



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
MEDIA ALERT – Monday, June 2, 2025
Fargo Public School District #1

FPS SELF-DIRECTED ACADEMY EXPANDING TO INCLUDE FIFTH GRADERS

The Fargo Public Schools Self-Directed Academy is inviting fifth graders to register for Fall 2025.

WHAT: Self-Directed Academy Registration
WHERE: Agassiz, 1305 9th Avenue South, Fargo
CONTACT: **Dr. Kelly Dietrich**, Self-Directed Academy Principal, 701.446.3004 or dietrik@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information.

After a successful first school year with Grades 6-8 in 2024-25, the Self-Directed Academy is expanding by a grade for next school year and is now enrolling students in Grades 5-8.

The Self-Directed Academy learning model is built on the principle that learning should be self-directed, competency-based, and not confined by traditional time constraints. Project-Based Learning is embedded throughout the program, empowering students to have choice and voice in what they learn. It emphasizes mastery of concepts through personalized learning pathways facilitated by students, teachers and cutting-edge technology.

Students who are a good fit for the Self-Directed Academy possess natural curiosity and a passion for discovery and are looking for an academic challenge. They possess an intrinsic motivation to learn and excel, continually asking questions to deepen their understanding. They set personal goals and take initiative in their education, embracing ownership of their learning journey. Self-directed learners recognize the importance of managing assignments and deadlines, proactively overcoming challenges. They communicate effectively and respectfully, thriving as motivated contributors to the Self-Directed Academy's vibrant learning community.

Interested families can learn more and register at the [Self-Directed Academy website](#) and can contact SDA Principal Dr. Kelly Dietrich at 701.446.3004 or dietrik@fargo.k12.nd.us for more information or to take a tour.

[END]