



UMBRELLA ACADEMY 2025/2026 STUDENT HANDBOOK



FAMILY HANDBOOK

Welcome to Our School! We are so excited to welcome you and your child into our school family! We believe that a nurturing, engaging, and structured environment is the foundation for every child's growth and success. This handbook is designed to provide you with all the essential information to ensure a smooth and joyful school experience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- School Hours: 9:15 am - 3:15 PM
- Drop-Off & Pick-Up: Drop Off is between 8:15am - 9:00am Pick Up is between 3:00pm-3:15pm
- Contact Info:
 - Miss Julia: 4806945438
 - Miss Brianna: 6027853772
- Contact for Parent-Teacher Support (PTS): Marisa Trujillo | 5052315138. Marisa helps coordinate parent involvement, organize events, and support communication between families and the school. When to Reach Out:

If you'd like to volunteer or get involved in school activities.

If you have questions about events, fundraising, or school support efforts.

If you have ideas or concerns you'd like to share.

Marisa is always happy to assist and ensure families feel supported in our school community!



Each day includes a dedicated two-hour academic block designed to build and strengthen core competencies in **mathematics and literacy**, with an emphasis on **focus, independence, and critical thinking**.

Our literacy curriculum is rich and interdisciplinary, weaving in **history, social studies, ethics**, and real-world topics to cultivate comprehension, empathy, and thoughtful communication. In mathematics, students develop number fluency, problem-solving strategies, and reasoning skills through both traditional and modern methods, using tools like **IXL, Prodigy, Synthesis**, and **hands-on workbooks** tailored to each student's learning style.

In addition to academic mastery, we integrate **financial literacy** into everyday learning. For example, students participate in real-life projects



like budgeting and planning for school events such as “Parents’ Night Out.” They track savings, make spending decisions, and learn how to document and reflect on their planning process—building financial awareness and executive function in fun and practical ways.

Our academic model grows with your child:

- **Pre-K to 1st Grade:** The focus is on **building attention span, concentration, and confidence** in learning. Students work in structured environments that gently stretch their ability to sit with a challenge, explore a task, and find joy in mastery.
- **2nd to 4th Grade:** Students begin taking more **ownership of their work**, deepen their focus, and develop accountability with teacher guidance. They’re encouraged to ask questions, track their own progress, and reflect on growth.
- **5th Grade and Up:** Learners are empowered to use the academic tools and resources they’ve gained to **pursue goals more independently**, while still receiving close **teacher oversight, check-ins, and support** to ensure continued academic achievement.

Each child’s academic journey is carefully monitored by our educators, who use a blend of formative assessments, project evaluations, and personal feedback to track and celebrate growth.

Extra Curricular ACTIVITIES are a joyful and enriching way for children to explore their personal interests, express creativity, and uncover new talents. At Umbrella Academy, we believe that learning extends beyond academics—these experiences help nurture confidence, collaboration, and curiosity in each child. Our extracurriculars are offered daily between 1:00–2:45pm and include a wide range of engaging options across the arts, sciences, movement, nature, and more. Please take a moment to review the overview of activities included in this handbook. Then, visit the [provided form to submit your child’s top three choices](#). Each student will be assigned two activities to participate in throughout the 2025–2026 school year. If your child has a unique interest that isn’t represented, there is space in the form to submit a request—we’ll do our best to bring new ideas to life!



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🎵 Music & Performing Arts



Step into the world of rhythm, song, and story! In *Singing Circle*, voices rise like sunshine—soft, silly, strong—while *Drum Circle & Rhythm Games* keep the beat bouncing with hands, sticks, and joyful noise. Through *Theater & Storytelling*, children dream up characters, dress in costumes, and prepare to shine in a playful theatre performance. *Dance & Creative Movement* lets imaginations twirl, leap, and soar as kids explore the language of their bodies to music. A delightful way to giggle, grow, and glow together on the stage of creativity!

Field trip: Includes a visit to a theatre show!

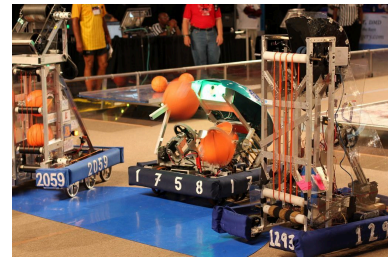
🎨 Visual Arts



Welcome to Art Explorers! This is not just an art class; it's an exciting journey into the world of *creativity* and *self-expression*. Each session is a new adventure where children can unleash their imaginations and explore a variety of artistic mediums, including *painting, clay, sketching, watercolor*, and more. Our classes incorporate elements of *art therapy*, providing a safe and supportive environment where children can express their feelings and ideas through their creations. With a focus on sensory experiences, our activities are designed to engage all the senses, making art a truly immersive and joyful experience.

Field trip: Includes a visit to a Museum/Art Gallery

🧠 STEM / Engineering / Robotics



Get ready to invent, explore, and engineer in this thrilling mix of brainy fun and hands-on magic! In *LEGO Engineering & Architecture*, students will dream up bridges, towers, and fantastical cities—brick by brick. *Intro to Robotics & Coding* brings BeeBots and Dash robots to life, guiding them through giggly mazes and missions. In *Woodworking for Kids*, tiny carpenters will safely hammer, sand, and shape wood into birdhouses, treasure chests, and more—always under close supervision. And in *Basics to Science*, students will mix their way through colorful experiments that feel a little like potions class!

Field trip: Includes a trip to LEGOLAND

Nature & Gardening Club



Step into a world where dirt is magical, bugs are friends, and snacks are science! In *Grow Your Own Garden*, little green thumbs will plant seeds in outdoor beds or cozy indoor pots and watch their sprouts grow tall and proud. Join the *Bug Explorers & Nature Detectives* to track wiggly worms, fluttery wings, and mysterious trails on tiny adventures through nature.

Our *Composting & Eco Warriors Club* turns banana peels into compos), teaching kids how to care for the Earth from the ground up.

The *Cooking Club* lets kids harvest herbs, blend smoothies, toss up salads from the garden, and more!

Field trip: Includes a trip to a culinary experience at the Rainforest Cafe!

Movement & Wellness



Stretch, breathe, and find your calm with *Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids* — a peaceful place to practice balance and kindness, inside and out. Ready to get moving? Dash, jump, and conquer the *Obstacle Course & Agility Games* designed to challenge and excite every little athlete. Learn focus and strength with *Martial Arts Basics*, where respect meets fun kicks and moves. Join in *Parachute Play & Team Games* for colorful, cooperative fun that brings everyone together. And don't forget the great outdoors — *Nature Walks & Trail Treks* lead explorers on fresh-air journeys filled with discovery and wonder!

Field Trip: Includes a trip to [Ninja Nation](#)

Space Engineers Club



Roll into *Design Your Own Space Rover* by building rovers with wheels to conquer tricky terrain like sand or pebbles.

Join forces in *Build a Moon Base*, a team design challenge filled with story-driven missions to create the ultimate lunar home.

Build your own *Solar System* with models or scale maps of planets, moons, and orbits to explore the wonders of space.

Make the stars come alive with a *DIY Planetarium Projector*—punch holes in containers, shine a light, and watch your own star maps sparkle!

Field trip: Includes a visit to Earth and Space Expedition Center



WHAT TO BRING To help your child have a comfortable and successful day, please send them with:

- A water bottle
- A healthy snack
- Lunch (except on Fridays, see below)
- An extra set of clothes
- A swimsuit, towel, and, if applicable, a life vest (for summer swimactivities)

Friday Culinary Classes Fridays are extra special! Students participate in culinary classes, and lunch will be provided as part of this hands-on learning experience. Costs are covered by tuition.

LEARNING RESOURCES Every child will have access to:

- A Chromebook for schoolwork
 - Textbooks, worksheets, and all necessary learning materials
 - Pencilcase, Notebooks
 - A safe storage space for devices and personal belongings
 - Other educational materials to support their creative and academic endeavors
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ATTENDANCE & DROP-OFF/PICK-UP POLICY We understand that flexibility is important for families, and we do not enforce a strict attendance policy. However, if your child will be **absent for more than two days**, we kindly ask that you inform us so we can plan accordingly and provide you with necessary learning materials while away, if needed.

To help each child transition smoothly into the school day, we ask that **drop-offs happen no later than 9:00 AM**. This ensures they can settle in comfortably and start their morning with their classmates. **Pick-up time is no later than 3:15 PM**. If you are running late, please notify us so we can plan accordingly.

For non-communicated late pick-ups, a supervision fee may be charged for every 15-minute increment past 3:15 PM. This helps us ensure proper



staffing and care for your child. We appreciate your communication and understanding!

MAP TESTING To support student growth, we conduct MAP testing three times a year. These assessments help us track progress and tailor learning experiences to each child's needs. We keep parents informed with regular updates, and you are always welcome to schedule a meeting to discuss your child's progress.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Once a month, we host Parents' Night Out! On these special evenings, children are welcome to stay at school from **4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. This gives parents an opportunity to relax, enjoy an evening out, or connect with other families in our school community. It's our way of supporting our wonderful parents while giving the kids a fun-filled night at school! Siblings (3+ years of age) are invited to join free of charge! You can find the dates in our yearly calendar!

FIELD TRIPS Exploring the world beyond the classroom is important! Parents will always be notified in advance of upcoming field trips, and a separate waiver will be sent home for each trip.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES We love and encourage family involvement! There are many ways to volunteer, such as:

- Assisting in classrooms
- Helping with school events
- Chaperoning field trips

Your participation strengthens our community and enhances the experience for all students. We truly appreciate your support!

INVOICE PAYMENTS To keep our school running smoothly, **invoice payments are due on the 25th** of each month unless communicated otherwise. Timely payments help us continue providing a high-quality



learning experience. If you have any questions about payments, please don't hesitate to reach out.

ESA PAYMENTS ESA payments are distributed through ClassWallet by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) in quarterly installments. These funds will be transferred directly to your ClassWallet account, and Umbrella Academy will invoice separately.

To ensure smooth operations and uninterrupted educational services, we kindly ask that payments be made promptly upon receipt of funds. Your timely cooperation helps us continue providing high-quality learning experiences for all students. If you have any questions regarding ESA payments, please don't hesitate to reach out!

SCHOOL POLICIES Behavior Policy

We are committed to fostering a kind, respectful, and inclusive learning environment. Umbrella Academy has a strict no-bullying policy, and we ask that parents support positive communication, empathy, and reflection at home as we do in the classroom.

Physical harm is never tolerated and may result in immediate suspension. If a student receives three suspensions, they may be dismissed from the school. However, our primary goal is always to partner with families and support each child's growth. When challenges arise, we work closely with students using restorative practices that help them reflect, take responsibility, and make amends in a supportive and age-appropriate way.

Health & Safety Protocols

Your child's safety and wellbeing are our top priorities. Our school is regularly evaluated by safety professionals, and we conduct frequent assessments to maintain a secure and nurturing environment. We welcome your feedback and are always looking for ways to improve.

Umbrella Academy believes in a vibrant, hands-on approach to learning. Many of our activities are sensory-rich and exploratory, which means students will often get a little messy—and that's a good thing! These experiences help children build resilience, creativity, and real-world problem-solving skills.



That said, we take health and safety seriously. To protect all students and staff:

- If your child is feeling unwell or has a fever, please keep them home until they have been fever-free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.
- If your child has a contagious illness, please notify the school immediately so we can take appropriate precautions and inform other families as needed.
- We maintain strict health protocols in the classroom, including daily sanitization, regular handwashing routines, and safe food handling practices.

Please ensure your child's emergency contact information is current and inform us of any allergies or medical conditions that may affect your child's day-to-day participation. If a child becomes ill or injured at school, you will be contacted promptly.

We also recommend sending your child in comfortable, play-friendly clothing that can handle paint, dirt, or water play—because joyful learning is often hands-on!

Thank you for your cooperation and for being part of our school family! We are looking forward to an amazing year filled with learning, growth, and wonderful memories. If you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please reach out—we are always here to help!

