

Information for New Students and Parents



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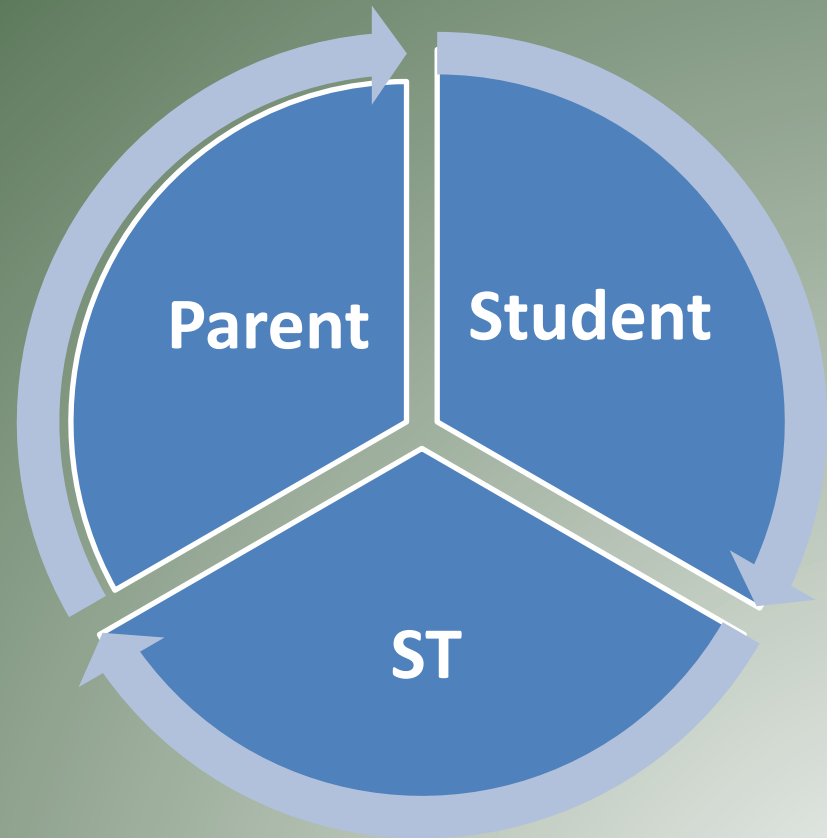
Nurturing the love of learning

About Forest Charter

- Forest Charter School is an independent study based personalized learning program.
- All students are assigned a supervising teacher (ST) who will work with the student and parent to select and develop appropriate curriculum.
- Support and classes are offered at the school site to assist in learning but ***the majority of school work is done at home.***

Equal Participation is Necessary

- Students, Parents and the Supervising Teacher work together to promote success of each student.



Your Supervising Teacher

Your supervising teacher (ST) is a California credentialed teacher who will:

- Work with students and parents to assist with curriculum choices aligned to California state standards
- Monitor progress of students
- Support struggling students



Independent Study Students

Are committed to:

- Learning on their own
- Practicing effective time management skills
- Becoming organized, independent, motivated and self-directed
- Meeting deadlines for assignments
- Attending required meetings and classes



Independent Study Parents

Are committed to:

- **Motivating students to be successful**
- **Working daily with student and checking for quality of work, not just answers**
- **Monitoring progress at home**
- **Attending scheduled learning record meetings with all required paperwork**
- **Consistent communication with ST via email or phone**



Success in an Independent Study Program



- Students need to schedule time to complete all school work.
- A dedicated work space is necessary to complete assignments at home.
- Work areas can be a desk or table free from distractions of television, phones and computer usage unrelated to school work.



Creating a Workspace



- Even a small, dedicated workspace with all needed school materials such as books, paper and pencils, will help a student succeed.
- Create a schedule for the week giving yourself plenty of time to complete assignments by the due date and post it in your workspace, planner and/or calendar

Monitoring Student Progress

It's important for parents to monitor students progress at home. Forest Charter School has an online grade and assignment portal that students and parents can access at home to view grades, assignments and attendance.

- Go to www.forestcharter.com
- Click on the A+ portal icon
- Username: first name, last initial, student # @forestcharter.com (studenta12345@forestcharter.com)
- Password: student # plus three zeros (change at first log in!)
- Click on “Grades and Comments” or “Attendance”
- Choose a class to view
- *The portal can also be used to print lost attendance calendars and activity logs. There is a video on the website to guide you.*

Communication is Key!

Please contact your ST immediately when:

- You have questions about an assignment
- You are missing materials
- You are going to be absent (before missing class)
- You need to change a meeting
- You have any information that will enhance student success

Communication with your ST is vital to your student's success; ***do not wait*** until the next scheduled meeting to address any of these issues.