Carlos C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Academy

Discover how Carlos Elementary C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Academy fosters **academic excellence** and a vibrant community for all students and families.

PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5

OPPORTUNITY IN THE

ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



ENROLL NOW for the

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Why?

- Enrollment decrease from 125 students to 93 in 7 years
- Provide another school choice option within Alexandria Public Schools
- Enhance the opportunities for families in a school that has a great reputation of service to kids and families

What is the Carlos C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Academy?



- PreK - Grade 5 learning academy at Carlos Elementary
- All the benefits of a large school curriculum, enhanced by small school atmosphere, and personalized real-world learning opportunities.
- PE and Music every day
- 4-day-a-week school schedule: approximately 8:00am - 3:30pm
- Art K-5
- Daily C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. time in the afternoon (90 min) allowing for student choice in their learning

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- **Welcome to Kindergarten with a C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Academy SIGNING day!**

- **As you grow and learn in your C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Academy journey at Carlos, children will build their digital PreK - 5th grade portfolio which will be shared at their 5th grade Portrait of a C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. celebration.**

- **Every day children will have C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. time that meets their style, passion for learning, and give children a voice to enhance their educational experience.**



Portrait of a C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L.

Curiosity

Arts

Real World Learning

Drive

Integrity

Nature

Adventure

Leadership





A Modern School Schedule

- Student Daily Schedule
  - A day in the life of Kindergarten
  - A day in the life of 5th grade

C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Time

Grades 3-5 or K-2	Teacher	Teacher	Teacher	Special Ed. Teacher	Learning Resource Teacher	PE Teacher	Music Teacher	Media Para	Dean/ Social Worker
30 minutes	Academic	Academic	Erichment	Intervention	Intervention	Cross Country	5th Gr. Orchestra	Painting	Cardinal Flyers & Leadership
30 minutes	Erichment	Academic	Academic	Intervention	Intervention	Soccer	Choir	Garden Club	Service
30 minutes	Academic	Enrichment	Academic	Intervention	Intervention	Volleyball	Ukulele	Makerspace	Relationship Building

C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Time Elective Examples

Nature-Based Play	Knitting	Leadership	Theater and Improv
Life Sports	Snowshoeing	Play-Based Learning	Orchestra
Photography & Videography	Gardening Club	Math Masters	Choir
Cross Country	Soccer	Yoga	Culinary Skills
Broomball	Pickleball	Ukulele	Comic Book Creation
Solar System Exploration	Bridge Design	K'nex Theme Park	Animal Exploration
Visual Arts	Painting	Flag Football	Strength Training
Pottery	Volleyball	National Park Exploration	Great Outdoors
Roller skating/ Ice Skating	Line Dancing	Tumbling	Biking

C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Time Elective Examples

Physical & Movement

Biking	Snowshoeing	Archery	Flag Football
Cross Country	Soccer	Broomball	Volleyball
Pickleball	Yoga	Speed & Agility	Strength Training
Gymnastics Foundations	Cheer & Pom	Roller skating/ Ice Skating	Zumba Kids

C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Time Elective Examples

Creative & Expressive Arts

Theater and Improv	Comic Book Creation	Photography & Videography	Creative Writing
Pottery	Knitting/Crocheting/Sewing	Painting Studio	Visual Arts (Mixed Media)
Orchestra	Choir	Ukulele	Bucket Drumming

C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Time Elective Examples

STEM & Academic Enrichment

Build a City	Bridge Design	K'Nex Theme Park	Engineering Challenges
Solar System Exploration	Math Masters	Lego Boost Build and Code	Chemistry for Kids
Cardinal Flyers/ Leadership	Curiosity	Simple Machines	Inquiry Learning

C.A.R.D.I.N.A.L. Time Elective Examples

Nature, Exploration & Life Skills

National Park Exploration	The Great Outdoors	Gardening Club Farm to Table	Culinary
Animal Exploration	Countries of the World	Nature-Based Play	Woodshop
Community Helpers	Play-Based Learning	Geography & Navigation	Life Sports

Calendar/ Hours

Student Hours

- Currently: 171 student contact days x 6.5 hours = 1111.5 hours of learning
- Proposed: 151 student contact days x 7.5 hours = 1132.5 hours of learning

  (21 more hours of learning)

Teacher Hours

- Currently: 171 student contact days x 7.5 working hours = 1282.5 working hours
- Proposed: 151 student contact days x 8.5 working hours = 1283.5 working hours

Calendar/ Hours

Proposed 26-27 calendar

Days parents need to adjust comparison

Current 18 days Proposed 30 days

How do I enroll?

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Sign up before you leave tonight !