



## More Than a High School Fair

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The first high school fair was held at the Global Village Welcome Center on Saturday, April 9, 2022. This event, backed by The Mind Trust, was an opportunity for families to learn about charter high schools.

Families who believed their boundary elementary or middle school would not serve their children well can choose to send their children to a public charter school. However, once their children enter 8th grade, they have to make another choice. They have to choose to send their children to a public charter school or to their boundary high school. This event allowed families to weigh their options.

This event also provided additional resources outside of high school selection. Some of the additional resources included:

**21st Century Scholars:** This Indiana program provides free college tuition for qualifying students, but they have to sign up in 7th or 8th grade. Parents can learn more by going to <https://learnmoreindiana.org/scholars/enroll/>.

**Asante Art Institute of Indianapolis:** Asante is more than just a children's theater. It has expanded to offering more opportunities for children. For example, they have Zora's Daughters, named for author Zora Neale Hurston, to help girls 8-18 with literacy. Parents can learn more about this organization's other programs at [www.asanteartinstitute.org](http://www.asanteartinstitute.org).

**Center for Leadership Development:** This organization has free services such as tutoring, counseling, and homework help. Parents can go to [www.CLDinc.org](http://www.CLDinc.org) or call 317-923-8111 to learn more.

**College Choice 529:** The College Choice 529 is a savings plan for college. Parents can go to [indianas529.com](http://indianas529.com).

**Empowered Families:** This organization helps parents better understand the education landscape and helps parents to advocate for their children. Parents can go to [EmpowerEDFamiliesIndy.org](http://EmpowerEDFamiliesIndy.org).

**Indynet:** This organization provided information about getting connected to high-speed internet. Parents can learn more at [www.getindynet.com](http://www.getindynet.com).

**Indy Summer Learning Lab:** They will host a five-week summer enrichment program. Parents can go to [indysummerlearninglabs.com](http://indysummerlearninglabs.com) to learn more.

Even if parents did not find a high school, they certainly should have left with other opportunities to enrich their children.