



HANDS-ON LEARNING THAT IS ROOTED IN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCES AND NATURE.

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We believe that all children are creative, curious, and capable of more than we often realize. Our goal is to shape their learning around hands-on experiences, allowing them to explore and grow in ways that go beyond the traditional methods.

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Dear Parents,

Are you tired of traditional learning methods and seeing your children struggle with the idea of going to school? As a teacher and a parent myself, I want more for my own child and her educational journey. I don't want her to feel confined to a classroom all day, learning with just paper and pencil. That's why I founded Bright Learners Academy — to create an environment where every bright child in our community can truly shine and reach their full potential.

Bright Learners Academy is not your traditional school. We are dedicated to a hands-on, project-based approach to learning, where role-playing activities and real-life scenarios bring lessons to life. Our program is learner-driven and self-paced, allowing children to progress at their own speed. We believe learning should be an enjoyable experience, and by moving beyond paper and pencil, we make education more engaging and fun for every child.

I would like to personally invite you to explore whether Bright Learners Academy is the right fit for your family. I'm excited to offer children a unique approach to education, and I hope you'll join us in supporting their journey to learn at their own pace. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to the possibility of partnering with you on this exciting journey!

All my best,

Cheyenne Luster

OUR MISSION

To ignite curiosity and nurture your child's potential through creative exploration and hands-on learning, together.

OUR VISION

Our vision at Bright Learners Academy is to cultivate an environment where every child is empowered to thrive through personalized education, practical life skills, and creative exploration.

Guided by our founding principles, we emphasize self-paced, mastery-based learning, outdoor exploration, and hands-on experiences that replace the traditional screen-focused model. By fostering collaboration, empathy, and innovation, we prepare students for successful fulfilling lives.



Outdoor Learning - The outdoors is a classroom full of wonder and discovery. We prioritize outdoor learning to strengthen the deep-rooted connection to nature and our environment.



Guided Growth - Our role as educators is to guide and empower students to discover who they are meant to be through personalized, self-paced learning.



Engaged Education - Our learning environment prioritizes in-person interaction, hands-on activities, and real-world experiences. Technology is thoughtfully integrated to enhance engagement, fostering deeper connections with peers and active, immersive learning.

Founding Principals



Mastery Based

We support each student as their growth unfolds at their own pace. This means we do not collect grades, but monitor readiness through work samples and learning reports as we continue working on each skill until the student is ready to progress.



Self Paced

Our approach allows students to progress through skills and concepts at their own speed. This approach prioritizes mastery, fosters independence, and tailors the learning experience to each child's unique needs.



Project Based

We engage students in projects that encourage critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. This makes learning more impactful and fosters collaboration and a deeper understanding of concepts as they apply what they have learned in relevant and meaningful ways.



Nature Focused

Our students will spend the majority of their time outdoors. Children are immersed in hands-on learning inspired by the natural world as they are taught lessons in responsibility, teamwork, and respect and love for nature.

Shared Responsibilities

Learning is a shared journey between our school and your family. As a community, we work in tandem with families to create an environment that supports the growth, development, and success of your child. We aim to bridge the positive, engaging learning environment from our school to your home, fostering a seamless connection that enriches the learning experience.

Our Responsibilities

- **Personalized Learning:** Provide individualized, self-paced learning plans based on each student's needs, strengths, and areas for growth.
- **Curriculum Delivery:** Offer well-rounded, engaging curriculum that aligns with our values and helps students meet their learning goals.
- **Progress Monitoring:** Regularly track and assess student progress to ensure they are receiving the necessary support.
- **Community Building:** Create a positive, inclusive community where students learn collaboration, communication, and leadership.
- **Safety and Well-being:** Ensure a safe, supportive environment for emotional and social development.
- **Regular Communication:** Keep families informed about student progress, challenges, and achievements.
- **Opportunities for Real-World Learning:** Offer experiences that connect learning to nature and the world around them.

Your Responsibilities

- **Active Engagement:** Stay involved in your child's progress by fostering a love of learning at home, engaging in activities, and encouraging curiosity.
- **Regular Attendance:** Ensure their child attends school regularly, arriving on time and prepared for the day's activities.
- **Home Learning Environment:** Create a supportive environment at home where the child can reflect, explore, and discuss what they're learning.
- **Open Communication:** Stay in regular contact with the school about your child's needs, challenges, and successes.
- **Modeling Lifelong Learning:** Encourage your child to embrace curiosity, problem-solving, and learning by modeling these behaviors at home.

Placements

We do not place students in grade levels based on age. Instead, students are grouped according to their academic abilities and readiness.

Curriculum

Bright Learners Academy provides a variety of curriculum options tailored to students based on their age and ability.

Our main curriculum that we stay apart of is “**The Good and the Beautiful.**”

The curriculum fee purchases your child’s whole curriculum book set from “The Good and the Beautiful.”

The Good and the Beautiful is a faith-based curriculum that provides a strong academic foundation while nurturing character and a love of learning. It uses engaging lessons, quality literature, and a gentle, mastery-based approach, allowing children to progress at their own pace in a supportive, values-centered environment.

As part of the enrollment process, each student will complete a pre-assessment, which will establish a baseline for academic progress and help guide curriculum choices. Final decisions regarding the placement, will be made collaboratively between the director and parents, ensuring that your child receives an education that meets their needs.

PROGRESS MONITORING

i-Ready | This diagnostic and assessment suite will be used to determine the appropriate curriculum placement, track progress mid-year, and provide end-of-year assessment data required by the state for EFA funding.

Alternative Progress Monitoring | Some students are able to use a “Portfolio” type of progress monitoring, they just have to meet certain expectations.

Schedule (*There is a possibility that this will change, but it will be official the week before school starts!)

'26-'27 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Session 1 | August 17 - October 16

Session 2 | October 19 - December 18

Session 3 | January 11 - March 12

Session 4 | March 15 - May 14

Thanksgiving Break

November 23 - 27

Christmas Break

December 14 - January 11

Spring Break

March 15 - March 19

This schedule is tentative to change this summer, based off of collaborating with other teachers & the amount of students that we will have.

Before Care

6:30 - 7:20 (\$25 a week)

After Care

2:15 - 5:30 (\$60 a week)

***These prices are based off of what we charged last year, they are not set in stone for 26-27 school year.**

7:15 - 8:00 - Arrival Time *(During this time students will be able to eat (shelf stable) breakfast, mingle with classmates and attend a Bible study class (7:30-8:00.)*

8:00 - 9:00 - Block One

9:00 - 10:00 - Block Two

10:00 - 11:00 - Block Three

11:00 - 12:00 - Lunch / Recess

12:00 - 1:00 Elective/Study Hall

1:00 - 2:00 - Hands On/Outdoor Learning

2:00 - 2:15 - Clean Up/Dismissal

Enrollment Details

Bright Learners Academy will accept Educational Freedom Account (EFA) funds as a home-school expense starting in the 2025-2026 school year. Tuition will be customized based on your family's eligibility for funding. EFA funds will be available to all families, with applications tentatively opening in March.

TUITION - \$6700

EFA FUNDING AMOUNT - \$7208

CURRICULUM FEE - \$450

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS - \$1802

DUE when you are accepted.

TOTAL AMOUNT - \$7150

ENROLLMENT STEPS

Complete the Interest Form

This essential step allows me to have your information to contact you about information that you might be searching for. This is free of charge and is super easy to complete.

In Person School Visit

Join us for an informal visit to explore our learning space and ask any questions you may have. Attend a scheduled event during enrollment season or book a private meeting—be sure to bring your child along!

Application and Registration Fee

A \$75 fee covers administrative costs, including document review and application processing. **This does not mean that your child is accepted, this is just an APPLICATION. You will be contacted with a response after enrollment has stopped.**

Receive Handbook and Sign Contract

Review our handbook to understand our policies, practices, and expectations. Afterward, you'll sign a contract to confirm your agreement.

Placement Testing

Scheduled over the summer, this required assessment ensures each student is placed in the right curriculum, supporting their personalized academic journey.