

EXPLORERS

2024-2025



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome! Explorers is our well-loved after school program for children from PreK 4-5th grade, and is housed at Hexter, Reilly & Sanger Elementary Schools. Our program runs from 3:15 pm – 5:55 pm*, Monday-Friday, and we follow the DISD calendar.

Explorers is under the Studio Bella for Kids Enrichment umbrella. The STEAM-based program is filled with STEAM-based projects/activities, sportsmanship/teambuilding and games that focus on skills and strategy. Fridays rotate between Building Bonanza, A fun Philanthropy Project, Perler Beads, and SEL. Established here in East Dallas in 2009, Studio Bella for Kids began with a mom of two boys who wanted to pair fun and learning together to begin a great summer program. Fast forward to today, you will find that Studio Bella is immersed and vested in East Dallas and Dallas children year-round. We would LOVE to have you join us at Explorers! *If DISD changes the beginning/ending time of school, we will adjust accordingly.



REGISTRATION

Beginning May 15, you can reserve your child's spot in our Explorers program. At that time, you will enter some basic information about your child/children, enter payment information, and be charged the reservation fee. Our reservation fee is \$150 per child and is non-refundable. Your funds are used during the summer months to order supplies for STEAM projects, curriculum, coordination, and required staff training. Tuition is autodrafted (\$235) on the first of every month beginning August 1st. We anticipate a waitlist at all three of our schools, so we recommend registering early.



To register, go to:

studiobellaforkids.com/explorers

Registration works best on a desktop computer and takes about 15 minutes to complete. During registration, you will be asked to provide additional information requested by Studio Bella and Childcare Licensing, so that we can serve your child to the best of our ability).

Fine print: Registration closes on July 31st and spaces are limited. If we have the ability to serve more students (**there is no guarantee due to licensng requirements**), registration will reopen September 1. Space availability is based on the child/caregiver ratio set by Texas Health & Human Services & licensing capacity.

THE STUDIO BELLA SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



As a vendor of DISD, Studio Bella follows the DISD calendar. If changes are made to the DISD calendar, our calendar will follow suit. Check out our fun off-campus activities below!

August 2024							August	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
				1	2	3	1, 2	Explorers Closed
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	5-9	Expl. Closed, Expl. Training
11	[12	13	14	15	16	17	12	First Day of Explorers
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

September 2024							September	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2	Labor Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
29	30							

October 2024							October	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5	10-11	Fair Days
6	[7	8	9	10	11	12	14	Prof. Dev.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
27	28	29	30	31				

November 2024							November	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
					1	2	5	Election Day Camp at Studio Bella*
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25-29	Thanksgiving Break

December 2024							December	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	13	Gift making Wkshop at Studio Bella!*
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	20	Early Release, No Expl.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	23-31	Winter Break
29	30	31						

January 2025							January	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
			1	2	3	4	1-3	Winter Break
5	6	[7	8	9	10	11	6	Explorers Closed for Training
12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
26	27	28	29	30	31			

February 2025							February	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
						1	17	Professional Dev.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28			

March 2025							March	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
						1		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10-14	Spring Break
16	[17	18	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
30	31							

April 2025							April	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5	18	Student / Staff Holiday
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	21	Inclement Weather
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
27	28	29	30					

May 2025							May	
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
				1	2	3	2	Inclement Weather
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	23	Last Day of Explorers
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	23	1/2 Return Expl. supplies (internal)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	26	Memorial Day
							27	Summer Camp begins at Studio Bella!*

Legend

- Explorers is not on campus due to DISD Closure
- Explorers closed/Explorers training/supply return
- Studio Bella Giftmaking Camp at Main Campus
- Inclement weather day
- Explorers closed/Election Day Camp at Main Hub
- Studio Bella Summer Camp at main hub
- [First Day of Explorers
-] Last Day of Explorers

*Registration for these special events will be on or classes/camps page on our website:
studiobellaforkids.com/classes/

OUR SCHEDULES

Our monthly, weekly, and daily schedules keep us organized so that we can provide a variety of programming to each and every child in our program. Children feel more confident and secure when their daily activities are predictable and familiar.

According to the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center, schedules also help children:

- Feel in control of their environment
- Feel safe, secure, and comfortable
- Know what is happening now and what comes next
- Know how to do an activity or task
- Engage the programming

When our Explorers feel comfortable and are having fun, they are more likely to try new activities, expand their creativity, increase their problem solving skills, and their confidence will soar to new heights!



EXPLORERS WEEKLY SAMPLE SCHEDULE*

	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
WEEKLY SCHEDULE	Sportsmanship & Teambuilding	STEAM Projects	Games	STEAM Processes	Fun Fridays
	Focus on sportsmanship & teambuilding.	Hands-on creative projects that fuse science, tech, engineering, art & math.	Board/card games focusing on skills & strategies.	Hands-on STEAM processes such as science experiments & building in a group setting.	Rotation between Building Bonanza, Perler Beads SEL and Philanthropy Fun.

*Each school may vary slightly due to the customization for each campus.

EXPLORERS DAILY SAMPLE SCHEDULE

DAILY SCHEDULE	Check In
	Wash Hands
	Snack/Homework
	Free Play
	Activity Of The Day
	Manipulatives
	Play
	Clean up
	Depart for home



FUN PHILANTHROPY SCHEDULE*

Even with our youngest Explorers, we have seen how our fun philanthropy projects and activities have positive benefits within the whole child and within the Explorers Program.

Making a difference in the world brings smiles to faces, community comradery, and improves character and responsible behavior to our Explorers.

Our largest project is in April when our Explorers work together to create STEAM kits for children who stay at Annie's Place or Scottish Rite Hospital.

PHILANTHROPY SCHEDULE	Sept -Service learning chain
	Oct -Choose a cause poster/card
	Nov -Thanksgiving Placemats for Meals on Wheels
	Dec -Discuss family philanthropy
	Jan -Betty White-Tags for Dogs/Cats
	Feb -Valentines for Seniors
	Mar -Kindness/Outside beautification
	Apr -Annie's Place/Scottish Rite-Kits for kids
	May -Letters to Troops

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING SCHEDULE*



SEL SCHEDULE	Aug -Friendship
	Sept -Getting to know Yourself and Others
	Oct -Teamwork/Communication
	Nov -Gratitude
	Dec -Diversity
	Jan -Leadership
	Feb -Kindness
	Mar -Resilience/Perseverance
	Apr -Decision Making
	May -Adaptability and Self Reliance

In the lives of children, SEL is part of daily learning each and every day as they grow and mature. Social Emotional Learning helps children within these 5 key areas:

1. Self Awareness and Confidence
2. Self-Management and Regulation
3. Social Awareness/Compassion for Others
4. Relationship Skills
5. Responsible Decision Making

Check out our monthly focus. We truly have seen the impact of SEL within our Explorers Program.

RATIOS & AGES & GROUPINGS

During Explorers, the children are grouped by grade levels. Depending on the number of children, grade levels close in age may be grouped together. Our child to caregiver ratio is 1:10 to 1:15 within our prek/k groups at all times and during STEAM time for the older groups. During non-STEAM times, 1st grade-5th grade, our goal is a 1:20 ratio. The state guideline has a maximum of 26 in a group.



EXPLORERS REGISTRATION FEE AND TUITION

Description	Amount	Due Date	Notes
Registration fee	\$150	Upon registration.	This is a one-time fee that covers training, supplies and planning.
Monthly Tuition	\$235	Auto drafted at the first of every month.	Payments are due in full on the first. We do not split payments between parties.

CANCELLATIONS/LATE PICKUP

AFTERCARE CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

If your child is not going to attend Explorers for the last month of school, we require a written notice no later than March 31st. If you cancel your Explorers account during the months of August – April, there is a \$25.00 administration fee. Also, if you cancel your account and decide to re-enroll, you will need to register your child again which includes having the registration fee auto-drafted. There are no refunds on the dates that are not used if you cancel mid-month.



Refunds are forfeited if children are no longer able to participate due to behavioral problems, suspension, or expulsion.

Note - Cancellation due to long periods of illness, or extreme family hardships will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

LATE PICKUP:

(Beginning at 6:01, a \$25.00 late fee invoice will be auto-drafted from your account).

- Pick up time is documented when the child/children are physically released to the parent(s).
- The cell phone of the Studio Bella employee in charge of dismissal will be used to determine the time of pickup.

OUR TEAM TRAINING

Our educators/group leaders are carefully selected and screened. Our team is required to complete 15 hours of training annually in child development, safety, and risk, SEL, STEAM, Pediatric First Aid, C.P.R., & curriculum delivery. Criminal background checks, FBI fingerprint background checks, and character reference checks are required.

FAQs

Q: Does the Explorers Program fill up before school begins?

A: Yes! Some schools fill up by mid summer. We anticipate each school to be full with a wait list for the 2024-25 school year.

Q: Is the same amount due every month? I see that some months Explorers attend more days in some months compared to other months?

A: Yes. Tuition amounts are the same each month and are due on the 1st. We total the number of days in the program, multiply by the daily rate and divide by 10 to get the monthly tuition.

Q: We are divorced. Can the tuition be split between two people or can we alternate payments?

A: Our platform does not allow payments to be split. Parents wanting to alternate payments each month would need to change the payment method in their account each month.

Q: Does Studio Bella accept ACH?

A: Studio Bella no longer accepts ACH payments.

Q: Does Studio Bella offer a multichild discount?

A: We are unable to offer a multichild discount at this time.

CONTACTS



Dept./Contact	Contact	Email	Notes
Hexter Elementary	Jaci Atkins	Jaci@studio bellaforkids.com	Unavailable June 1-Aug 2
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To find out more information or additional details about our Explorers program, check out the The Studio Bella Plan of Operations: [Click Here: 2024 – 2025 Parent Handbook \(Plan of Operations\)](#)



**Our Explorers
Afterschool Program
is full of fearless creativity
and fun.
Come join us!**



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