

I.M. TERRELL ACADEMY
Fort Worth Independent School District
Frequently Asked Questions

Academics

Q: What is the I.M. Terrell Academy experience?

A: Terrell Academy is a college preparatory school with emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as well as Visual and Performing Arts (VPA). Advanced courses are provided in STEM and VPA alongside the Cowan Academy* - an interdisciplinary, integrate history/English curriculum. Students will also have access to PreAP/AP curriculum, dual credit, and advanced A2i courses. Terrell Academy prepares all STEM and VPA students for college, career, community or military service.

Q: What graduation credits are needed at Terrell Academy?

A: 26 credits

Q: What are the projected maximum class sizes and teacher to student ratios?

A: The class size goal is 20:1. Classes may vary 3-5 students either way depending on student requests.

Q: How many students will the new Terrell Academy house? A: The plan for student enrollment is to begin with approximately 200 students, and grow to 800 with 200 per grade level.

Q: Will there be community partnerships?

A: Yes. Terrell Academy partners include local businesses, alumni and university personnel.

Q: Will my student have access to college scholarships upon graduation from Terrell Academy?

A: Yes, Terrell Academy graduates will have opportunity to speak with college representatives on campus, as well as share their portfolios, projects and participate in Senior Showcase campus events which college recruiters will be invited to attend.

Q: What are the student academic, attendance and behavior standards for Terrell Academy students?

A: All student requirements are outlined in the FWISD Student Code of Conduct and the Terrell Academy Student Handbook.

Q: May my student that is in STEM enroll in a VPA course, and may my student who is a VPA student enroll in a STEM course?

A: Yes. Terrell Academy offers elective classes that enable students to participate in additional courses outside of their "major".

Q: Can our students play sports, participate in cheerleading or ROTC?

A: Terrell Academy will not have school-sponsored athletic teams or ROTC. University Interscholastic League allows students to return to their home campus to play on a sports team or cheer if their schedule allows for that flexibility, but parents are responsible for providing transportation to practice and games.

Q: How may parents/guardians monitor student grades, attendance and homework assignments?

A: The Focus Parent Portal is available at: <https://www.fwisd.org/parentportal>

General school information as well as individual student information is available on this site.

Q: What academic support is available for my student?

A: Classroom instructors will provide a weekly tutoring schedule posted online and printed in their class syllabus. Students are encouraged to meet with their instructors during tutoring sessions, before or after school, or during the Advisory Period :40 – :10 a.m.

Q: What additional resources or support will be available for my student?

A: Terrell Academy's school counselor is available to assist students, as well as the FWISD Support Services located online at: <https://www.fwisd.org/domain/163> and at this phone number: 817-814-2810. FWISD Support Services provide a comprehensive network of coordinated programs and interventions supporting the health, well-being, and academic success of all students. The FWISD Student Support Services professional staff facilitate a wide range of programs and activities during and after school designed to address fundamental social, emotional, interpersonal, and physiological issues. Universal and targeted interventions are provided to meet these needs of students thereby maximizing their potential for greater academic success.

Q: Are there student clubs and organizations on campus?

A: Information about clubs and organizations will be available after the start of the school year. Clubs are student generated. Students may fill out a form to create their club, ask a staff member to sponsor the club, and then submit it to the Main Office for administrative approval.

Logistics

Q: Where will the I. M. Terrell Academy of Visual and Performing Arts/STEM be located?

A: Terrell Academy is located in the heart of downtown For

Q: Where do I drop off my student?

A: Students are dropped off at the front of the school at the only entrance located at the front entrance of the Performing Arts Building 3. Parents should drop off in front of Historic Building 1 and buses should drop off in front of the Performing Arts Building 3. All students will be required to enter the performing arts building.

Q: What is a Panther Camp and when is that?

A: Panther Camp will be at the beginning of August. We host camp at the school and welcome all of our new students to the Terrell Academy family.

Q: How may parents support the Terrell Academy campus?

A: Parents are invited to join the Terrell Academy PTA and volunteer for upcoming projects and academic support opportunities. Parent booster clubs and guilds will be developed on campus.

Q: How are parents informed about bad weather days, make up days, or if school is delayed or cancelled?

A: The FWISD website (fwisd.org), Terrell Academy Remind101 and the local media outlets.

Q: How may students sign up for a locker?

A: Students will be issued a locker during the first two weeks of school. Students need to provide their own locks.

Q: Will students be receiving textbooks for each class?

A: Students will be issued textbooks for selected classes, while other classes use a classroom set or an online feature. This is dependent upon the subject matter and the individual teacher.

Q: Will my student need PE clothes? How does PE work at Terrell Academy?

A: The students will need appropriate attire and footwear for PE classes. Instructors will give guidance on the dress expectations.

Thank you for your interest in the I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA.

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