



BROOKSVILLE ENGINEERING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (BEST ACADEMY) APPLICATION PACKET

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SUMMARY

Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the specialized educational programs offered by Brooksville Engineering, Science & Technology (BEST ACADEMY). BEST is a "No-Tuition Public Charter Middle School" sponsored by the Hernando County School District. The Hernando County School District is the Local Education Agency (LEA) that either runs or sponsors (as in the case with our charter schools) all of the public schools in the county.

IMPORTANT

Before you invest a great deal of time in your application, please consider the following descriptors to see if the educational program offered by BEST is the best fit for your child's middle school experience.

1. BEST conducts a robust, fast-paced curriculum that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, artistic creativity, and mathematics (STEM). The STEM educational program is rigorous, and demanding. Your child will be expected to keep pace with an advanced curriculum, thematic interdisciplinary units, multi-week projects, laboratory investigations, and field experiences.
2. The classroom and activity program rules are strictly and consistently enforced which includes personal conduct, classroom decorum, dress code, appropriate use of electronic devices, language, and on-line activities as they relate to school students and personnel. BEST Academy follows the Hernando County School District Student Code of Conduct.
3. We offer enrichment opportunities along with homework help and remediation classes during our extended school day. Examples of CURRENT enrichment offerings include: Spanish Language Class, Intensive Reading & Math classes, Math, Language, Technology and Science.
4. Serious students who value education and have an interest in the sciences (life, earth, physical, chemical, computer), mathematics, engineering, technology, and who enjoy the experiential and physical aspect of our activity program tend to thrive in our program. **We make no pretense that this educational option is the best choice for all middle school students.** We ask all students to participate in all activities to the best of their ability. Please consult with your child to see if they share these interests before attempting to enroll them.
5. The charter schools charge fees that are commensurate with district schools and are related to the unique educational program offered by the schools. A schedule of fees will be included in the Enrollment Packet. Non-payment of these program fees will result in restrictions from elective activities for the current year and the student's automatic enrollment being rescinded for the subsequent year.
6. Parents/Guardians must volunteer monthly at the charter school for at least two hours per month, totaling twenty hours for the school year. Non-fulfillment of this contractual obligation will result in restriction for the current school year and the student's automatic enrollment being rescinded for the subsequent year.
7. All charter school students are required to take the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking test (FAST) and Florida End-of-Course (EOC) tests however, we do not teach to the tests.
8. The charter schools offer ESE (Exceptional Student Education) services in the form of classroom accommodations and a "teacher consult model" through our Extended School Day. If your child receives ESE services in their current school or has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) the IEP team must convene PRIOR to your child's enrollment and must recommend that the charter school offers the best placement option from the spectrum of services offered by the LEA. As part of the consult model, you must agree to allow your child to participate in the extended school day as prescribed by the school's ESE teacher to accommodate their exceptionality.
9. TRANSPORTATION: Our current arrangement with the Hernando County School District provides a shuttle bus from Parrott Middle School to BEST; allowing students who live in the DSPMS "zone" to be transported to/from the charter school. Please consult with the school district's transportation department to determine if you live in the PMS or FCMS zone. While this transportation arrangement has been in place for over ten years, school zones and district transportation programs are subject to the discretion of the Hernando County School Board.



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10. HOW TO REACH US: We are here to help you with the application process. Please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail if you have any questions or need any type of clarification. **E-mail: frontoffice@flbestacademy.org**

After reading the Educational Program Summary and family requirements, I/we have concluded that we would like to proceed with the application process for my/our middle school aged child. I/we will work in collaboration with the school's administration and teaching staff in their effort to provide my child with a quality middle school education.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent Name

Parent Signature:

Current Date



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STUDENT INFORMATION

School year you are applying for: Student Name:

Current Grade Level Primary Phone Number:

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: Parent/Guardian 2 Name:

Primary Email Address: Secondary Email Address:

Current School Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Phone

The following information MUST be attached and submitted with this application.

- * Current Grades/Report Card**
- * Recent Test Scores**
- * Special Education Records (i.e., ESE, ELL, 504)**

Parent Name: Parent Signature:

Current Date