

The Academy at Nola Dunn

The Academy at Nola Dunn is an innovative learning environment.

At the Academy teachers use brain based instructional strategies and applied learning experiences that promote a learning environment of character, community and academic excellence.

If you are interested in this type of education for your child, you are invited to apply for enrollment at The Academy at Nola Dunn.

The mission statement of the Academy at Nola Dunn is to Inspire and Empower Lifelong Learners.

Special Features of the Academy ...

The instructional setting for the Academy includes:

- ◆ Instruction designed around current brain research, multiple intelligence theories, and student learning strategies.
- ◆ Vertical teams of K -5 and a vertical team schedule for part of each nine weeks.
- ◆ Nontraditional grading using portfolio and authentic assessment that is reported to parents through student-led conferences. The instructional calendar is divided into four 9-week periods.
- ◆ Arts education and immersion into foreign language during the elementary experience.
- ◆ BISD initiatives including:
 - Love & Logic Discipline
 - Technology Integration
 - Authentic Assessment
 - Professional Learning Communities
 - Concept Based Learning

Belief Statements...

At the Academy at Nola Dunn, we **believe**...

- ◆ All learners have the right to an education that is tailored to their individual strengths and needs.
- ◆ Students can work and learn in an environment that is psychologically and physically safe.
- ◆ Character traits of integrity, respect, effort, compassion, and accountability are taught in partnership with the family.
- ◆ Everyone is accountable for his/her own actions and attitudes.
- ◆ Knowledge, understanding, and experiences with diversity strengthen the school community.
- ◆ Teaching students academics, character, and leadership skills ultimately benefit the community.
- ◆ Children learn in an interactive, problem solving environment that promotes participation and engagement.

- ◆Learners benefit from taking ownership of their educational goals and progress.
 - ◆Each person brings unique gifts and abilities to the learning environment.
 - ◆High expectations challenge all learners to excel.
- The educational system must adapt to the needs of an ever changing world through an innovative learning environment.

At the Academy we keep learning the main thing.
 We believe that failure is not an option.
 We use the right/write stuff to reach new heights as we
 carry out our mission to empower
 and inspire lifelong learners.

Enrollment Process& Information

——— Basic Statements ——

Enrollment is open to all applicants who reside within the Burleson Independent School District boundaries.
 Because we are part of the Burleson Independent School District there are no tuition fees or academic requirements

——— Requirements to Apply ——

Attend a Parent Meeting:

Parent meetings will be held in the school cafeteria. Please choose from one of the following dates:

January 29 6:30 – 8:00 pm
February 11 6:30 – 8:00 pm
February 28 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Participate in a School Tour:

School tours can be scheduled by calling the school office at 817-447-5895 beginning January 7, 2008. Parent tours have been scheduled for the following dates and spaces are limited for each tour time. Please choose from one of the following dates:

January 29 9:00 am and 1:30 pm
February 11 9:00 am and 1:30 pm
February 28 9:00 am and 1:30 pm

Complete the application:

Applications will be available at the parent meetings. This application may be turned in beginning February 1, 2008 but no later than March 3, 2008.

——— Registration Procedure ——

On-line registration is available from March 7th -14th , 2008. The link to the on-line address will be located on the BISD homepage- www.burlesonisd.net and will be activated at 10:00 am on March 7th and closed at 5:00 pm on March 14th. When you register on-line you will automatically receive a registration number and status. **In order for on-line registration to be valid**, a parent or legal guardian must have attended a school tour, a parent meeting and submitted an application for that student. Openings in our classes will be offered to applicants in the order of their registration date and time.

Once the registration process has closed, letters will be mailed to all applicants confirming their registration status. For applicants that receive a registration status **of acceptance**, you will be mailed a letter confirming this information as well as a commitment letter to complete the enrollment process. (see confirmation of enrollment) For applicants that receive a registration status **of waiting list**, you will be mailed a letter confirming this information as well as your numeric place on the waiting list.

----- **Confirmation of Enrollment** -----

The confirmation of your child's placement at The Academy at Nola Dunn is not final until you have signed a commitment letter and received a receipt.

Commitment letters may be turned in at the Academy between March 31st through April 4, 2008. If you have not confirmed by that date, your space will be opened to those on the waiting list.

----- **Late Enrollment Process** -----

If enrollment places are still available after March 14th the enrollment process changes.

Tour dates and parent meetings will be scheduled as follows:

May 27	Tour 9:00 am	Meeting 10:00 am
May 29	Tour 9:00 am	Meeting 10:00 am

On the day you tour and attend a parent meeting you may turn in your application and receive either an opportunity to confirm your child's placement at the Academy or a place on the waiting list.

What your commitment means...

There are four areas of commitment-

◆School Uniforms-

The parents commit to sending their child to school each day wearing a uniform that meets the Academy dress code.

◆Transportation-

Parents commit to arrange for transportation to and from school.

◆**Conferences–**

The parents commit to participate in four two–way portfolio conferences with the student at home and two three–way conferences by appointment at school to set goals and evaluate student progress with the student and teacher.

◆**Volunteer Hours–**

The parent commits to give at least ten hours of volunteer service during the school year.

Honoring these commitments ensures your child’s place at the Academy for the following school year.

Principal, Tani Simons

Assistant Principal, Joy Burchfield

Counselor, Sherrie Smith

Principal’s Secretary, Jackie Garner

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