

THE NOW ACADEMY

How Our Community Works

Learning Doesn't Stop When the School Day Ends.

At The Now Academy, community is not an extra program.

It is part of how we learn.

Our hybrid model is designed around the belief that children thrive when students, parents, educators, and the school work together.

Students spend **three days learning on campus and two days learning from home**, but they remain connected to The Now Academy throughout the week through our digital campus, family engagement, leadership experiences, projects, and community events.

Whether a student is building something in class, completing a project at home, participating in Leadership Circle, or sharing what they have learned, they remain part of one connected learning community.

Think. Build. Lead.

ONE SCHOOL. ONE COMMUNITY. MULTIPLE WAYS TO CONNECT.

The Now Academy community brings together four important groups:

Students

Students learn, build, collaborate, present ideas, develop friendships, and grow as leaders.

Parents & Families

Parents are active partners in their child's education, with access to communication, resources, learning support, workshops, and opportunities to participate in the life of the Academy.

Educators

Teachers do more than deliver lessons. They guide learning, provide feedback, encourage curiosity, support student growth, and help connect classroom learning to real-world application.

The Academy

The Now Academy provides the educational framework, curriculum, leadership development, learning experiences, systems, communication, and community structure that connect everything together.

Education works differently when everyone understands that developing a child is a shared responsibility.

THE WEEKLY COMMUNITY RHYTHM

3 Days On Campus

Our on-campus days are designed for the experiences that benefit most from being together.

Students participate in hands-on instruction, Business + STEM projects, collaboration, discussions, presentations, Leadership Circle, problem-solving, and relationship-building.

These are active learning days.

Students should not simply sit and receive information.

They should **think, question, experiment, create, communicate, and build.**

2 Days At Home

Home-learning days provide students with opportunities to continue learning while developing independence, responsibility, and time-management skills appropriate to their age.

Students may work through structured assignments, projects, digital resources, reading, reflection, research, or other learning activities connected to what they are studying.

Parents are not expected to recreate the classroom at home.

The goal is to create a connected learning experience between **school, home, and our digital campus.**

OUR DIGITAL CAMPUS

Powered by Heartbeat

The Now Academy's physical campus is only one part of our learning environment.

Heartbeat serves as our digital campus.

It gives our community a central place to access appropriate resources, receive updates, communicate, participate in learning experiences, and remain connected when students are not physically on campus.

Depending on their role, community members may have access to areas such as:

Classroom Hub

Learning resources, assignments, discussions, and class information.

Leadership Circle

Leadership lessons, reflections, conversations, and selected virtual experiences.

Project Showcases

A place to celebrate student thinking, creativity, projects, and presentations.

Parent Community

Resources, announcements, conversations, and opportunities for families to connect.

Parent Academy

Practical learning experiences designed to help parents support their child's development at home.

Parent-Teacher Connection

Structured communication around student progress, questions, support, and goals.

Announcements & Events

Important Academy updates, schedules, community experiences, and event information.

Access is **role-based**. Students, parents, educators, and staff receive access only to the areas appropriate for them.

PARENTS ARE PARTNERS

We do not want parents wondering what their child is learning or feeling disconnected from the educational process.

The Now Academy is designed to create meaningful opportunities for parents to understand, support, and participate in their child's growth.

That includes:

Parent-Teacher Connections

Regular communication gives parents and educators opportunities to discuss progress, challenges, strengths, and next steps.

Parent Academy

Parents can access practical resources and learning experiences on topics connected to education, leadership, child development, financial literacy, technology, learning at home, and other areas relevant to raising future-ready children.

Progress & Portfolios

Student portfolios help families see more than a grade.

They provide opportunities to observe projects, growth, reflections, accomplishments, and areas where additional development may be needed.

Parent Feedback

As The Now Academy grows, parent feedback will help us understand what is working, where families need additional support, and what can be improved.

Parents should have a voice in the community without having to run the classroom.

STUDENTS DON'T JUST ATTEND. THEY PARTICIPATE.

Community becomes meaningful when students have something to contribute.

Throughout the year, students will have opportunities to share ideas, collaborate, solve problems, demonstrate learning, and celebrate growth.

Leadership Circle

Leadership development creates space for students to think about character, responsibility, communication, decision-making, confidence, service, and purpose.

Project Showcases

Students have opportunities to explain what they created and what they learned.

The emphasis is not simply:

“Did you get the right answer?”

We also want students to answer:

“What did you build?”

“Why did you make that decision?”

“What didn’t work?”

“What did you change?”

“What would you do differently next time?”

Cultural Exchange Experiences

Students encounter cultures, traditions, perspectives, and ideas beyond their immediate environment.

The purpose is to develop curiosity, respect, cultural awareness, and the ability to participate thoughtfully in an increasingly connected world.

COMMUNITY ALSO HAPPENS FACE TO FACE

Technology helps us stay connected.

It does not replace human relationships.

Throughout the year, The Now Academy’s community model is designed to include meaningful shared experiences such as:

Cultural Exchange Days

Students and families explore different cultures, traditions, perspectives, and communities.

Student Project Showcases

Families see students present what they have created, discovered, tested, and learned.

Parent Learning Experiences

Parents participate in selected workshops, conversations, and educational opportunities.

Community Celebrations

Families, students, educators, and supporters come together to recognize milestones and celebrate growth.

Annual Winter Celebration

At the conclusion of the school year, our community comes together to reflect on progress, celebrate students, strengthen relationships, and recognize what has been built throughout the year.

A SAFE COMMUNITY IS AN INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY

Connection must be accompanied by responsibility.

The Now Academy is committed to developing clear expectations for respectful communication, appropriate digital behavior, student privacy, family communication, and safe interaction.

Our community standards emphasize:

Respect

We treat people with dignity.

Responsibility

We take ownership of our words, actions, commitments, and learning.

Integrity

We do what is right even when no one is watching.

Curiosity

We ask questions before assuming we already know.

Service

Leadership includes helping others.

Growth

Mistakes can become opportunities to learn, adjust, and improve.

Digital spaces involving students will be structured and moderated according to age, role, and purpose rather than operating as unrestricted social spaces.

WHAT COMMUNITY LOOKS LIKE AT THE NOW ACADEMY

Community is the student who struggles with a project and receives encouragement to try again.

It is the parent who understands what their child is learning and knows where to ask for support.

It is the educator who notices potential in a student before the student recognizes it themselves.

It is the child who learns that their ideas matter.

It is families gathering to celebrate cultures different from their own.

It is students presenting something they built rather than simply turning in another worksheet.

It is a school and home working toward the same goal:

Helping children become thoughtful learners, capable builders, and principled leaders.

THINK. BUILD. LEAD.

These three words help define the culture we are building.

THINK.

Ask questions. Stay curious. Examine problems. Make thoughtful decisions.

BUILD.

Turn knowledge into action. Experiment. Create. Solve. Improve. Try again.

LEAD.

Communicate. Take responsibility. Serve others. Act with character. Use what you know to make a difference.

Community gives children a place to practice all three.

YOUR FAMILY HAS A PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY

The Now Academy is being built intentionally.

We are starting with Kindergarten and growing our K–12 vision one cohort at a time so that the relationships, systems, traditions, and culture can grow alongside our students.

We are not trying to create the largest community.

We are working to build a connected one.

A community where children are known.

Where parents are partners.

Where educators can teach.

Where curiosity is encouraged.

Where ideas can become projects.

Where mistakes can become lessons.

And where children are prepared to:

THINK. BUILD. LEAD.

The Now Academy

Empowering Future Leaders Through Business + STEM

Learn more about our community:

TheNowAcademy.co

