Walker|West Music Academy is a music learning community rooted in the African American cultural experience where people of all ages and backgrounds gather, explore, and grow through music.

Walker|West’s mission will drive music teaching that addresses African American academic success; position the Academy to meet a larger variety of individual student needs through course selection, collaborative efforts, and leadership opportunities; increase the number of African American participants; and usher in a new era of growth and productivity that will build Walker|West Without Walls to scale.

Walker|West’s offerings are rooted in providing applied music learning opportunities as part of the performing arts; culturally relevant music education rooted in the African American experience; music education as an essential part of brain development and academic success; music education accessible to interested students of all ages and backgrounds; partnerships and collaborations that expand organizational capacity; space and opportunity to build community through music; and faculty diversity, professionalism, expertise, competence, and quality.

Student Composition and Demographics

GOAL 1 Further develop, plan, and implement Walker|West Without Walls as a signature program.

GOAL 2 Expand enrollment and engagement of students and families who are most in need of music education.

GOAL 3 Continue to build partnerships and collaborations to expand program enrollment and engagement.

Program Quality and Staffing

GOAL 4 Develop specific strategies, benchmarks, timelines, and means of assessment to demonstrate the value of the Walker|West experience to the community.

Sustaining the Academy

GOAL 5 Build permanent programs that transform Walker|West beyond after-school music programming and provide music education across all generations.

GOAL 6 Improve long-term financial stability, including retiring debt and increasing both program income and individual and foundation donations.

Communications, Outreach and Engagement

GOAL 7 Increase Walker|West’s visibility via community outreach and engagement.

Infrastructure

GOAL 8 Explore feasible options for expanding and acquiring space to support formal and informal interactions among Walker|West musicians, community members, and visitors and help Walker|West fully realize its long-term sustainability, viability, and efficiency.