



Welcome to the Temecula Student Center! We have created this FAQ page to help address common questions we receive about our two academies - Da Vinci Academy (K-8) and our Real World Renaissance Academy (9-12).

## **FAQs - Da Vinci Academy (K-8)**

### **What makes you different from the school down the street?**

First, our teachers are mentors, referred to as teachers of record, who guide students in the learning process. We are a personalized learning academy with a focus on the arts. We are a four day a week academy with one optional, home study day.

### **What about Electives?**

Our K-5 students enjoy electives throughout the week. Students experience art, PE, dance, and coding, to name a few! Our middle school students (6-8) rotate through many different electives a semester on Wednesdays. Middle school students explore creative, artistic, and enriching subjects such as art, home economics, STEAM, and podcasting.

### **Since Wednesday is optional, how do we opt out?**

Parents should contact the Teacher of Record and request an opt out form to complete. Students turn in the opt out form in lieu of attending class on Wednesdays. The student will complete assignments and activities at home during this day each week. Students must opt out for the entire semester.

### **What other grades do you serve at the Temecula Student Center and is there tuition?**

We are a free public charter school. We serve grades K-12 in two different academies. The Da Vinci Academy serves students in grades K-8 with an elementary (K-5) and a middle school (6-8) section. We also serve high school students in our Renaissance Real World High School Academy (9-12).

### **Is Springs Charter School implementing Common Core?**

Yes, as a public school in California, we implement the Common Core standards and our students participate in state testing.

### **Do students have P.E.?**

Our K-5 students have recess and PE throughout the week. Our middle school students have regularly scheduled periods of physical education.

### **Does your school offer before/after school activities and clubs?**

During the year, we offer dances, plays and musicals, and community events mostly in the afternoons and evenings. For middle school students, they can elect to participate in leadership, yearbook, and other student-initiated clubs. We offer clubs based on student interest. Most clubs occur during lunch.



### **Is Temecula Student Center a closed campus?**

Yes, students must be checked out by a parent and signed back in to return. Students cannot walk off campus for lunch.

### **Does TSC have a dress code?**

TSC does have a dress code. We ask that you review the school handbook for all school policies, rules, and expectations. The handbook can be accessed on the school website, [SpringsCS.org](http://SpringsCS.org) under Temecula Student Center Parent Forms.

### **Do you offer tutoring?**

Yes. Teachers set up their own tutoring schedule for each class.

### **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 hall meetings. 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, with a 70% of assignments complete or above for two consecutive learning periods in a row, a letter/email is sent home informing the family and requesting a meeting.

### **How do parents stay current with grades and classroom assignments?**

Canvas, our online gradebook, details grades, assignments, and messages from the teachers. Canvas is available for viewing on home study days and when students are absent. Canvas also houses class expectations for students and parents.

### **What are Home Study Days?**

We are a homeschool charter and as part of Springs' vision, our school consists of traditional classroom instruction plus at least one day a month of home study. On home study days, 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 complete an exceptional circumstances contract to assure work is being completed daily and students stay in good academic standing. If a student misses a class, navigate to Canvas to check for assignments.



**How much homework will my child have each night?**

Our school strives to allow family time. Your children will always have mathematics and reading homework, but not excessive amounts. Other subjects focus on long-term projects that students will work on in class and occasionally at home.

**Does Temecula Student Center have a lunch program?**

Yes, beginning in the 19/20 school year, TSC will offer a lunch program.

**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, please join us on Wednesdays at 10:00am for tours. 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 each student.

**Do you offer field trips?**

Our vision is to connect our students to the community. Therefore, grades K-8 will strive to have two field trips a semester. Some field trips are parent driven, others charter a bus, and some field trips are conducted on campus or in a local park.

**Can parents chaperone field trips?**

Yes, parents and guardians must complete a volunteer application through Raptor, which includes TB and Live Scan requirements. Because our chaperones receive a discounted price, they must be willing to ride the bus and watch a group of students. 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 from the front desk. Students are not allowed to carry over the counter or prescribed medicine with them.

**Do you offer before or after school programs beyond the normal school hours?**

Beginning in the 19/20 school year for students in grades K-6, we will partner with Champions who will provide before and after school programming. Please navigate to [discoverchampions.com](http://discoverchampions.com) for more information.



## **FAQs - Real World Renaissance Academy (9-12)**

### **How is your high school different from others?**

First, our teachers are mentors, referred to as teachers of record, who guide students in the learning process. We are a personalized, independent learning academy with a focus on the real world learning - career technical education and internships.

### **What is CTE?**

Career Technical Education courses are offered to expose students to hands on learning in pathways of interest. Here at TSC, students take CTE classes on Wednesdays.

### **Do you offer Advanced Classes?**

To challenge qualified students, we offer dual enrollment through various colleges and universities - Brandman University, Eastern Oregon University, San Bernardino Community College, and Mt. San Jacinto College, to name a few.



**Do you hold parent conferences?**

Learning Plan meetings and Exhibitions of Learning are held twice a year. Students use these opportunities to set goals and present what they have learned.

**Do students have P.E.?**

9-10th grade students complete PE through independent study.

**In addition to high school, 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 the Da Vinci Academy (K-8).

**Is Springs Charter School implementing Common Core?**

Yes, as a public school in California, we implement the Common Core standards and our students participate in state testing.

**Does your academy offer after school activities or clubs?**

We offer many opportunities for students to get involved, learn, and socialize during lunch and after school. After school, we offer dances, leadership activities and events, and CIF sports. During lunch, student-led clubs such as the gaming club, the fashion club, the movie club, and the speech/debate club.

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**Do you offer tutoring?.**

Yes, tutoring hours are offered weekly and posted individually by teachers. On Wednesdays, students who are not enrolled in a morning or afternoon CTE class can meet with teachers for additional support.

**Do offer sports?**

Yes. We offer CIF sports including cross country, track and field, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and softball.

**What about medication?**



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### **How do parents stay current with grades and classroom assignments?**

Canvas, our online gradebook, details grades, assignments, and messages from the teachers. Canvas also serves as a course management tool for all courses - hosting and housing assignments, quizzes and tests, and allowing students to upload completed work. Canvas is a web-based program, thus it is available for students and parents on all days including home study days and when students are absent. Canvas also houses class expectations for students and parents.

### **Are you a 1-1 school?**

Yes, each student is assigned a Chromebook that, like a textbook, stays with the student both at school and at home. Students are responsible for the care of the Chromebook and additional insurance is available for purchase.

### **What are Home Study Days?**

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### **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.

### **Do you offer any new student orientation?**

Orientation will be the week prior to school. Students will receive schedules and meet teachers.

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### **Can I tour Temecula Student Center?**

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**Do you offer field trips?**

Our vision is to connect our students to their community. Grades 9-12 will have at least four field trip opportunities with additional on campus guest speaker presentations.

**What is the best way to communicate with teachers and the administration?**

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**What is a learning period?**

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