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## **The American Academy Joins America's Promise Alliance to Educate Struggling Youth**

*Online High School Will Help Advance Alliance Goals of Improving Education*

**SALT LAKE CITY – October 15, 2008** – [The American Academy](#) today announced that they are joining [America's Promise Alliance](#) in order to combat the nation's high school dropout crisis. The online high school's dynamic approach to education will aid the Alliance in achieving its mission—ensuring that children receive the fundamental resources they need to lead successful lives.

Headed by Alma J. Powell and Marguerite Kondracke, America's Promise Alliance is the nation's largest partnership alliance committed to advancing education and life skills for the nation's youth. The Alliance issued a report last April that revealed only half of all students served by the main school systems in the nation's 50 largest cities graduate from high school. To combat this, the alliance kicked off a series of groundbreaking, high-level Dropout Prevention summits to be held nationwide over the next two years.

"America's Promise Alliance is thrilled to welcome the American Academy to our partner network," said [Marguerite Kondracke](#), president and CEO, America's Promise Alliance. "Through their online approach they are helping more young people have access to the academic resources they need to succeed. This innovative approach and the outstanding work of the more than 200 organizations and individuals that make up our Alliance will ensure that we will make a difference in the lives of this nation's most disadvantaged young people and help them graduate high school ready for college, work and life."

"The America's Promise Alliance is an exceptional organization and we applaud their efforts in bringing this national crisis to light," said [Rebekah Richards](#), senior vice president of academic affairs and principal of The American Academy. "Every 26 seconds, a student drops out of school. We are increasing graduation rates through our innovative approach to education, providing those who have been underserved with an education that prepares them for college or a career."

As part of America's Promise Alliance, The American Academy will become one among an intricate network of more than 200 businesses, nonprofits and education organizations, elected officials, faith groups and foundations helping to support the needs of at-risk youth across the country.

[The online high school](#) offers 233 courses that students can take anywhere, according to their own schedule. Additionally, school districts nationwide can incorporate online learning into their programs through the use of The American Academy's [School-as-a-Service™](#). Schools and their students can enjoy the flexibility of online learning at a fraction of the cost of developing their own online program.

For more information about America's Promise Alliance visit [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org).

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### **About The American Academy**

[The American Academy](#) is an accredited online high school built on a system that has served more than 80,000 students since 1994. It serves students worldwide who want to supplement their high school program or earn their high school diploma. The American Academy offers a flexible educational experience along with a high quality, engaging curriculum that aligns with state standards. Through its relationships with longstanding education institutions, including the Utah State Board of Education, The American Academy provides leading-edge resources and access to licensed, experienced instructors. For more information, please visit <http://www.TheAmericanAcademy.com>.