

May 15, 2023

Dear Franciscan Parents and Families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks. A lot has happened since we announced the closure of Franciscan High School. In the coming days, a staff member from Franciscan High will be reaching out to each family individually to offer any assistance we can for your child's next step in their education.

Additional Updates on Helix Mentorship Academy

While Franciscan High School will indeed close, the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionary of Our Lady have agreed to donate Franciscan High School's buildings, furniture and equipment to Helix Community Schools.

Helix plans to move the buildings, furniture and equipment next to Helix Aviation Academy (one of its middle schools) at the Aviation Business Park located at the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport. As you know, Helix also operates three schools in Baton Rouge including Helix Mentorship Academy (Mentorship). Mentorship is a B-rated public high school located in downtown Baton Rouge. Helix plans to use the Franciscan High buildings to expand Helix Mentorship Academy and serve students at the Business Park. Last week, Helix met with Franciscan High faculty, staff, parents and students and invited the faculty to come and work for Helix and the students to enroll as Helix Mentorship Academy students at its Business Park Campus. Many of our administrators have already agreed to go and work for Helix.

We are pleased that Helix plans to continue the corporate work study program that has been such a huge part of our unique school model here at Franciscan High School. Because Mentorship is a public charter school, it does not charge tuition, transportation is free, and many of our students will qualify for free lunch and breakfast. Mentorship is an open enrollment school and offers most of the traditional high school sports and extracurricular activities, such as football, basketball, track, music, Beta, Key Club and so much more. It plans to also offer baseball next year. Mentorship plans to re-open our buildings in August at the Business Park Campus, and we hope that our students will enroll at the school.

We think this is a wonderful opportunity for our faculty, staff and students and hope that everyone gives it strong consideration. Mentorship hopes to grow the corporate work student program and overall enrollment at the new Business Park Campus and eventually construct permanent buildings to better serve these students in the program.

I have included application and enrollment information below for Mentorship and ask that you consider enrolling your student at the school. Please let us know if there are any additional questions or concerns that you have about these changes and the future of your child's education.

[Click here for Helix Mentorship enrollment information](#)

Sincerely,

Eric Engemann
President



HELIX
MENTORSHIP
STEAM
ACADEMY

OPEN ENROLLMENT FACTS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



WHERE TO APPLY?

Applications can **ONLY** be submitted online by going to www.helixmentorshipacademy.org. You can also scan here to apply:



WHAT INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON THE APPLICATION?

The application mainly consists of basic demographic information about your student and is a quick process

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my student be guaranteed acceptance into Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy?

Yes, your student will have guaranteed acceptance into Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy.

Is there a cost to attend?

No, we are a tuition free public charter school.

Is transportation provided?

Yes, transportation is provided for all students residing in East Baton Rouge Parish and in Baker School District.

After submission of enrollment application what are the next steps?

Nothing! We do ask that you complete the registration form that will be emailed to you from PowerSchool. Our ultimate goal is to make the enrollment transition as effortless as possible. We will work to obtain enrollment documentation from your current school to complete the enrollment process.

For any additional questions contact:

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HELIX MENTORSHIP STEAM ACADEMY

Who are we?

- A downtown, open-enrollment, public charter school serving grades 9-12.
- As a STEAM school, we focus on exposing students to science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
- Our technology-rich curricula ensure our students are critical thinkers, problem solvers, and communicators.

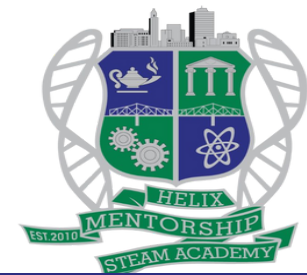
What do we offer?

- Students can earn a Core Four Diploma with an option to take honors, AP, and dual enrollment classes.
- Elective classes include IBCA, Coding, Engineering, AFJROTC, Art, Music Production, TV & Film, Digital Media, and Spanish to name a few.
- Extracurriculars include Football, Cross Country, Girls/Boys Basketball, Volleyball, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track.

Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy is more than a High School, it is a culture.



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EDUCATION IS FREEDOM!**

VISION

Helix Mentorship STEAM Academy will create successful global citizens who are prepared for college, career, and citizenship.

Mission

Mentorship STEAM Academy scholars pursue excellence by exhibiting responsibility, integrity, and perseverance. Through exposure to STEAM and the legal field, students develop strong critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills.

Values

Self-Aware

Hard-Working

Accountable

Relentless

Knowledgeable

Successful

We are **SHARKS!!**

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