

WELCOME!

Dear Parents,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about Innovate Academy. As a parent, you make choices for your children each day. Few decisions have more impact on your child's life than their education. At Innovate Academy, we believe that **every child can uniquely impact his or her world today as culture makers**, which is why we seek to shape thoughtful, passionate, and entrepreneurial leaders of this generation.

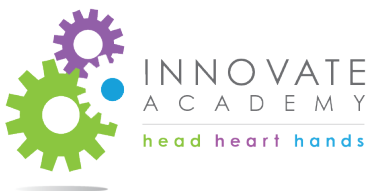
We hope this packet will provide a thorough overview of our school and answer many questions you may have. Let's connect soon as we would love to talk personally about our compelling vision to shape leaders of culture in our classical Christian school environment for Pre-K - 9th grade scholars.

I encourage you to **pray fervently to discern the Lord's will for the education of your child**. If He leads you to apply, we look forward to visiting with you at length during a family interview in the near future.

Blessings,



Monica Guaglione
Innovate Academy Founder & Head of School



This document includes details on the Innovate Academy:

- Mission, Method and Model
- Curriculum and Structure
- Portrait of a Graduate
- Tuition and Fees
- EITC Program

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Innovate Academy brings the school back into the family and the family back into the school. We love that it's 'the best of both worlds.'

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PARENT OF AN
INNOVATE SCHOLAR

MISSION, METHOD & MODEL

OUR MISSION

To engage the whole child through a *head, heart, and hands* approach to learning in order to shape thoughtful, passionate, and entrepreneurial leaders of culture.

OUR METHOD

Education for us is about going back to go forward. We return to proven methods from the past that have shaped scholars for centuries through **a classical approach** while moving forward with **creative and innovative methods that make learning come alive.**

At Innovate Academy, we believe there are **three distinct ways that children retain their education**—by learning it with their head, understanding it with their heart, and experiencing it with their hands. We took a look at the landscape of Christian education, and knew we wanted to do it differently; so, we took the best education methods and blended them into our unique “head, heart, hands” model to provide **a whole-person centered, integrative approach for every young scholar.**



HEAD



HEART



HANDS

CLASSICAL We believe children are contemplative and creative beings, uniquely wired and equipped for a good purpose and that exposure to the classical approach of learning will fuel their growth mindset. This represents the Classical Education model. The end goal of a classical education is the cultivation of wisdom and virtue; we seek to develop scholars who learn how to think critically, gaining wisdom and virtue in the process.

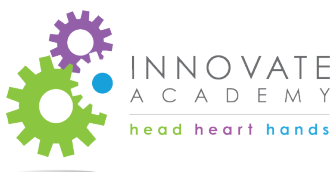
Using an integrated approach to curriculum, we combine time-period history with literature, art, music, theology, and more. As questions emerge, we implement Socratic Teaching in order to develop effective communicators who can contemplate a variety of complex ideas. This prepares scholars well to think critically and articulate their ideas for civil discourse.

CHRISTIAN We believe children learn best when hearts are fueled with a healthy lifestyle of emotional, physical, and spiritual wellness, empowering lifelong habits of the virtue. Rather than focusing on the intellect alone, we nurture the whole child—spiritually, physically, and emotionally—which creates passionate, whole-hearted learners.

We focus on scholars’ **spiritual formation** through scripture meditation, study, and prayer to help renew minds and transform hearts, while also shaping each scholars’ identity and purpose. Our use of the Scholes-method, also known as restful learning, allows scholars to enjoy learning through a sense of wonder and **contemplation**, as stories of heroes, saints, and villains, both fact and fiction, are creatively connected to their own stories. **Wellness** classes include social and emotional skills, a growth mindset, nutrition and gardening, and all of these are integrated into the schedule in order to form life-long habits of virtue.

COLLABORATIVE We believe that children learn best through experience and are capable of serving their community at a young age as innovative culture makers. We inspire scholars to discover their spiritual gifts and strengths and live them out through **service learning projects** both in collaboration with one another and with the local, surrounding community.

We teach character and competency skills as they grow in entrepreneurial **leadership**, working together on service projects connected to their studies. We believe that **hands-on learning** and **STEAM-based education** is important, not only for developing virtue, but in order for learning to have an impact and be remembered. As our local Philadelphian hero, Benjamin Franklin, once stated: *“Tell me and I’ll forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I’ll understand.”*



Every child a culture maker

CURRICULUM & STRUCTURE

We emphasize blended, multi-age-classes wherever possible and the fluidity of studying with older or younger grades when appropriate. Research shows that younger scholars are more cooperative in a multi-age setting and gain self-confidence and maturity by being exposed to older scholars (while older scholars learn to be positive, mature role models for the younger ones). In addition, the multi-age classroom facilitates the ability to develop friendships across grade levels and instills a greater sense of community.

With a low mentor to scholar ratio, each combination allows for the option to master higher level subjects or continue to work on necessary skills, as scholars joyfully explore learning with structure and flexibility.

Take a look at the detailed descriptions of what your child will learn in each respective school in our approach to shaping thoughtful, passionate, and entrepreneurial leaders of culture. Our use of the **Trivium Model** considers how the brain naturally develops through three stages of learning: grammar, logic, and rhetoric. As scholars move up in grade level and school, they also move from each stage accordingly.



PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our pre-kindergarten scholars begin at age 3- to 4-years old, as long as they are able to use the bathroom independently. Pre-kindergarten scholars must be 3 years old before September, upon applying. By the time our scholars reach kindergarten they will have benefited from a hands-on, gently classical approach to learning. These combined age groups represent the widest gap in maturity and ability, and each child's experience is unique. Therefore, a teacher assistant is on-site in order to differentiate and personalize learning. We love the **Charlotte Mason** approach to learning as well as the original methods of **Montessori**, which are both rooted in Christianity. **Wellness and leadership** skills are taught with an emphasis on safety, health, habits, listening, manners, and personal responsibility. Our smallest scholars engage in nature study, gardening, storytelling and dramatic play. Coding is introduced at an introductory level.

LOWER SCHOOL

Our first through fifth grade scholars begin to study history **chronologically**, integrated with literature, science, math, art, music, physical education, and other subjects. They are introduced to **Spanish** as well as **Latin** roots, recognizing that, with a Latin foundation, language arts and other foreign language skills are more readily acquired. Each scholar's worldview begins to take shape and passion emerges as they discover their unique gifts and their own story within a grander narrative. **Wellness and social skills** are taught and emphasize character formation or virtues and emotionally healthy habits. These scholars also begin to learn cursive writing and continue to learn coding.

UPPER SCHOOL

Our sixth through ninth grade scholars experience a truly collaborative approach to learning with multiple mentors instructing them in **specialized disciplines**. Scholars continue with a chronological study of history, progressing from Ancient to Medieval to Early Modern and Modern times. These studies connect with language arts, literature, writing, science, art and music of the time period. Physical education is woven into wellness skills such as spiritual formation, health, gardening and culinary arts. A more formalized study of Latin and coding will be offered as well as hands-on STEAM projects weekly. Electives such as **apologetics, speech and debate, music, band and film** are offered, as well as our signature class called **Culture Makers**, combining civic engagement with service learning. Individual passions emerge as scholars discover and begin to walk in their unique gifts. Innovative **leadership skills** continue to emphasize character formation, virtues and service to community. Our goal is to prepare these scholars to become entrepreneurial leaders of culture.



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PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



The Innovate Academy 'whole child' education model encourages graduates to:



**LOVE GOD AND ALL THAT IS TRUE,
GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL**

**HONOR PEOPLE, SHOWING KINDNESS
AND HOSPITALITY TO ALL**

**USE GIFTS AND TIME WISELY AND
PURPOSEFULLY**

**COMMUNICATE GOD'S STORY
CREATIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY**

LIVE WELL IN MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT

**SERVE AS THOUGHTFUL, PASSIONATE
ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERS OF CULTURE,
CREATING GOOD WHEREVER THEY GO**

**RISE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE, CHALLENGING THEMSELVES
TO GROW IN STUDIES WITH AN ATTITUDE
OF LIFELONG LEARNING**



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TUITION & FEES

2022-2023 Academic School Year

The Innovate Academy school week combines on-site, satellite, and service-to-community learning. Our full five-day curriculum and learning platforms support at-home learning on Fridays. Primary School, Lower School and Upper School students meet on campus Mon / Tues / Weds / Thurs from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (12pm dismissal for 1/2 day Pre-K).

SCHOOL	GRADE / OPTION	TUITION
PRIMARY SCHOOL		
Pre-Kindergarten (3-4 yr olds)	1/2 Day - 4 Days/week	\$5,050 (\$35.07/day)
	1/2 Day - 3 Days/week*	\$4,275 (\$39.58/day)
	Full Day - 4 Days/week	\$6,075 (\$42.19/day)
	Full Day - 3 Days/week*	\$5,305 (\$49.12/day)
Kindergarten	Full Day only	\$6,695
LOWER SCHOOL	1ST - 5TH GRADE	\$7,160
UPPER SCHOOL	6TH - 9TH GRADE	\$7,675

*Please note the 3 Day/week option is available for Pre-K scholars only

FEES & DISCOUNTS

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT FEE	SUPPLIES FEE	BOOK FEE
PRIMARY SCHOOL			
Pre-Kindergarten (3-4 yr olds)	\$150	\$200	\$0
Kindergarten	\$150	\$100	\$200
LOWER SCHOOL	\$150	\$150	\$250
1st Grade - 5th Grade			
UPPER SCHOOL	\$150	\$150	\$300
6th Grade - 9th Grade			
IDENTIFIED EXCEPTIONAL NEED (SPECIAL NEEDS)		ASSESSMENT FEE	\$250
See our website for details on Special Education support, including Tutoring Fees.			
LATE FEE	\$30 fee is applied for late tuition payments		
PAY IN FULL DISCOUNT	3% off Tuition for full payments made by August 1, 2022		

LET'S CONNECT!

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REDIRECT YOUR TAX DOLLARS

with the EITC program

What is EITC at Innovate Academy?

An Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) contribution supports Innovate Academy by redirecting PA state income tax liability to our school instead of Harrisburg.

The foundation of Innovate Academy is a classical Christian private school, but the approach is culture changing. Our learning model engages the whole child – spiritually, physically, emotionally – while we educate, which creates life-long, passionate learners. Our environment is collaborative, where each family participates in their child's education with a blended on-campus and satellite schedule that parents are calling 'the best of both worlds.' Innovate Academy is not a typical private school, but a community of students, staff and parents dedicated to nurturing confident, thoughtful culture makers. **Taking advantage of the EITC program is an investment into the future entrepreneurial leaders of this generation through Innovate Academy.**

Consider partnering with us today.



GET INVOLVED

Let us walk you through the details of EITC in a quick phone call. We would love to connect soon on how you can benefit from this program!

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HOW IT WORKS

QUALIFY

Companies and individuals with a PA state income tax liability of \$3,500+ (annual income of \$100,000+) are eligible with a **minimum participation amount of \$3,500**. Don't make \$100K or more annually? Consider local businesses you support and ask if they would help Innovate Academy! It's a great way to connect our communities with quality, life-changing education.

BENEFIT

PA tax law provides businesses and individuals with a **tax credit of 90% of qualified contributions** to be applied as scholarships for under-resourced students in education programs. That means if you or your business contributes \$10,000 to Innovate Academy, the state returns \$9,000 back to you in tax credits! That's huge.

THINK FORWARD

Contributions through EITC serve as a scholarship for under-resourced students that qualify at Innovate Academy. **By designating your tax dollars to be used in this way, lives are changed...** the life of the student receiving the scholarship, their family, and even their community. Help spread the word by sharing this info sheet with relatives, friends, employers, doctors and other professionals in your circle.

This program is administered on a first come, first served basis with a limit to the number of participants each year. Our team is ready to help you get started. Are you?

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