

TECHNOARTS ACADEMY Q & A

Q: Does it cost money to attend TechnoArts Academy?

A: No. We are a tuition-free public charter elementary school.

Q: What grades will TechnoArts serve?

A: TechnoArts will be a K- 5 school at full capacity. We will open the school with grades K-2 and will add a grade each year until we are a K-5 school.

Q: Will TechnoArts have an outdoor playground?

A: Yes. As we continue with our renovations, we will be constructing a fenced in outdoor playground using the parking lot on the South side of the building. We will also have a privacy screen for added safety.

Q: If I enroll my student at TechnoArts, are they a registered student with the St. Lucie School District?

A: Yes. We are a school in the St. Lucie School District.

Q: Do you teach regular classes like math and reading, etc.?

A: Yes. We are a regular elementary school with a comprehensive curriculum that includes reading, writing, math, science, social studies, health, and PE.

Q: What are your specialized focus areas?

A: Our specialization includes increased Literacy, Computer Science/Coding, and the Arts. Our Arts program includes Visual Art, Musical Theater, Acting, Singing, and Green Screen Filming. We will even have a Green Screen Film Studio at the school!

Q: If I decide that this is not the school for my child, can they easily transfer to a district public school?

A: Yes. Students can easily transfer from TechnoArts Academy to any school in the district or from any district school to TechnoArts Academy.

Q: Will before/after school care be available?

A: Yes. We will offer before school care from 7 am – 7:55 am; and after school care from 3:25 pm – 6:00 pm.

Q: Will there be after school clubs or sports offered to the students?

A: We will be offering clubs after school however we will not be offering sports. The clubs will be decided upon based on student interest. If students would like to play sports, we would encourage them to check out the Fort Pierce Rec Center.

Q: Will teachers at TechnoArts be required to be certified?

A: Yes. We will only hire teachers who are certified or who qualify for their certification and are willing to work on obtaining it.

Q: I saw your safety and security protocol on your website. Do you have to follow the same guidelines and regulations as the school district schools?

A: Yes. We are working directly with the district's safety & security department to make sure we are following all necessary guidelines.

Q: What if my child and myself do not speak fluent English? Do you have a program that will teach my child English and not let them fall behind?

A: Yes. We developed a program with a company called Timekettle that will use artificial intelligence to aid non-English speaking students in the classroom, will transition them into the English language, and will give parents a format to use in their home language to communicate with their child's teacher.

Q: Will you have a policy on Bullying?

A: Yes. Our anti-bullying policy is on our website under Parent Resources.

Q: Will we be able to still qualify for free and reduced lunch and how will the school provide lunches and breakfasts?

A: Yes. Since we are part of the St. Lucie School District, we are contracting with them for our food service. The district will deliver breakfast and lunch to our school daily and you will apply for free and reduced lunch in the same manner that you would at a district school.

Q: Will you be providing busing? Where will the bus stops be located?

A: Yes, we will be providing busing to Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie. The bus stops will be determined once we have our students enrolled and we see who needs bused and where the best location for bus stops will be.

Q: Do you offer school tours and/or Open Houses?

A: Yes. We will continuously offer tours throughout the year that families can sign up for. We will also offer about 4 Open Houses during the year that will be open to the public and will have activities for the kids, the tour, and a presentation.

Q: Will TechnoArts Academy run on the same school calendar as the school district?

A: Yes. We will follow the same calendar as the district including the days off and breaks.

Q: Will uniforms have to be worn at TechnoArts?

A: Yes. We will require a solid polo shirt (any color) and khaki or navy shorts, skorts, jumpers, or pants.

Q: Will there be an outdoor playground at TechnoArts?

A: Yes, we will be constructing a playground that will be completely fenced in (with a privacy screen) and will include a soft surface area (for climbing equipment) and a hard surface area with scooter boards, basketball, kick ball, and other games.

Q: What will the school's culture be like? My child is shy, will you encourage kids to socialize with each other?

A: Yes. We will be encouraging our students to collaborate with each other on projects and will also encourage students to play team games at recess and PE. Our school's culture will teach kids to appreciate each other's differences and uniqueness and our No Cell Phone Policy will give students a chance to learn face-to-face social skills.

Q: I see you have a No Cell Phone Policy. Does that mean they can't bring a cell phone in their backpacks and just keep it in there? What if I have to get hold of my child during the school day? What if my child is going to a friend's house after school and I need them to bring a phone with them?

A: We have this policy for several reasons. Students are not allowed to have a cell phone with them at all on the campus and that includes in their back packs or have a watch on. We made this policy because cell phones are becoming too big of a distraction in schools and there is not nearly enough learning going on. We have a very exciting and challenging curriculum, and we need the students focusing on their learning and not constantly checking their phones for text messages and missed phone calls.

If you need to get hold of your child during the school day, you can call the office and we will quickly relay a message to your child or vice versa.

If your child is going to a friend's house after school and you would like them to have a cell phone for after school, the parent can drop off a phone to the front office and we will keep it locked until the student is ready to leave the school and we will give them their phone.

We will be providing a tablet or laptop for each student for school use.