



Welcome to the Temecula Student Center, a free public charter school! 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. Our teachers are trained and support personalized learning in innovative ways - students learn about their strengths, learn to write goals, and then with a teacher's help, fulfill those personalized goals.

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.

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

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. We have gone an extra step in creating I-Can statements based on the Common Core standards. Our I-Cans are written in friendly, approachable language and allow our parents and students to gauge their progress toward standards mastery.

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. Our high school students take PE independently.

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. For high school, we offer clubs based on student interest, and most clubs occur during lunch. Preparation is now being made for after school programs. Stay tuned!



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 under Temecula Student Center Parent Forms.

Do you offer tutoring?

Yes. Teachers set up their own tutoring schedule for each class. Please contact your teacher for specific times.

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

Our school sends out weekly electronic emails with dates and reminders for our families. The principal also conducts various meetings throughout the year. The Teacher of Record (TOR) also sends academic progress notices throughout the year. Of course, our entire school staff is readily available via email.

How are students counted for attendance?

For our K-8, we take attendance on a daily basis and report absences to the state. We follow up with families who are struggling with tardies, trancies, and absences. If needed, we utilize a SART and SARB process.

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 at any time. Canvas also houses class expectations for students and parents.

What happens if my student is active in sports or other extracurricular activities that take them away from the classroom for an extended period of time?

Students must request an independent study form and seek approval from administration and the teacher of record (student must be in good standing). If a student misses a class or a day, navigate to Canvas to check for assignments and make-up work.

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 food program?

Yes, we have a federally supported food program for our students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, and, for those who wish to buy lunch.

Are all teachers highly qualified?

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

Can I tour Temecula Student Center?

Yes, tours are currently by appointment only and are given on Wednesday afternoons. Please email tsc@springscs.org to book a tour time.

Is parent involvement mandatory?

No, but please get involved! We ask that all parents attend two personalized learning meetings a year with the teacher of record to create goals for each student and reflect on progress. We also have an active PTSA (<https://jointotem.com/ca/temecula/tsc-ptsa>) and other volunteer opportunities. Our school is stronger with your involvement!

Do you offer field trips?

Our goal 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 monitor a group of students. Siblings are not permitted on field trips.

What about medication?

Parents should contact the front desk to pick up the Medication Authorization Form, 951-225-7400. Students are not allowed to carry over the counter or prescribed medicine with them.

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.



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 real world learning - career technical education and internships. We also offer choices, choices, choices! Our students work through a curriculum delivery plan called Sprints & Opts. Every few weeks, students choose new content to learn within a given curriculum. For example, in English 9, students might choose a unit entitled “Space Invaders” or a unit entitled “Be the Change”. We believe that by giving students choices, they will own their learning!

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 virtually and in person on some 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. We have had great success with dual enrollment and will continue to support students in that direction.

How are students counted for attendance?

For our 9th-12th grades, we take attendance by work collected every learning period. Our high school is considered an independent learning program, which means that the work a student completes counts for attendance - rather than daily in person seat count.

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. Students may be exited if adequate progress is not made.

Do you hold parent conferences?

Learning Plan meetings 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 core teachers for additional support.

Do you offer sports?

Yes. We offer CIF sports including cross country, track and field, basketball, 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 happens if my student is active in sports or other extracurricular activities that take them away from the classroom?

Our attendance in grades 9th-12th is based on work completed and submitted rather than on seat based counts. Therefore, students in good academic standing, do not necessarily need to physically attend classes.

Do you offer any new student orientation?

Orientation will be the week prior to school. Students will receive schedules, meet teachers, and learn about clubs, electives, and choices. .

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Can I tour Temecula Student Center?

During the school year, please join us on Wednesdays at 10:00am for tours. During the summer, please email tsc@springscs.org to book a tour time.

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?

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.