Temecula Student Center
Da Vinci Elementary FAQ's

More details can be found at www.SpringsCS.org

What makes you different from the school down the street?
Our teachers are mentors and referred to as Teacher of Record. Teachers guide students in the learning process. We are a project based, and personalized learning academy. We implement Common Core with hands on learning and activities. We are a 4 day/week academy with 1 Encore day which is optional.

What is Encore?
Encore is the name for our elective days. Our elementary K-5 rotates through many different electives a semester on Monday. Our 6th grade rotates with Middle school through electives of choice on Friday. This provides an opportunity for students to explore creativity and artistic skills to help them in their academics.

Since Encore day is optional, how do we opt out?
Parents should contact the Teacher of Record and request an Opt Out form to fill out. Students turn in the opt out form in lieu of attending class. The student will complete activities at home during this day.

In addition to elementary grades, what other grades do you service at the Temecula Student Center and is there tuition?
We are a free public charter school that also serves middle school grades 7 and 8 and the Renaissance Real World High School Academy grades 9-12.

Is Springs Charter School implementing common core?
Springs Charter School is a public funded school and therefore follows state standards, including testing. The Temecula Student Center embraces common core as we naturally teach to a high rigor and relevance with art based focus.

How do parents stay current with grades and classroom assignments?
We have online classroom programs through Canvas which holds daily assignments. They are available for home study days and when students are absent. Canvas houses each class and the class expectations for students and parents. JupiterGrades is used for scheduling and attendance purposes. Our school provides all necessary computers and software. Students are discouraged from bringing to school their personal electronic devices.

What are Home Study Days?
We are a homeschool charter and as part of Springs' vision our school consist of traditional classroom instruction plus a minimum 1 day a month Home Study Day. There is also one week in April prior to Spring Break where students will be working on teacher and student generated projects from home. On a Home Study day students do not attend school. These days are designated to empower and partner with parents in their child's education.

What happens if my student is active in sports or other extracurricular activities that take them away from the classroom?
Students must inform their teacher of record of absences and create an exceptional circumstances contract to assure work is being completed daily and students stay academically successful. If a student will miss class, they complete assignments using Canvas.

How much homework will my child have each night?
The DaVinci Academy strives to allow family time. Your children will always have mathematics and reading. Other subjects focus on long term projects, that students will work on in class and occasionally at home.

Do you offer a before and after school program?
Not at this time. However, some of our K-8 families contract the Temecula Boys+Girls or ABC Club to drop off and pick up students.

Is Temecula Student Center a closed campus?
Yes, students must be checked out by a parent and signed back in to return.

Does TSC have a dress code?
TSC does have a dress code. We ask that your review the school handbook for all school policies, rules and expectations. The handbook can be accessed on the school website, SpringsCS.org under 'Temecula Student Center Parent Forms.'

Do you offer tutoring?
Tutoring is based on teacher recommendation and usually twice a week for 45 minutes.

Do students have P.E.?
In addition to regular recess, grades K-5 have P.E. once a day during Encore Day.

What is the best way to communicate with teachers and the administration?
Our school sends out weekly electronic emails with dates and reminders for K-12. The principal also conducts various town halls throughout the year. The Teacher of Record (TOR) will also send out academic progress notices every learning period. Also, our entire school staff is readily available via email.

What is a learning period?
Every 20 school days constitutes a learning period. Progress is measured at the end of each learning period. If a student does not make academic progress for two learning periods in a row a letter/email is sent home requesting a meeting with the family.

Does Temecula Student Center have a hot lunch program?
Students bring lunch from home on their full days.

Are all teachers highly qualified?
All teachers are credentialed and hold a highly qualified standing within the state.

Can I tour Temecula Student Center?
During the school year, tours are conducted Wednesdays at 10:15am. Check website for summer tours.

Is parent involvement mandatory?
We ask that all parents attend two Personalized Learning meetings a year, with their mentor teacher, to create goals for their students.

Can parents volunteer in the classroom?
Express your interest to the Teacher of Record and then pick up a volunteer application packet at the front office. Teachers will each communicate individual classroom guidelines.

Do you offer field trips?
Our vision is to connect our students to their community. Therefore, grades K-8 will have about 1 field trip per month. Some field trips are parent driven, others charter a bus.

Can parents chaperone field trips?
Yes, they must be pre-approved before attending any field trip. Interested parents may request a form in the front office and fill out a Megan's Law Clearance Form. Because our Chaperones receive a discounted price, they must be willing to ride the bus and watch a group of children. Siblings are not permitted on field trips.

What about medication?
Parents should contact the School Nurse at 951-252-8833 and pick up the Medication Authorization Forms in the front office. Students are not allowed to carry over the counter or prescribed medicine with them.