

## The Global Awareness through Hip Hop Culture Program

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Sebastien Elkouby, founder of the Urban Youth Empowerment Foundation, an organization which uses Hip Hop culture as a tool for youth empowerment, created The Global Awareness through Hip Hop Culture Program to address the educational crisis that affects approximately 50% of inner-city students throughout many major urban centers across the nation.

The Global Awareness through Hip Hop Culture Program is one of the only full time educational Hip Hop programs in the country being offered as an elective to 7th and 8th grade students.

With the growing success of the program, various high schools and colleges have now voiced their interest in offering this course to their students.

Sebastien Elkouby creator of The Global Awareness through Hip Hop Culture Program says "This program helps students develop a sense of global awareness and critical thinking skills by using Hip Hop culture and Rap music to analyze pop culture, current events, and social issues, while simultaneously teaching language arts, history, social studies, cultural diversity, and geography,"..."Using Hip Hop as a medium to reach students makes sense considering they have such a strong connection to it."

The Global Awareness through Hip Hop Culture Program is currently in session while working toward expanding its reach to other schools for the 2008-2009 school year.

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