

Brilliant Start Academy

Hours of Operation: 6:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Services include:

- > All-day Preschool for children (6 weeks old - 5 years old)
- > All-day Kindergarten
- > Extended hours for children enrolled in Brilliant Start Academy
- > Before and After-School program for other students

Overview

Brilliant Start Academy offers a safe environment for your child to learn, explore and grow. We value education and fun and we provide a combination of the two in our learning environment in order to help your child excel.

Brilliant Start Academy places a high value on family and we realize that parents are the first and most important teacher in a child's life. We encourage parent involvement. A daily report of your child's day is provided to you, including activities and topics covered, allowing you to talk to your child about the experiences of the day. Take home activities are also provided so that your child's playful learning can continue at home with you.

Brilliant Start Academy offers an age-appropriate curriculum at every stage of the child's development. Our curriculum includes daily educational enrichment in math, science, social studies, language arts, Spanish, music, art, and computers. Physical enrichment is also provided both inside the school in our gymnasium and outside on our age appropriate playgrounds.

Brilliant Start Academy offers individual classrooms for enrichment topics so that your child can move throughout the building during the day. In addition to the homerooms, we have specialized rooms for math and science, Spanish, music, art, computers, and physical education. We also have a library and an audio visual room to incorporate individual reading and educational videos into the learning process. Additionally, we offer splash park activities during the summer and periodically throughout the rest of the year.

Brilliant Start Academy allows parents to access video output from our internal security cameras through a secured connection over the Internet, allowing parents to check-in on their children throughout the day.

Our Philosophy

At Brilliant Start Academy, we believe that children learn best through play. We strive to achieve a fun learning environment that allows children to grow emotionally, socially, physically, and intellectually. We believe that children should be allowed to explore the world around them in order to define and develop interests throughout their educational experience.

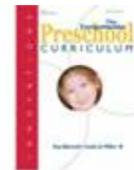
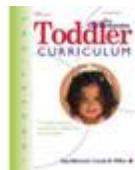
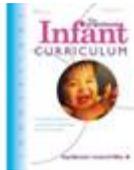
Brilliant Start Academy also believes that school should be an extension of home and that the children should feel the same sense of security and comfort in school that they feel in their own homes. Our program promotes the development of self-esteem, social interaction and emotional well-being. Our staff is trained to handle situations in a nurturing and caring manner to promote self-worth and to instill productive conflict-resolution skills in the students.

Our Curriculum

Brilliant Start Academy places a high value on education and strongly believes that having a well-planned curriculum provides better learning opportunities for our children while providing an enriching and fulfilling environment.

Brilliant Start Academy uses established curriculums developed by early childhood education experts. Curriculums are based on the developmental requirements and abilities of our students and meet or exceed state criteria for early childhood education.

The infant and toddler curriculum is based on the books: Innovations: The Comprehensive Infant Curriculum and Innovations: The Comprehensive Toddler Curriculum. The preschool curriculum uses Innovations: The Comprehensive Preschool Curriculum as a supplemental resource.



The Preschool and Kindergarten curriculum is based on the McGraw Hill program: The DLM Early Childhood Express. In addition to the DLM Early Childhood Express comprehensive program, the curriculum also incorporates McGraw Hill's Growing with Mathematics and Viva el español to reinforce math and introduce foreign language to our students.



Beginning with the pre-kindergarten curriculum and continuing into the kindergarten program, Handwriting Without Tears? is incorporated into the schedules of our students.



The following subjects are incorporated into our daily programs:

- > Computer
- > Spanish
- > Math
- > Science
- > Language Arts
- > Music
- > Art
- > Gym
- > Splash Park (seasonal)

Our Facility

Our facility is structured so that the children each have a homeroom and move throughout the facility during the day to attend classes in our enrichment rooms, specially designed for specific activities.

Our enrichment rooms include:

- > Computer
- > Library
- > Music
- > Art
- > Audio/Visual
- > Spanish
- > Gymnasium
- > Math & Science/Splashpark

Our computer room is equipped with five computers that allow the children to have hands-on experience with age appropriate learning software.

Our library has an abundance of books for the children to read quietly by themselves or to allow the teacher the opportunity to read to the class.

The music room provides space for the children incorporate movement as they play and dance and learn about music.

The art room has child sized tables and age appropriate materials for the children to express their creativity and learn about various aspects of art.

The audio/visual room has equipment to allow the children to watch educational videos in a relaxing atmosphere.

The Spanish room is equipped with a curriculum designed for young children. There is also a Spanish version of the calendar used in the homerooms to help provide repetition of commonly used words, including numbers, days, months, years, seasons, weather elements, and clothing.

The gymnasium is approximately 32 feet by 22 feet of open space enabling the children to use large muscle groups even on the days that outside activities are not possible.

The math and science/splashpark is a large area with a poured-in-place floor that allows children to experiment with water, sand, and other materials. At 26 feet by 26 feet in size, it is also a large space that can be used for large muscle movement if outdoor play is not possible. In the summer, garage doors can be opened to allow the children to get fresh air, even if it is raining outside.

The children are each assigned to age-appropriate homerooms. We have seven homerooms: an infant room, a toddler room, three pre-kindergarten rooms, a kindergarten room, and an after-school room. The toddler room and each of our three pre-kindergarten rooms are equipped with child-sized restroom facilities.

Cameras

Cameras are installed in every classroom. The video feeds can be viewed in the main lobby of the building as well as over the Internet using unique login information.

Playgrounds

We have two separate playgrounds for our students: one for infants and toddlers and one for our students 2 ½ years and older. Both of our playgrounds have a combination of poured-in-place safety surface under our age appropriate playground equipment and a grassy area in which the kids can run and play. Each playground also has additional poured-in-place safety surface that can be used for ride on toys, basketball hoops or other activities that require a flat surface.

Safety

Safety is our highest priority. We strongly believe in maintaining a safe environment for our students, staff, and visitors. In order to achieve the safest environment possible we have implemented the following:

- All staff members are required to be certified in CPR and first aid within 30 days of hire
- Phones are installed in every classroom that can dial out to 911 if necessary
- A keypad is installed in the entryway which unlocks the door through use of individual identification codes
- Cameras are installed in every classroom and are visible in the main lobby
- Poured-in-place safety surfaces are used under all playground equipment
- Playgrounds are directly accessed through the building, so the children are always in a controlled space
- Only age appropriate playground equipment are used on the two playgrounds
- Child-sized restroom facilities are provided for our younger students to minimize the risk of falls due to climbing on stools
- Child-sized furniture is used in each of the classrooms
- Each sink in our facility has a regulator to control the temperature of the water dispensed