



2023-2024

## **PRE-SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

TODDLERS - PRE-KINDERGARTEN

*The foundation of success is a good quality Early Childhood education.*

### **CURRICULUM PROGRAM INFORMATION**

#### **FROG STREET**

Highpoint Academy uses **FROG STREET'S** bilingual curriculum as the foundation of all core learning that takes place in the Pre-School program. It is a comprehensive, research-based program that integrates instruction across developmental domains and early learning disciplines. This curriculum is developed to include a deep understanding of the intricate social/emotional, physical, and cognitive developmental needs of young children as well as the way children learn.

Our curriculum incorporates fun-based learning that seamlessly integrates the components of **STEAM** - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math - with the 4C skills of Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Teachers are provided all the necessary guidance and support to ensure they have the tools needed to instruct students effectively and lead a high-quality program.

The cornerstones of the program are:

- An extensive integration of theme, disciplines, and domains
- Social and Emotional development includes Dr. Becky Bailey's Conscious Discipline ®
- Differentiated instruction
- Equity of English and Spanish materials and instruction
- Joyful approach to learning

Our teachers respond to each student's individual needs and learning styles in the following ways:

- Meeting children's social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development needs
- Assessing student's needs, interests, and abilities in order to plan engaging and age-appropriate lessons and activities
- Incorporating a wide range of teaching strategies that call for different levels of teacher involvement
- Creating healthy classroom communities where children learn to work together and solve problems through established routines

- Planning meaningful learning experiences for children that build on children's interests and knowledge
- Integrating the learning of appropriate skills, concepts, and knowledge in literacy, math, science, social studies, the arts, and technology

## **THE DAILY SCHEDULE**

Each Toddlers thru Pre-K class has an individualized “Daily Schedule” that includes **FROG STREET’s** overall curriculum plan and allots time for each of the following important components that make up our Pre-School students’ daily activities:

- Large and Small Group Activities during core lessons
- Story Time
- Outdoor Play times
- Free choice times within each “Interest Area” of the classroom environment

In addition to academic activities, each class’s “Daily Schedule” includes breaks for lunch, snack, restroom and rest periods as well. These schedules are available on each classroom’s website.

## **“INTEREST AREAS” WITHIN EACH CLASSROOM**

Understanding that the physical environment within the classroom has a profound effect on each individual child and teacher, as well as, the class as a group, Highpoint’s classrooms are divided into "Interest Areas" providing students a safe, attractive and comfortable area to engage in variety of diverse activities.

The **FROG STREET** Curriculum provides teachers with suggestions and resources to utilize in their classroom for the following “Interest Areas”:

1. Blocks
2. Dramatic Play & Cooking
3. Toys and Games
4. Art
5. Library
6. Discovery
7. Sand and Water (outdoors)
8. Music and Movement

All age-appropriate materials are organized to include a bilingual label with text and picture(s) for student reference.

## **LITERACY**

Our effective early literacy program contains age-appropriate instructional materials and activities to support growth in the following areas:

- Oral Language - *vocabulary development, expressive language, and listening comprehension.*

- Phonological Awareness – awareness of words in sentences, awareness of syllables in words, rhyming, blending, segmenting.
- Print Knowledge – knowledge of the alphabet, knowledge of letters and their shapes, letternames and sounds.

Our comprehensive curriculum attends to all of the developmental domains of early childhood: social, emotional, cognitive, linguistic, and physical. The curriculum is designed to support the growth of the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required for early literacy attainments.

Some important resources incorporated in student daily learning are:

- The Frog Street Pre-K literature library which includes books in both big book and small bookformats with listening library CDs.
- Variety of literature genres: personal narratives, predictable text, informational text, nonfiction, classics, fiction, poetry, fantasy
- Bilingual Story Folders with magnetic story props perfect for retelling and sequencing storyevents

### **MATH AND SCIENCE**

Frog Street provides purposeful, engaging math investigations with lessons focused on NCTM focal points and connections:

- Number and Operations
- Geometry and Spatial Awareness
- Measurement
- Classification and Patterning
- Data Collection and Analysis

The Science “Interest Area” includes science manipulatives which provide our students the opportunity to ask questions, observe, and compare.

### **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Our Frog Street curriculum places a special emphasis on social and emotional development using Conscious Discipline®, a comprehensive classroom management and social-emotional component that creates a learning environment where children feel safe and loved.

## **[FROG STREET PRE-K Curriculum Information](#)**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES**

Highpoint Academy's Pre-School curriculum also includes access to **IXL Learning** for Jr. Pre-K thru Pre-K (including VPK) in Language Arts and Math. IXL is a personalized learning curriculum tool with comprehensive lessons and activities. It also provides teachers with resources for individualized guidance and real-time performance analytics for each student. IXL helps us meet the unique learning needs of all our students.

### **[IXL Learning Information](#)**

#### **VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (VPK)**

Highpoint Academy is an approved provider of the State's Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program, offering scholarships for children in Pre-K that turn four years old prior to September 1st.

To find out more information about this program, including application procedures, please visit: [www.vpkflorida.org](http://www.vpkflorida.org) and/or [www.vpkhelp.org](http://www.vpkhelp.org)

## FROG STREET'S EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS ARE BUILT ON FOUR KEY CORNERSTONES:



### LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Language-rich environment
- Opportunities to sing, read, and talk
- Skill development in phonological awareness, alphabet knowledge, print awareness, vocabulary and comprehension

### SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Building trust
- Forming healthy attachments
- Developing impulse control
- Enhancing social interactions

### COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT

- Understanding cause-and-effect
- Thinking critically and creatively to solve child-sized problems
- Skill development in classification, patterns, one-to-one correspondence, order and sequence, and numeration

### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Fine motor and gross motor skill development
- Balance, coordination, and control

### APPROACHES TO LEARNING

- Curiosity, persistence, attention, and communication are woven in and throughout all domains.