



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Vacation Station?

Vacation Station is a tuition based program that offers programming for your child before & after school, during school breaks, on early release days and during summer for children of working parents. We are a district program and offer our programming at your child's elementary school.

What is the cost of tuition?

Please check the school district's Vacation Station [website](http://fhsdvacation.sharpschool.net/enrollment/enrollment_information) to view the current tuition rates. Vacation Station Summer 2024 and school year 2024-2025 will be posted February 26, 2024. You may view our rate sheets and other enrollment information at http://fhsdvacation.sharpschool.net/enrollment/enrollment_information

Is there a supply/activity fee?

Yes. \$75.00 per child Activity/Supply Fee for the Program Year (June 2024 - May 2025).

What does "sessions" mean?

In the school day program, there is a morning session and an afternoon session (two sessions per day). If you are enrolling for part-time programming, a **minimum of at least two sessions per week is required**. The maximum number of sessions in one week is ten. Part-time schedules may vary as long as a schedule is submitted by 11:59 pm on Thursday the week before the attendance is to occur.

How Do I Enroll?

Currently enrolled families will enroll through your Vacation Station account. If you have a new kindergarten sibling you need to add to your account, please contact your Administrative Assistant to have your kindergartener added **BEFORE** you register.

Families new to Vacation Station- enroll on-line via our enrollment [website](http://fhsdvacation.sharpschool.net/enrollment) at <http://fhsdvacation.sharpschool.net/enrollment>. If you have an incoming Kindergartener whom attended an FHSD Pre-school program, please contact the Administrative Assistant at the elementary school your child will attend to have your pre-school account transferred to Vacation Station **BEFORE** enrolling.

What is the difference between full-time and part-time?

Children enrolled full-time are scheduled for and expected to attend every program day that we are open. Full-time enrolled children are given a limited number of excused days to cover absences. Once the excused days have been used, tuition is due whether or not the child is actually in attendance.

Our part-time program is for our families that do not need their children to attend 5 days a week. Children enrolled in our part-time programs attend a minimum number of two sessions per week (before school/after school). Summer attendance is a minimum of 2 days per week or 20 days over the summer. They may attend more than the minimum number of days, but are allowed the flexibility to pick and choose which dates are best for them. There are no excused days for part-time attendance.

What if my part-time enrolled child does not attend on a scheduled day?

We do not offer excused credits for absences for part-time enrollment. Once invoiced, scheduled dates may not be removed from your account, but you may swap out or flip flop days within the same week by contacting the Admin. Assistant at your home site.



What if I need my child to attend only once in a while?

We are very sorry, but we do not offer a drop-in program. If you are experiencing a family emergency or extreme situation we will work with you to accommodate a one-time attendance for a specific set amount of time, but we are unable to offer drop in or sporadic care.

Can my child attend Vacation Station and also FHSD Summer programs such as Summer Success, ESY, STEAM or Summer Camps?

Yes, if you are enrolled in both Vacation Station and another FHSD Summer program, your tuition will be discounted on the dates your child attends the FHSD Summer Programs. Your Program Coordinator will provide a Dual Enrollment VS FHSD Summer Program form if your child will attend multiple programs this summer.

Will transportation be provided from my home VS site to the FHSD Summer Program?

Transportation **will be provided to and from** your home VS to the FHSD Summer Program site for the Summer Success and ESY programs. Please indicate the need to access transportation when you complete enrollment for these programs.

STEAM and Summer camps are enrichment programs and transportation is **not** provided by the school district. If you would like to attend STEAM or a Summer Camp and Vacation Station, contact your home site administrative assistant to inquire about attending VS at the alt site hosting STEAM and Summer Camps. You may also choose to provide transportation to and from your home site for your child to an FHSD Enrichment program. Your child may attend their home site VS before the first date of the enrichment camp and return to their home VS site after the last date the enrichment concludes. Talk to your Program Coordinator to arrange dual enrollment.

I have a child that will be starting kindergarten; can they attend over the summer?

Yes, incoming kindergartners may begin attending as early as the first day of our summer program.

I have a child that attends a private school; can they attend over the summer?

I have a child that lives out of the district during the school year and resides with me in the summer; can he attend over the summer?

Yes, children who attend a private or parochial school or live out of the district during the school year are welcome to attend Vacation Station over the summer months.

What do most 5th graders do over the summer?

We encourage all children entering 6th grade to enroll in our QUEST program.

QUEST is FHSD's summer middle school program for children entering in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. It is held at one of the FHSD middle school's over the summer. Children participating in this program are offered a variety of hands-on enrichment activities, service learning opportunities, sports activities, and more. All activities are specific to their age group. To find out more about QUEST, call Brian Schene at 636-851-6465 or Candace Sevier at 636-851-4027.



What activities do you offer over the summer?

We offer a wide variety of hands-on activities. We provide time for both structured and unstructured (Kid's Choice) activities throughout the day. We also get a lot of outside playtimes; weather permitting. Children in Vacation Station get to participate in special presentations, field trips, and plenty of hands-on crafts and projects. Please see the Summer Activity Calendar at your home site for a complete listing of summer activities.

Are there field trips during the summer?

Yes. Vacation Station takes field trips. Please see the summer activity calendar at your summer site for field trip information.

Will my child be with children older/younger than they are?

Yes. Cohorts may consist of children of mixed age groups K-5. These cohorts will be maintained throughout the day. Children are typically grouped with children their own age or very close to their own age.

Does Vacation Station ever close?

Yes, we close a few dates each year. For a complete listing of closed dates, please see the Vacation Station Calendar.

Need More Information?

Visit our website at <http://fhsvacation.sharpschool.net/> or call your Vacation Station office.

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