

DV Connect TK-8

Start of Year Guide for Families



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School Messenger

To access reminders and important information from school, including in emergencies, please opt-in below:

SMS Text Opt-In 

Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

We recommend saving this short code and Caller ID to the contacts on your phone. This will help prevent any 3rd party call blocking systems from interfering with your receipt of important messages sent by the school or district.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587.

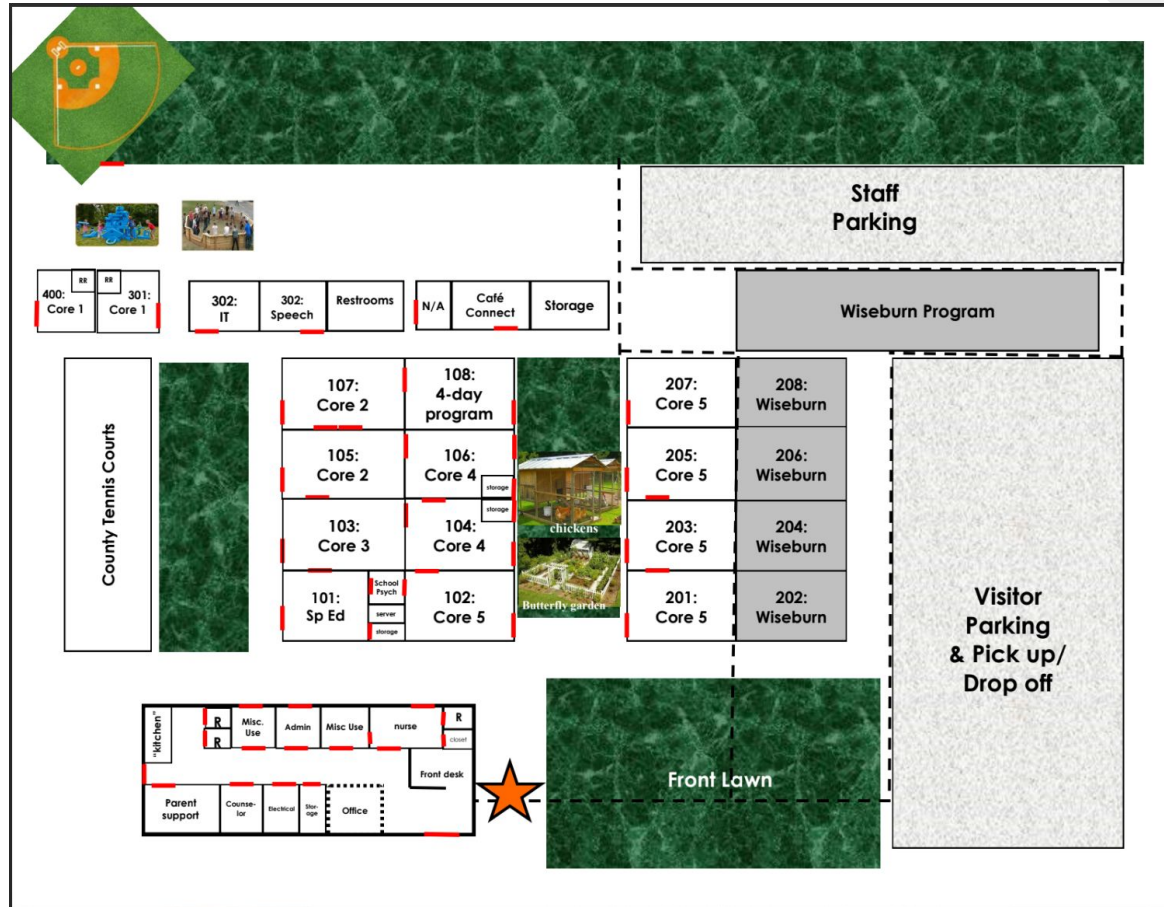
*Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes: SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers.

If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/tm for more info.



Campus Map



Quick Links

Click the titles below for external links

01

Info Video

An informational overview of the philosophies of our program embedded in the application process before enrollment

02

Family Handbook

Our handbook outlines all policies and procedures, including drop off/pick up, dress code, cell phones, etc.

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Private FB Group

A private group on Facebook for our families to connect, share resources, and collaborate

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Parent Educator Resource Site

A website built and maintained by our Parent Educators with resources for homeschooling
PW: *DVConnect2021*

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Da Vinci Schools Website

This website has information about all Da Vinci Schools, and also houses info like our school calendar and weekly menus

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Counseling Corner

This website made by our Counselors houses family support for mental health, resources for our Habits of Heart and Mind + social justice, and more

Technology Support

Student Google Account

All students are given access to a Google account created by the IT department. Below you will find the username format, default password, and where to sign in:

1. Access: accounts.google.com, or for quick access to a specific service, mail.google.com, drive.google.com etc. *This is also the account used to sign into student Chromebooks*

2. Username format: firstname_lastname@student.davincischools.org

3. Student Password: Monalisa1 (reset password to something secure)

- **This is a shared password between you and your student—please use a password that you both will be able to access, as the PW is needed for both home access and access while students are on campus**

4. If your student does not have access to a device at home and requires one for homeschool learning, you may request to borrow a school chromebook to use at home for the year [HERE](#)

Clever

Some of your curriculum resources are accessible via a Single Sign On system called Clever. In order to access your students clever account:

1. Sign into your student's Da Vinci Schools Google Chrome account (using the instructions to the left)
2. This will auto-sign into your student's Clever Account which will appear as a folder labeled "curriculum" in the top left of the bookmarks bar
3. Choose the curriculum you'd like to explore!

Technology Support

Student Canvas Account

Canvas is where all classroom information, learning logs, resources, calendar, family directory, and weekly updates from teachers are shared /stored. While it is a student account, it should be considered a “family platform” and grownups should be checking Canvas *at least* weekly!

1. Sign in to student google chrome account
2. Click this [LINK](#) **Please bookmark this page by either clicking Ctrl+D or clicking the little star emblem in your search bar at the top right corner of the browser.
3. Additional Resources:
 - [Navigating Canvas](#)
 - [Change the Language Preference](#)
 - [Reset Password](#)
 - [Edit notification Settings](#) (you may want to consider changing notification settings to your preference, especially if you plan to access Canvas from a mobile device)

Parent Access to Canvas

Please do not use pairing code or link to become an observer of your student’s Canvas page. Remember that this is a family platform and grownups should be logging in to Canvas (at least weekly!) through their student’s account!

If you would like to have easy access to your student’s account on your phone ([watch this screen recording](#) if you get stuck):

1. Download Canvas app on your phone
3. Press “Find your school” (Da Vinci Schools)
4. Input student email and password
6. Your child’s account will populate onto the Canvas phone app

HomeSchool Curriculum

We aim to work in partnership with all our families to meet their homeschool needs. We provide a variety of homeschool curriculum resources so that families have voice and choice in how they build their homeschool toolkits. **[THIS LINK](#)** provides all the curriculum options available to families by grade level. Families are free to choose from our list OR use their own preferred secular curriculum. As a reminder, families are responsible for instruction in reading, writing and math on their homeschool days.

If you are new to homeschooling, or looking to calibrate your plan against another example, below are links to sample homeschool schedules for each Core, curated by teachers using the recommended curriculum options from the choice menu:

- [Core 1 \(TK and Kindergarten\)](#)
- [Core 2 \(1st and 2nd grade\)](#)
- [Core 3 \(3rd grade\)](#)
- [Core 4 \(4th and 5th grade\)](#)
- [Core 5 \(6th-8th grade\)](#)

Grade	Required Instructional Days Per Year (at school and at home, combined)	Required Instructional Minutes Per Year	Daily Breakdown in Hours
TK-K	175	36,000	3.4 hrs
1-3	175	50,400	4.8 hrs
4-8	175	54,000	5 hrs

For a glance at the standards in friendlier terms and what it looks like in action- please explore this [link](#). (password: DVConnect2021)

If you feel that you cannot provide a consistent homeschool space, routine, supervision and instructional support, please contact Robin Brown to discuss options: rbrown@davincischools.org

Learning Logs

Families are required to log their homeschool learning in reading, writing, and math and submit evidence of work (1 sample for each subject) every few weeks via “Learning Logs”. Learning Log completion and submission is a high stakes requirement that is audited by the state of CA each year and is directly connected to funding that keeps our school open. Below is everything you need to successfully complete and submit Learning Logs this year:

Learning Log FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions on how to properly complete and submit a Learning Log

Submission via Mobile Device

A screen recording to demonstrate how to submit a Learning Log via the Canvas App on a mobile device

Learning Log Checklist

A helpful checklist to review before submission to avoid non-compliance

Submission via Web Browser

A screen recording to demonstrate how to submit a Learning Log via the Canvas website from a computer

For additional support in accessing, completing, and submitting Learning Logs please contact Nancy Waites: nwaites@davincischools.org

Parent Educator Support

Our Parent Center (Room 101) is staffed with experts and stocked with resources and collaborators to support your homeschooling journey—all with the added bonus of quality connection to our community.

This flexible-use space allows you to work independently, browse curriculum resources, collaborate and connect with other Parent Educators, or work one-on-one with the staff who inhibit and support the space.

The Parent Center “open-for-business hours” + all resources can be found in the Parent Center class on Canvas.



Parent Center Staff

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**Thank You
for joining us
this year!**