



TURTLE TIMES



DANIEL ISLAND ACADEMY — AN EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2022-2023 EARLY ENROLLMENT

On Monday, November 15, 2021, Daniel Island Academy will begin Early Enrollment for Current Students, Siblings and Alumni Families for the 2022-23 school year. Current DIA parents are provided a 60-day window to submit their enrollment forms and payment, due no later than **Friday, January 7, 2022**. Enrollment is offered **first come, first serve**, so don't delay since some classes may be over-subscribed well before the deadline. Please return your forms and payment to the front desk as soon as possible to ensure your child's position is reserved.

Our Guaranteed Policy will continue to require the submission of enrollment and application forms, along with a student application fee (\$150 new student, \$75 current student) and tuition deposit to secure a spot. **It is essential for eligible families to submit information well before Open Enrollment.** Once Open Enrollment begins for waitlist families, we will follow a strict policy of first come, first serve, which means that if a current/alumni family does not submit their information in a timely manner during the early enrollment period, they could be faced with being placed on the waitlist below new applicants.

The programs offered for the 2022-23 school year will include: Full Day 1s and 2s (12-month only) and Full Day 3s and 4s (10-month and 12-month options).

Over the past few years, we have been able to maintain a minimal tuition increase in all our programs. However, with the significant increase in cost across the board, you will see that there is a slightly higher tuition increase, beginning August 2022, for the 22-23 school year. This increase will enable us to continue providing high-quality programs and food service that your children deserve.

With your continued support this past year, we have been able to provide our teaching staff with an increase in compensation well above the rise of current living expenses.

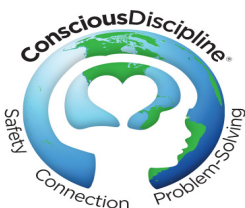
Please contact the front desk with any questions, or visit www.danielislandacademy.com to access any important documents.



Reference Point was created by Daniel Island Academy to provide a developmental tracking system of screening and observation tools to monitor your child's cognitive, language, physical, social and emotional milestones.

A confidential portfolio is managed by an on-staff professional, which includes:

- Fall Readiness Checks and Review
- Fall Curriculum Conference
- Spring Curriculum Conference
- Open Family Conference *(if needed)*
- Individualized Programs & Specialized Intervention *(if needed)*



Daniel Island Academy

Curriculum of Excellence

Daniel Island Academy's Early Learning Initiative leads to the development of specially- designed curriculum enhancements. The school employs professionals who are early childhood educators and leaders in their respective fields of foreign language, literacy and physical education to teach the following classes:

Music Literacy is taught weekly in our Full Day classrooms, including our youngest pre-toddler rooms. We work on fine and gross motor skills while enhancing our cognitive, physical and musical development. Monthly themes such as Farm Animals, Weather, Up Up in the Sky, and Get your Sillies Out allow for various activities each week through singing, dancing, listening, reading and jamming out with instruments.

Spanish for Preschoolers is an introductory course focused on exposing children to a new language. The course curriculum includes everyday greetings, colors, numbers, songs, celebrations and stories in Spanish. Intro to Spanish is included for Full Day 2's (older), 3's and 4's students.

Physical Education introduces foundational movement skills such as rolling, kicking, striking, catching and throwing which allows children to practice and build upon those skills. Physical Education teaches health and nutrition concepts through movement, helping to battle the childhood obesity epidemic.

Get Set for School™ is an award-winning program that uses lively music and playful activities to help young children build a solid foundation for school success. The readiness and writing curriculum is full of developmentally appropriate activities that teach foundational pre-writing skills, letter and number recognition and formation, fine and gross motor skills (grip, draw, build), key social-emotional skills (sharing, taking turns, listening). The numbers and math curriculum will help young children to count, sequence and match objects, compare, build patterns and sort and understand spatial concepts and solve problems.

Conscious Discipline is a school-wide behavioral management system that leads teachers, parents and schools by promoting behavioral changes through relationships rather than the traditional roles of discipline. The success of this behavior management program is developing a sense of community with positive communication, respect, cooperation and safety.

Letterland™ is taught in 4's classes and is a unique, phonics-based approach to teaching reading, writing and spelling. The characters transform plain black letter shapes into child-friendly pictograms who all live in an imaginary place called Letterland. Simple stories about the Letterland characters help motivate the children to listen, to think and to learn. These stories explain letter sounds and shapes, allowing children to progress quickly to word building, reading and writing. The Letterland characters help the children identify the letter sounds. Simple stories about the Letterland characters ensure correct letter formation, avoiding confusion over similar looking letters. Actions for the alphabet are linked to each character, forging a strong connection between the action, letter shape and sound. Phonics stories give children a friendly logic for remembering all 44 letter sounds and their major spellings. Letterland activates every learning channel through music, actions, movement, song, art, craft, games and role-play.

WHAT IS A NAEYC EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

NAEYC stands for the *National Association for the Education of Young Children*, which sets the most rigorous standards in early childhood education, health and safety. Daniel Island Academy has achieved and maintained NAEYC accreditation since 2006.



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Enrollment Application Form

An enrollment application must be completed for each student
and be submitted in conjunction with a Full Day 10-month or 12-month enrollment form.

ALUMNI: Has anyone in your immediate family graduated from DIA? YES NO

NAME: _____ YEAR GRADUATED: _____

LEGAL NAME OF STUDENT: _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NICKNAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ MALE FEMALE

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1 NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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CELL #: _____ WORK #: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

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CELL #: _____ WORK #: _____

RESIDENCE: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

RESIDENCE 2: (if separate households):

STREET CITY STATE ZIP

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT DIA? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

CURRENT FAMILY _____

SOCIAL MEDIA _____

INTERNET SEARCH _____

REFERRED BY _____

DROVE BY _____

Daniel Island Academy does not accept medical or religious immunization exemptions.
Applications for enrollment are recorded on a first come, first serve basis.
All policies and terms published in the DIA Parent Handbook apply.

