SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOLS

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

PERSONALIZED LEARNING CENTER

What makes the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center different from the school down the street?
We are a project based and personalized learning academy. We implement Common Core with hands on learning and activities. We are a 3 day a week academy program with one day of Home Study and an additional Day of Discovery, which is optional.

What is Day of Discovery?
Day of Discovery is the name for our elective days. Our K-3 classes rotate through many different electives based on Life Skills, Special Interest, and Physical Education each semester on Mondays. Our 4-8 grades rotates through electives on Fridays. This provides a holistic whole child approach to their education by incorporating the many modalities in which children learn. Each day also includes an iCan Power Hour to support students' personalized academic needs in small groups.

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

In addition to elementary grades, what other grades do you service at the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center and is there tuition?
We are a free public charter school that also serves Home School students through our Learning Center, Keys, and Venture programs through Springs Charter Schools.

Is Springs Charter School implementing common core?
Yes, Springs Charter School is a public funded school and therefore follows state standards, including testing. The Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center embraces common core as we naturally teach to a high rigor and relevance.

How do parents stay current with grades and classroom assignments?
Teachers communicate with their families via the Remind App on a weekly basis. Teachers will review weekly goals, assignments, and remind families of any special events and updates. In regards to grades, teachers will also send out academic progress notice every learning period.

What curriculum is used at the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center?
While teachers utilize curriculum as only a tool and a resource in order to help students meet grade level standards, curriculum that is available to teachers embraces the vision of personalized learning and student driven learning. Curriculum may include but is not limited to: Summit Learning, EL Education, Go Math, ST Math, ReadingPlus, Explode the Code, Handwriting without Tears, MyLexia, and various cross discipline novels.

What are Home Study Days?
We are an Independent Study charter school, and as part of Springs' vision our school consists of onsite classroom instruction plus Home Study where students will be working on teacher and student generated projects and assignments. On a Home Study day, students do not attend school. These days are designated to 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 work as a partnership in order to assure work is being completed and students stay academically successful. If a student misses class, they are still responsible to complete any missing assignments.

How much homework will my child have each night?
The Discovery Academy at the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center strives to allow for family time. Your children should be working nightly on ST Math and reading which should not exceed an hour each night. Other subjects focus on long term projects, that students will work on in class and occasionally, at home.

Is the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center a closed campus?
The security and safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Students must be checked out by a parent and signed back in to return.

Does the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center have a dress code?
Yes. 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 'Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center- Parent Forms.'

Do students have P.E. or Sport opportunities?
Yes. In addition to regular recess, grades K-8 have P.E. once a week during Day of Discovery. We also offer quarterly intramural sports programs for certain grade levels such as flag football, volleyball, basketball and soccer. Schoolwide, the 100 Mile Club is a fun and healthy option for both students and families to participate in daily before school.

What is the best way to communicate with teachers and the administration?
Our school sends out weekly phone and electronic emails with dates and reminders for K-8 via School Messenger. Please ensure your current phone and email addresses are updated on a regular basis. Site administration also conducts various town hall meetings throughout the year. Teachers 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 20-25 school days constitutes a learning period. Progress is measured at the end of each learning period. If a student does make academic progress for one learning periods in a row a letter/email is sent home requesting a meeting with the family.

What about medication?
Parents should contact the front office and pick up the Medication Authorization Forms. Students are not allowed to carry over the counter or prescribed medicine with them.

Does the Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center have a hot lunch program?
Yes! Beginning Fall 2018, students and families will have access to both breakfast and lunch options daily. More information will be available soon!

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

Can I tour Rancho Cucamonga Personalized Learning Center?
Yes, during the school year tours are conducted Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Check the website for summer tours.

Can parents volunteer in the classroom?
Yes. 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?
Yes. Our vision is to connect our students to their community. Therefore, grades K-8 will have approximately one field trip per year in addition to optional Enrichment Opportunities that are offered monthly on Home Study Days. Some field trips are parent driven, others charter a bus.

Can parents chaperone field trips?
Yes. Parents 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.

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