grades 7-8): 8/9/2023 @ 6:00 pm
 - MPPC (grades K-3): 8/9/2023 @ 7:30 pm
 - MPEC (grades 4-6): 8/10/23 @ 5:00 pm
 - MSHS (grades 9-12): 8/10/23 @ 6:00 pm
 - MPPC “Sneak and Peek”: 8/17/2023 Times TBA
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Antietam SD + Total Experience Learning[®] Partnership



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Partnership Overview:

6th Grade Academy Model at Albright College

Total Experience Learning[®] at Albright College + Antietam SD Leadership have worked closely together over the past few weeks to consider all available options for collaboration moving into the 2023-2024 school year.



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**Uncovering the Genius that
Resides in Every Learner**



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- Total Experience Learning® (TExpL) at Albright College neighbors the Antietam School District + the Antietam Valley community.
- Because of proximity and commitment to educational excellence, we will partner to create a safe and exciting learning environment for students at ASD.
- Allowing our 6th grade students to attend class on a college campus so close to their homes will hopefully provide parents and families with enthusiasm and comfort, knowing the full resources of the campus will be behind these students, and their teachers, every step of the way.

What is the TExpL Academy Model?



TExpL School Academy offers middle- and high-school students TExpL instruction directly from Albright facilitators and TExpL educators. Currently two pilots with local schools engage in TExpL learning approaches, either in cohorts at the school site or at the TExpL Center on Albright's campus, while meeting the requirements of the state curriculum.



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Why Albright College Campus?



- Resources that will be available to our students and teachers will include, but are not limited to:
 - Public Safety,
 - Health + Wellness Center,
 - Dining Hall,
 - Gym + Field Facilities,
 - Public Arts Studio,
 - E-Sports Lab, and
 - So much more.



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Why Albright College Campus?



- Students will be given a unique opportunity to spend their 6th grade year on site at Albright College's campus. **This early exposure to college campus will provide unexpected opportunities for access to college-level resources, support, faculty, and equipment.** Albright College will be responsive to student + teacher needs, while also being flexible with alternative learning spaces to make the transition as seamless as possible.



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Total Experience Learning[®] Academy By the Numbers:

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GRADE
LEVELS

5th graders in half-day TExpL classrooms of social studies, arts education, and English language arts **demonstrated increases in reading proficiency of at least two grade levels** (from reading well-below grade level).

33

PERCENT

33% of students in the TExpL classroom **increased WIDA score by one indicator**, compared to 7% in the non-TExpL classroom.

86

PERCENT

In Pennsylvania WIDA (World-class Instructional Design and Assessment) tests, **86% of English Language Learners in 5th and 6th showed improvement**, compared to 48% of students in the non-TExpL classroom taught by the same teacher.

93

POINTS

5th graders in the TExpL classroom **demonstrated a 93-point increase on the iReady Mathematics Test**, compared to an 18-point increase in the non-TExpL classroom.

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**How does this work
in the classroom?**



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- TExpL will provide trained facilitators in each sixth grade classroom.
- These facilitators will work side by side with our Antietam classroom teachers to ensure that each student is met with personalized, immersive experiences to learn in the Total Experience Learning[®] methodology.

Additional Support on Campus



- Albright College student interns will provide help to students while they navigate the campus, provide transitional support, and to offer their own experiences.
- We believe the interns will have relatability to the students, serving role models and mentors to the sixth graders.



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Supporting our Teachers



- TExpL is uniquely positioned to support Antietam SD teachers + administrators. A major part of TExpL's core programming is **educator professional development, and creating peer-to-peer spaces for teachers in Berks County to share thinking and best practice.**



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- TExpL will offer professional development training to Antietam SD teachers, as well as invite them to our weekly “Educator Sanctuary,” held on Albright’s campus, where any teacher in our programming can take advantage of networking, sharing best classroom practices, health and wellness activities, and so much more.
- **We know Antietam teachers and administrators are working on overload to ensure a great 2023-2024 school year, and we must do everything we can to support them!**



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Community Partnerships



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- Antietam SD + Albright College will work with all community partners, local legislators, municipal officials, and small businesses to ensure that everyone is kept up to date and gets a seat at the table.
 - Regular updates will be communicated to all stakeholders during this transition.
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Sample Student Schedule (tentative):

8:15 AM	Arrive at Mount Penn Elementary Center (MPEC)
8:15-8:55 AM	Specials at MPEC
9:00 AM	Board school bus to Albright College
9:15 AM	Arrive at Albright College
9:15-11:30 AM	Instruction time (ELA, MATH, SCIENCE, SS, TExpL)
11:30-12:30 PM	Lunch and Recess
12:30-3:10 PM	Instruction time (ELA, MATH, SCIENCE, SS, TExpL)
3:15 PM	Depart Albright College
3:30 PM	Arrive at MPEC for pick-up/CLIMB program/bus drop-off



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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS



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Q: How will you keep my student(s) separate from the college students? Will they be safe?



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A: All students will be supervised at all times by a teacher to ensure supervision. Students will be escorted to all locations, including the bathroom if they are using a shared space. Lunch and recess will be provided in an area separate from the college students.

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A: Albright has its own campus safety and public safety departments, and a public alert/notification system that parents can sign-up for. In addition, Central Berks/Reading PD and our SRO will conduct safety and security drills. All classrooms lock and all buildings are secure.

Q: How will lunch be handled?



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A: Lunch will be provided at Albright, and we are hoping to partner with Aramark (the food service provider at Albright) so that our students will be able to enjoy a college dining hall experience! All meals will remain free. Students may pack their own lunch if desired. Breakfast will be provided at MPEC when students arrive.

Q: Will there be a nurse available?



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A: Yes. Students will have access to a nurse at all times while on the campus.

Q: What if I need to drop my child off late or pick them up early?



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A: All late arrivals and early dismissals will be coordinated from the Albright campus. The location will be provided to 6th grade families. The area will be staffed with full-time office support to facilitate these situations.

Q: How can I get in touch with the 6th grade teacher if I need to get a message to my student or the teacher?



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A: You will still call the MPEC office, or will be given the contact information for the 6th grade office support on campus. You can also email the teacher.

Q: Will the 6th grade teachers be able to contact the school?



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A: Yes. All teachers will be able to be in touch with the MPEC at all times.

Q: Will there be an administrator on-site to help the teachers/students?



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A: Yes. There is a full-time administrator for the TExpL Academy program, and in addition, Mrs. Landherr will also oversee the site, and will split her time between MPEC and Albright as needed.

Q: Will my child still have access to the school counselor?



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A: Yes. We are working out a schedule for the counselor to be onsite at Albright to check-in with students. In addition, we are working out additional mental health supports through Albright.

**Q: How will
students navigate
the Albright
campus?**



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A: Students will be supervised at all times. If a shuttle is needed to go between campus locations, it will be provided.



Open House Dates and Times for Grade 6 Parents and Students:

Thursday, August 10th, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Friday, August 11th, 2023

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Saturday, August 12th, 2023

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: 1041 Rockland St., Reading, PA 19604



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