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Is STREAM a good fit for our family?

One of the most important ingredients in the success of the STREAM model is an available parent who can assist and properly work with the student on home campus days. For a family in which both parents work outside the home on a full-time, or almost full-time basis, a more traditional model is probably a better fit.

Having a structured, organized arrangement at home to facilitate learning is essential in setting students up for success on home campus days.

What are the academic expectations of STREAM students?

STREAM provides a rigorous education. By this, we mean that we uphold high expectations of our students with support for success. Students can expect to be challenged and grow academically. Classroom work should fall within the expected hours, and a well-rounded student will have life outside of the classroom. We encourage participation in sports and the arts. Family time is precious and because of our collaborative model, our families should get a great deal of quality time learning and growing together.

Without teaching experience, can my child be successful in the STREAM model?

YES! Bracken Christian School teachers take the lead in the area of academics. New concepts are introduced and taught at school and the application of the concept often takes place at home, much like that of college studies. We provide parent training/orientation prior to the beginning of the academic year. This training will include setting up an effective classroom-at-home environment, curriculum instruction and other helpful resources to support you as the home educator. Parents will have the ability to communicate via GroupMe with other grade level parents, as well as teachers on home campus days. Teachers hold designated office hour times on home campus days to check email and GroupMe to assist with questions.

What is required of parents at home in the STREAM Program?

Parents need not have teaching experience. Parents act as co-teachers under the guidance and direction of the classroom teacher. As a child progresses to higher grade levels, the academic role of the parent gradually migrates from that of co-teacher to proctor/facilitator, so that by the time a student graduates they are prepared to assume the individual responsibility required for success at the collegiate level.

Is the Curriculum included in the STREAM Program?

Bracken provides the majority of the STREAM curriculum for students. In some cases, parents may be asked to purchase supplemental curriculum or resources to provide additional support in the classroom.

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How does STREAM work?

Students in grades K-7 attend classes two days per week, while grades 8-12 attend three days all with accredited teachers. New concepts are taught on campus, and home days involve completing teacher-designed lesson plans under parental supervision. These days are still considered school days and include independent work, studying, and projects. On-campus instruction is accelerated, covering about two lessons per day, with physical education, lunch, and recess held alongside traditional peers. Optional elementary electives, such as art, music, home economics, and STEM, are available on select Fridays for an additional fee.

What does a typical Home Day look like?

Lesson plans are created by accredited teachers and to be strictly followed by students and families with all home day work due on the following school day or due date specified by the teacher.

A general rule of thumb for home campus length of day for hybrid-model type schools is the grade plus one hour of required work to be completed in the “satellite classroom” at home (ex. 4th grade = 5 hours; capping out at 6-7 hours).

This rule, of course, varies according to the need and increases a bit as students progress to higher grades. If a student is academically strong in a particular area, perhaps less time will be needed. If a student is weak in a subject or the subject is particularly challenging, then more time will be needed.

Benefits of STREAM

The STREAM model at Bracken Christian School provides students with valuable skills such as organization, work ethic, and independent study. It also fosters a strong partnership between the school and families, giving parents the opportunity to be highly involved in their child’s education. Students benefit from more individualized instruction from a parent or tutor when needed, while families enjoy greater flexibility for quality time together. At the same time, STREAM students are still part of the larger Bracken community, with plenty of opportunities to build lasting friendships and connections.

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STREAM Curriculum

Some curriculum mirrors what is implemented in Traditional classrooms, while other subjects are unique to STREAM based on the accelerated pace of on campus school days and the partnership with families on home campus days.

All Bracken Christian School curriculum and instruction is delivered within the context of a Biblical worldview.

STREAM Schedule

Kindergarten -7th

Two days on campus; either Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday

*optional half-day of electives on Friday in Kindergarten-7th grade

8th - 12th

Three days on campus-Tuesday, Thursday & half-day Friday

Electives vary depending on the grade level

Friday Electives

Electives will vary each year depending on enrollment and interest.

For on-campus days, your child will attend a full day of classes:

ELEMENTARY: 8:00 A.M. - 3:15 P.M.

SECONDARY: 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

On home days, the parent or tutor acts as a co-teacher under the guidance and direction of the BCS classroom teacher using the provided lesson plans.