

PARENT ACADEMY

OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2020



Duval County Public Schools' Parent Academy is a **FREE family resource** that provides specialized information to support parents, caregivers, and other community members in the areas of student achievement, parenting and advocacy, and personal and individual growth. Parent Academy is traditionally offered in a face-to-face setting; however, this fall we are offering our courses virtually. **To register, visit our webpage at www.duvalschools.org/ParentAcademy and click the green registration button.** Courses will be streamed on our webpage on the dates and times listed. Parent Academy also has a library of courses on YouTube that are available for you to access anytime! We encourage you to visit our page as it will be updated regularly.

Students have teachers, parents have Parent Academy!



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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Date	Course Title & Description	Time
October 20	Best Practices for SAT Success in Math <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Math Specialist</i> Going back to school was different this year, but the SAT remains the same! Tune in to learn strategies on how to improve your student's mathematics score on this college entry assessment. The use of College Board's SAT Practice can help your student earn additional points!	6:00 pm
October 22	Understanding 3rd Grade Promotion Requirements <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Reading Specialist</i> Parents and caregivers will gain a better understanding of grade-level expectations, promotion requirements, third grade reading standards, and strategies to help their student at home.	6:00 pm
November 5	Navigating Secondary Mathematics <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Math Specialist</i> Learn how to support your student with setting and tracking goals, maintaining a growth mindset, and becoming familiar with the many online resources that are available. This course will also emphasize the importance of relating math to everyday life.	6:00 pm
November 10	How to Register for the Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) Lottery <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Early Childhood Staff</i> Do you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021? If so, join us for this LIVE session as district experts provide an informative walk-through of the required steps necessary to enter the VPK lottery. Registration begins January 2021. A limited number of spots will be offered to students next year.	12:00 pm
November 12	Strategies for Engaging Preschool Students in Literacy and Math Activities at Home <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Early Childhood Staff</i> Are you looking for fun ways to nurture your child(ren)'s literacy and math skills? We will share games and activities that can easily be done with your child(ren) to boost their knowledge.	6:00 pm
November 12	Dyslexia 101 <i>Facilitated by: Principal Powell, GRASP Academy</i> Learn about dyslexia, what it means for your student, the signs to look for, and how to support your student through the learning process.	7:00 pm
December 3	How to Register for the Voluntary Pre-K (VPK) Lottery <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Early Childhood Staff</i> Do you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021? If so, join us for this informative walk-through of the required steps necessary to enter the VPK lottery. Registration begins January 2021. A limited number of spots will be offered to students next year.	6:00 pm

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October 6	How to Become a DCPS Parent Leader <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Parent Academy Staff</i> The Parent Academy is always looking for great Parent Leaders! Parent Leaders support other parents, empower them, and advocate for the Parent Academy program, as we work together to support student achievement.	12:00 pm
October 27	Know the Law <i>Facilitated by: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Specialist</i> This course reviews Florida law and the consequences that will result from breaking them. This course focuses primarily on the most common mistakes teens make in middle and high school.	6:00 pm
October 29	Cyberbullying: When Digital Drama Goes Too Far <i>Facilitated by: DCPS Bullying Specialist</i> With a record number of students spending more time on the internet combined with the increasing popularity of social media, the risk of cyberbullying is on the rise. Educate yourself on the signs of bullying, associated behaviors, and strategies for talking to your child(ren) about them.	7:00 pm
November 5	How to Access DCPS Counseling and Student Support <i>Facilitated by: DCPS School Behavioral Health Staff</i> Every DCPS student, even those learning at home, have access to mental health counseling through face-to-face or virtual appointments. Learn how to help your child(ren) access this service.	7:30 pm
November 10	Exploring Gap Year Options <i>Facilitated by: Generation USA</i> Is your child looking to take a break following high school? Join Generation USA for a candid conversation around local alternative options for gaining real world experience that will deepen your child(ren)'s practical, professional, and personal awareness after graduation.	6:00 pm
November 17	DCPS is a Choice District – What Does that Mean for You? (Elementary Session) <i>Facilitated by: DCPS School Choice Staff</i> Tune in to this informative session to learn about the lottery process, school feeder patterns, and the School Choice selection process.	6:00 pm
November 19	DCPS is a Choice District – What Does that Mean for You? (Secondary Session) <i>Facilitated by: DCPS School Choice Staff</i> Tune in to this informative session to learn about the lottery process, school feeder patterns, and the School Choice selection process.	6:00 pm

To register and watch courses, visit
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November 19	Supporting Students with Autism <i>Facilitated by: UNF Professor, Department of Psychology</i> Hear from a local expert on topics related to social interactions, communication skills, and fostering relationships with students with autism.	6:00 pm
December 10	School Choice Expo: Everything You Need to Know <i>Facilitated by: DCPS School Choice Staff</i> The 2021 School Choice Expo will look differently this year. Find out how this process has been redesigned to bring valuable information about school options to a virtual setting.	6:00 pm

PERSONAL & INDIVIDUAL GROWTH

Date	Course Title & Description	Time
October 20	Interview Like a Pro! <i>Facilitated by: Generation USA</i> Participants will receive interview tips and learn how to highlight their own strengths and skills to help them stand out from other applicants.	12:00 pm
October 27	Couponing Basics <i>Facilitated by: Real \$ense for Prosperity</i> Know your prices and learn about the savings programs and available coupons offered in popular stores.	6:00 pm
October 29	The Basics of Starting Your Own Business, Part 1 <i>Facilitated by: C5 Cleaning Solutions LLC, Owner</i> Hear from a local entrepreneur about how to create and organize a business plan, file the necessary paperwork for licensing and registering a business, as well as opening a business bank account.	7:00 pm
November 7	Family Finance Day <i>Presented by: Junior Achievement of Northeast Florida</i> Participants will learn beneficial behaviors that lead to economic success and gain a better understanding of money management, which help break the cycle of poverty. Registration is required.	9:00 am
November 17	The Basics of Starting Your Own Business, Part 2 <i>Facilitated by: C5 Cleaning Solutions LLC, Owner</i> Learn how to secure finances and manage profits, work with suppliers, negotiate contracts, and market your new business.	7:00 pm
November 24	Managing Money in Tough Times <i>Facilitated by: Real \$ense for Prosperity</i> In this workshop, you will learn strategies for tracking your expenses as well as the keys to identifying your spending gaps, leaks, and habits.	7:00 pm

November is Florida's Family Engagement in Education Month!

Here are some fun ideas to get the whole family engaged in learning and growing together.

- ☐ Take a virtual field trip. To find one, visit the "Family FUN at Home!" section of our webpage at duvalschools.org/ParentAcademy.
- ☐ Plan a day with no electronics. Read books, play board games, or complete puzzles together.
- ☐ Have fun with science! Let your child(ren) predict which objects will float and which will sink, complete the experiment, then discuss the results.
- ☐ Write a thank you note to a teacher, childcare provider, mentor, or coach.
- ☐ Explore different jobs or careers with your child(ren). Talk about what they want to be when they grow up!
- ☐ Flip through old photo albums. Tell stories to your child(ren) about various family members.
- ☐ Invite your child(ren) to help you plan meals for the week, write the grocery list, and find the best deals!
- ☐ Have your child(ren) be the teacher(s) and present a lesson on what they are learning in class.
- ☐ Alphabet adventure! Take a walk, ride, or drive and look for the letters of the alphabet (in order) on different signs or objects.
- ☐ Choose a topic your family is interested in learning more about and research it together.

November 19th is National Parent Involvement Day!

Visit www.duvalschools.org/ParentAcademy to sign the Parent Involvement Pledge.



Parent Academy has supported more than 50,000 participants over the past seven years. We are committed to serving DCPS families as we learn and grow together.

The Parent Academy Team,
Regan Copeland, Supervisor
Ashley VanDenMeiracker, Specialist
Christina Riquelme, Specialist

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

DRIVER'S EDUCATION FALL 2020 SCHEDULES



The Driver's Education Department is dedicated to helping students become safety-conscious and competent drivers. Each participating high school has an enclosed and DMV-approved driving range to ensure student safety. This is accomplished by a blend of classroom and behind-the-wheel experiences. The Driver's Education program is open to all students of both public and non-public secondary schools who are at least 15 years of age at the time of registration. **The fee for each session is \$160 per student.** To register or inquire about future sessions, contact the site coordinator at the school in which you wish to participate.

Location	Contact Information	Days	Time
ATLANTIC COAST	rhodest@duvalschools.org 904.535.5120	Mon., Tues., Thurs.	3:30 – 6:30 pm
Session 1: October 1, 5, 6, 8			
Session 2: October 13, 15, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29 November 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 12			
Session 3: November 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 30 December 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 17			
ANDREW JACKSON	sandersd1@duvalschools.org 904.630.6950	Varies by Session	Varies by Session
Session 1: October 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 (Mon., Thurs. 3:30 – 6:30 pm)			
Session 2: October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23 (Tues., Fri. 3:30 – 6:30 pm)			
Session 3: October 3, 10, 17 (Sat. 8:00 am – 2:00 pm)			
DUNCAN U. FLETCHER	clarkt2@duvalschools.org 904.247.5905	Mon., Wed.	3:00 – 6:00 pm
Session 1: November 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28			
EDWARD H. WHITE	jacksona1@duvalschools.org 904.693.7620	Mon., Wed.	5:30 – 8:30 pm
Session 1: October 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28			
Session 2: November 2, 4, 9, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 December 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30			
ENGLEWOOD	willoughbr@duvalschools.org 904.739.5212	Tues., Thurs.	3:00 – 6:00 pm
Session 1: November 3, 5, 0, 12, 17, 19, 24 December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17			
FIRST COAST	cruz-smithd@duvalschools.org 904.757.0080	Sat.	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Session 1: October 3, 10, 17			

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PAXON SCHOOL FOR ADV. STUDIES	smitht2@duvalschools.org 904.635.1124	Tues., Thurs., Sat.	Varies by Session
Session 1: October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 (3:00 – 6:00 pm Virtual) October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (8:00 am – 12:00 pm Face-to-Face)			
Session 2: November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 19, 24 (3:00 – 6:00 pm Virtual) November 7, 14, 21 (8:00 am – 12:00 pm Face-to-Face) December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17 (3:00 – 6:00 pm Virtual) December 5, 12, 19 (8:00 am – 12:00 pm Face-to-Face)			
SANDALWOOD	barneyl@duvalschools.org 904.646.5100	Varies by Session	Varies by Session
Session 1: October 1, 5, 8, 12, 1, 19, 22, 26 (Mon., Thurs. 3:00 – 6:00 pm) October 3, 10, 17 (Sat. 7:30 am – 1:30 pm)			
Session 2: October 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23 (Tues., Fri. 3:00 – 6:00 pm) October 31, November 7, 14, 21 December 5, 12 (Sat. 7:30 am – 1:30 pm)			
Session 3: October 29 November 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30 December 3, 7, 10, 14, 17 (Mon., Thurs. 3:00 – 6:00 pm)			
Session 4: October 27, 30 November 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 December 1, 4, 8, 11, 15 (Tues., Fri. 3:00 – 6:00 pm)			
TERRY PARKER	skylarkt@duvalschools.org 904.720.1650	Tues., Thurs.	3:00 – 6:00 pm
Session 1: October 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 November 3			
Session 2: November 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 December 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22			
WILLIAM M. RAINES	brownn7@duvalschools.org 904.924.3049	Sat.	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Session 1: October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 November 7			

For more information, contact Darrin Williams, Supervisor of Community Education, at communityed@duvalschools.org or visit www.duvalschools.org/CommunityEd.

A strategic goal of Duval County Public Schools is to sustain the engagement of parents, caregivers, and the community by providing resources and opportunities to increase districtwide volunteerism, stakeholder awareness, and family engagement. This resource is provided by the Department of Family and Community Engagement.

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