



The *Infinity Academy* is a blended learning classroom at Paul R. Smith Middle School. This class combines online learning and teacher-led lessons, with students working at their own pace. ***The Infinity Academy is based on character, leadership, rigorous curriculum, and college readiness.***

Students selected for this class will use the Pasco eSchool curriculum while being supported by highly qualified teachers in the classroom with traditional live lessons, labs, and hands-on projects. Students take Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Developmental Reading, and one elective as PRSMS students in the *Infinity Academy*. Each student is assigned a MacBook Air laptop computer, which they are free to take home to continue their work once insured.

Students will follow a pacing guide and meet individually with teachers weekly to discuss progress. **The ideal *Infinity Academy* candidate is motivated, independent, and ready to learn!**

Student's Name		Current Grade	Student's Number
Sending Elementary School			Recommending Teacher
Gender _____Male _____Female		Date of Birth	Student's Age
Parent Name (s)			Phone H: C: W:
Mailing Address <small>Please remember to include apartment number.</small>			
Does the student require services from a special program? _____Yes _____No			_____ESE _____ESOL _____Gifted _____Other
Email Address: (Required) Parent _____ Student _____			

Application Deadline is Friday, March 11, 2016

Infinity Academy Expectations

This educational program requires parental involvement. One face-to-face parent/teacher conference is required. This can be done at our school's Open House or by appointment during the first month of school as throughout the school year as needed.

_____ (Please initial your acknowledgement).

Students are expected to successfully complete course work according to a pacing guide. Students are permitted to work ahead, but not fall behind pace. Any student who is unsuccessful will be exited from the class and returned to a traditional classroom.

_____ (Please initial your acknowledgement).

There is no cost to participate in the program; however, there is an insurance fee required to cover the computer. The insurance policy costs approximately \$125.00. *Students will not be excluded from the Infinity Academy if they do not have the financial means to pay; the computer will just remain on campus.*

_____ (Please initial your acknowledgement).

Parents must have a working email address, which is checked frequently, as most *Infinity* communications are through email.

_____ (Please initial your acknowledgement).

Parents, please explain why you feel the Infinity Academy would enhance your child's educational experience. (You may type additional comments and attach.)

My signature below verifies that the information on this application is correct, and I agree to support my child in his/her education in the Infinity Academy.

Parent Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

Student Signature _____ ***Date*** _____

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Students: Please provide detailed responses to the following questions in order to give us a clear picture of you as a student.

Please type your answers and attach to this application.

- 1. Please explain why you feel that the blended learning model offered by the Infinity Academy would be the best choice for your middle school education.***
- 2. Please explain how you keep yourself organized.***
- 3. Please explain how you keep yourself motivated in school.***
- 4. Please explain how you have been a leader in your class, school, and/or community this year.***
- 5. Please explain how you have demonstrated excellent character this school year.***

Attention Students, Parents, and Teachers:

***Please attach 2 student work samples:
1 writing sample and 1 creative assignment or project (this can be a photograph of a project).***

Teachers, the most successful *Infinity Academy* students are motivated, independent readers, natural leaders, and will benefit from learning in a 21st century classroom. Please provide the following input after you receive the completed application from your student.

Elementary Teacher Input

5th Grade Teacher's Name: _____

Student is highly motivated: 1 2 3 4 5 (*5 is best*)

Student is able to work independently: 1 2 3 4 5 (*5 is best*)

Student is a good reader: 1 2 3 4 5 (*5 is best*)

Student shows interest in technology: 1 2 3 4 5 (*5 is best*)

Student will benefit from an alternative setting: 1 2 3 4 5 (*5 is best*)

Please give a brief description of the student and explain why or why not the student would be successful in the Infinity Academy.

Print Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ *Date:* _____