



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Vacation Station?

Vacation Station is Francis Howell School District's tuition-based program located at your child's elementary school. We offer out-of-school time activities for your child before & after school, during school breaks, on early release days, and during summer.

What is the cost of tuition?

Please check the school district's Vacation Station website to view the Summer 2025 and 25-26 School Year tuition rates.

Is there a Registration Fee?

Yes. \$100.00 per child Registration Fee for the Program Year (June 2025 - May 2026).

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 Myprocare account.

Families new to Vacation Station- enroll via our website <https://www.fhdschools.org/programs/services/vacation-station/enroll-in-vacation-station>

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 day credits to cover absences. Once the excused day credits have been used, tuition is due whether or not the child is actually in attendance.

Our part-time programs are for families that do not need a full week of programming. They have a minimum attendance requirement. Please see the rate sheet for the minimum attendance requirement for each program.

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

We do not offer excused day 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 VS Business Office.

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, 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.

Transportation is not provided for FHSD Summer Camps. However, Vacation Station offers programming before and after FHSD Summer Camps at the summer camp location.

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 who attends a private school; can they attend over the summer?

I have a child who 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 schools 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 Mike Travis at 636-851-6379 or the Vacation Station Business Office at 636-851-6326.

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 playtime; 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 age or very close to their age.

What days is the Vacation Station program closed?

For a complete listing of closed dates, please see the Vacation Station Calendar.

Need More Information?

Visit our website, email or call the Vacation Station Business Office.

What if I have questions regarding billing, excused days, schedule changes or basic inquiries?

Contact the VS Business Office at VSBusinessOffice@fhdschools.org or 636-851-6326.

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