

**I.M. TERRELL ACADEMY**  
**Fort Worth Independent School District**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

***Academics***

Q: What is the I.M. Terrell Academy experience?

A: Terrell Academy is a college preparatory school with emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) as well as Visual and Performing Arts (VPA). Advanced courses are provided in STEM and VPA alongside the Cowan Academy\* - an interdisciplinary, integrate history/English curriculum. Students will also have access to PreAP/AP curriculum, dual credit, and advanced A2i courses. Terrell Academy prepares all STEM and VPA students for college, career, community or military service.

Q: What graduation credits are needed at Terrell Academy?

A: 26 credits

Q: What are the projected maximum class sizes and teacher to student ratios?

A: The class size goal is 20:1. Classes may vary 3-5 students either way depending on student requests.

Q: How many students will the new Terrell Academy house? A: The plan for student enrollment is to begin with approximately 200 students, and grow to 800 with 200 per grade level.

Q: Will there be community partnerships?

A: Yes. Terrell Academy partners include local businesses, alumni and university personnel.

Q: Will my student have access to college scholarships upon graduation from Terrell Academy?

A: Yes, Terrell Academy graduates will have opportunity to speak with college representatives on campus, as well as share their portfolios, projects and participate in Senior Showcase campus events which college recruiters will be invited to attend.

Q: What are the student academic, attendance and behavior standards for Terrell Academy students?

A: All student requirements are outlined in the FWISD Student Code of Conduct and the Terrell Academy Student Handbook.

Q: May my student that is in STEM enroll in a VPA course, and may my student who is a VPA student enroll in a STEM course?

A: Yes. Terrell Academy offers elective classes that enable students to participate in additional courses outside of their "major".

Q: Can our students play sports, participate in cheerleading or ROTC?

A: Terrell Academy will not have school-sponsored athletic teams or ROTC. University Interscholastic League allows students to return to their home campus to play on a sports team or cheer if their schedule allows for that flexibility, but parents are responsible for providing transportation to practice and games.

Q: How may parents/guardians monitor student grades, attendance and homework assignments?

A: The Focus Parent Portal is available at: <https://www.fwisd.org/parentportal>  
 General school information as well as individual student information is available on this site.

Q: What academic support is available for my student?

A: Classroom instructors will provide a weekly tutoring schedule posted online and printed in their class syllabus. Students are encouraged to meet with their instructors during tutoring sessions, before or after school, or during the Advisory Period 9:40 – 10:10 a.m.

Q: What additional resources or support will be available for my student?

A: Terrell Academy's school counselor is available to assist students, as well as the FWISD Support Services located online at: <https://www.fwisd.org/domain/163> and at this phone number: 817-814-2810. FWISD Support Services provide a comprehensive network of coordinated programs and interventions supporting the health, well-being, and academic success of all students. The FWISD Student Support Services professional staff facilitate a wide range of programs and activities during and after school designed to address fundamental social, emotional, interpersonal, and physiological issues. Universal and targeted interventions are provided to meet these needs of students thereby maximizing their potential for greater academic success.

Q: Are there student clubs and organizations on campus?

A: Information about clubs and organizations will be available after the start of the school year. Clubs are student generated. Students may fill out a form to create their club, ask a staff member to sponsor the club, and then submit it to the Main Office for administrative approval.

### **Logistics**

Q: Where will the I. M. Terrell Academy of Visual and Performing Arts/STEM be located?

A: Terrell Academy is located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth at 1411 I.M. Terrell Circle, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Q: What are the grade levels at Terrell Academy?

A: Terrell Academy will be a 9th grade through 12th grade School of Choice. Ninth grade students will attend school at the Terrell Academy campus beginning with the 2018-2019 school year with a new freshman class added every year for the next 3 years.

Q: What safety measures will be in place at Terrell Academy?

A: A Fort Worth PD resource officer will be on campus at all times during school hours and after school hours as needed as well as a F.W.I.S.D. campus monitor(s).

Q: How may my student apply for Terrell Academy?

A: Please contact Mrs. Claudia Coronado at 817-815-2100 for an application. Students will need to complete a School Choice Application as well as an I.M. Terrell Application. VPA students will need to schedule an audition through Mrs. Coronado. (Prerequisite: STEM students must have completed Geometry prior to their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. A2i classes are available throughout the summer for students needing either Algebra I or Geometry).

Q: What are the primary phone numbers for the school?

A: Main Office: 817-815-2100

Q: How may I find out about events, performances, social media and connect with the school?

A: Terrell Academy has an active social media presence that is updated regularly. Our contact information is:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/IMTerrellAcademy](http://www.facebook.com/IMTerrellAcademy)

Website: [www.fwisd.org/IMTerrell](http://www.fwisd.org/IMTerrell)

Twitter: @terrell\_academy

Q: What time is the building open?

A: The building is open at 7:30 a.m.

Q: What are the start and end times for Terrell Academy?

A: School starts at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m.

Q: What is the school schedule?

A:

First Period 8:10-9:40 (90 min)  
 Assembly/Advisory Period 9:40 – 10:10 (30 min)  
 Second Period 10:10 – 11:40 (90 min)  
 Lunch 11:40 – 12:15 (35 min)  
 Third Period 12:15- 1:45 (90 min)  
 Brain Break 1:45 – 1:55 (10 min)  
 Fourth Period 1:55 – 3:25 (90 min)

Q: What is the latest students may be picked up after school?

A: Students are required to be picked up by 4:00 each day unless in extended teacher supervised VPA rehearsal or a teacher supervised STEM project or supervised by a teacher in an after school activity.

Q: Will district transportation be provided?

A: District transportation will be provided for all Terrell Academy students who live within the Fort Worth I.S.D. School District. Students may ride buses from their closest neighborhood schools. The F.W.I.S.D. Department of Transportation form is available in the registration packet. FWISD website has specific information about the bus routes, times, locations of all stops. Please check the district website at: [www.fwisd.org](http://www.fwisd.org) for complete bus information. Check bus routes regularly for possible updated changes. Out of district students must provide their own transportation to and from school.

Q: Where do I drop off my student?

A: Students are dropped off at the front of the school at the only entrance located at the front entrance of the Performing Arts Building 3. Parents should drop off in front of Historic Building 1 and buses should drop off in front of the Performing Arts Building 3. All students will be required to enter the campus through the Performing Arts Building 3.

Q: My student will be driving to school. What should I know?

A: Drive safely! Purchase a parking pass from the main office for \$20.00 a year.

Q: What are the school colors and mascot?

A: School colors are Blue and Old Gold. The school mascot is the Panther.

Q: What is the student phone policy?

A: Students are allowed to use their cell phones before school, during lunch and after school.

Parents are asked to call the main office to contact students in lieu of texting students during the day. Cell phones are not allowed during class time.

Q: How does lunch work?

A: Students are allowed to eat lunch in the cafeteria (Historic Building 1) or other designated areas. Students are required to be courteous and pick up their own trash after meals. Terrell Academy has a "closed campus" policy and students are not permitted to leave the campus during lunch.

Q: How may I speak to an administrator?

A: Terrell Academy administrators have an open door policy and are available to meet with parents/guardians as needed. To make an appointment, contact the Main Office at 817-815-2100.

Q: How may parents communicate with instructors and/or administrators?

A: The campus website has administrator and instructor biographies and emails posted. Academic website links will be provided.

Q: What are the methods of communication from Terrell Academy?

A: Parents/guardians will be notified of school information through phone calls, emails website and the Remind101 App.

Q: How are report cards and progress reports issued?

A: Report cards and progress reports will be available through the Focus Parent Portal with hard copies being sent home with students.

Q: Do student have to wear their ID card, or may they just have it with them?

A: All Terrell Academy students must wear their school issued ID card and it should remain visible on the front of their body at all times.

Q: How may we contact the school nurse?

A: Please call the main office and we will direct you to the campus nurse located on the first floor of Historic Building 1.

Q: What is the procedure for checking students out of class for doctor appointments, etc.?

A: The parent or guardian that is checking the student out must be listed on the FWISD Emergency Card. The parent or guardian must have an official state I.D. and enter through the Performing Arts Building 3.

Q: If my student is absent for a day or longer what do I do?

A: Notify the attendance office at: 817-815-2100 to report your student's absence each day. If you have notes from a doctor/dentist or other similar reason, please provide those notes to the Attendance office within 3 days.

Q: Will my student receive a laptop?

A: Terrell Academy is a one to one campus with each student receiving a laptop checked out to their name. A laptop agreement will be issued with parent signature required.

Q: Is there a required school supply list?

A: Each individual teacher will notify students of required materials for their class.

Q: Does Terrell Academy have a library?

A: The Terrell Academy media library is called the "Student Union" and is located on the third floor of Historic Building 1.

Q: What is a Panther Camp and when is that?

A: Panther Camp will be at the beginning of August. We host camp at the school and welcome all of our new students to the Terrell Academy family.

Q: How may parents support the Terrell Academy campus?

A: Parents are invited to join the Terrell Academy PTA and volunteer for upcoming projects and academic support opportunities. Parent booster clubs and guilds will be developed on campus.

Q: How are parents informed about bad weather days, make up days, or if school is delayed or cancelled?

A: The FWISD website ([fwisd.org](http://fwisd.org)), Terrell Academy Remind101 and the local media outlets.

Q: How may students sign up for a locker?

A: Students will be issued a locker during the first two weeks of school. Students need to provide their own locks.

Q: Will students be receiving textbooks for each class?

A: Students will be issued textbooks for selected classes, while other classes use a classroom set or an online feature. This is dependent upon the subject matter and the individual teacher.

Q: Will my student need PE clothes? How does PE work at Terrell Academy?

A: The students will need appropriate attire and footwear for PE classes. Instructors will give guidance on the dress expectations.

Thank you for your interest in the I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA.

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