

# REMOTE LEARNING



**8:30AM – 3:50PM Daily**

**Includes Materials & Snacks**

**Provides structure, aligning with your child's schools schedule**



**Why Choose  
Us for Remote  
Learning  
Support &  
Enrichment**

- ✓ Small Classrooms (<10)
- ✓ Guided Remote Learning
- ✓ Engaging S.T.E.A.M. Enrichment Classes!
- ✓ Assignment & Homework Support
- ✓ Supplies and equipment available
- ✓ Semester-long spaces for students in the 5-day program
- ✓ Students in 3-day program choose weekdays when booking
- ✓ Safety measures in place



**S.T.E.A.M. Enrichment**  
<https://bit.ly/33lRZxl>



**Virtual School Support**  
<https://bit.ly/2OzdK4u>



**Weekend or Virtual Tours**  
<https://bit.ly/2EI2QaV>



**Scan w/ Camera  
App**

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## Choose your level of support:

- 3 days / week (8:30 – 3:50) - \$745/ Month or \$913 with Aftercare
- 4 days / week (8:30 – 3:50) - \$992/ Month or \$1216 with Aftercare
- 5 days / week (8:30 – 3:50) - \$1200/Month or \$1480 with Aftercare

## Why choose us?

- Certified Elementary Level Teacher on staff (Fall 2020).
- 3 classroom facility, with 2 alternate rooms (Old Annapolis Road – Route 108)
- Consistent cohorts.
- We prioritize & maximize student engagement in live meetings with their teacher
- Assist students in accessing and completing homework and assignments
- Reinforce essential life skills – organization, taking initiative, goal setting, and perseverance.
- Integrate enrichment learning opportunities using our proprietary S.T.E.A.M. curriculum such as culinary arts, chemistry experiments, entrepreneurship, movie making, robotics, visual arts, public speaking, coding and more!
- We adhere to the latest state & CDC guidelines to keep everyone safe & healthy.

# S.T.E.A.M. ENRICHMENT

## Choose your level of commitment:

- Monthly Membership (4:30- 6:30, 1 day / wk) - \$99/Month 3 month subscription
- Monthly Membership (4:30-6:30, 1 day / wk) - \$109/Month no subscription

## What would Enrichment look like?

- Engage students in fun STEAM learning opportunities, such as culinary arts, chemistry experiments, entrepreneurship, movie making, robotics, visual arts, public speaking, coding and more!
- Lessons and projects are hands-on and interdisciplinary, challenging students to apply and generalize their learning in a collaborative environment.

**If you have any questions, or have a unique situation, feel free to contact us to discuss how we can support you and your child.**



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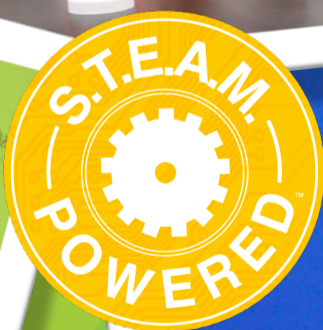
# IDEA LAB



# PLUS

# VIRTUAL SCHOOL SUPPORT

## Frequently Asked Questions



# FAQs

## ARE YOU OPEN WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED?

We operate regular hours when schools close early. We are closed on 9/28, 11/3, 11/26, 11/27, 12/24, 12/25, 12/28-1/1, 1/18. You will not be charged for weekdays between 12/24 and 1/1. Also, you are welcome to use coupon code “Insider” for 50% off day camps, during the school year.

## WHAT ARE YOUR COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS?

Staff and student safety is our first priority. We adhere to Maryland Department of Health and CDC recommendations regarding COVID-19.

1. Student & Staff temperatures are taken at check in. We ask about known COVID-19 symptoms. If your family travels out of state, we ask you quarantine yourself before returning to Idea Lab Kids. Thank you for your commitment to keeping all of our children safe.
2. All staff members will wear a face mask or shield while working with children. All students ages 5 and up are required to wear a face mask or shield.
3. Students are socially distanced in each classroom, and social distancing practices are reinforced throughout the day.
4. Children are asked to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. During the day, we disinfect common areas which are in use, such as faucets, water cooler, light switches – unless they are not in use.
5. We have portable air purifiers with medical-grade HEPA filters that are placed in each classroom and gym space.
6. We minimize exposure between classes, with instructors working primarily with their assigned students. Classes do not exceed 10 students.
7. We ask all our families to adopt behaviors that minimize risk to self and others. We are committed to providing a safe facility for our staff, students and families.

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## WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

We will follow CDC and MDH guidelines. All staff and students who have had close contact to the person who tested positive, will be asked to quarantine at home for 14 days or can return earlier after two negative test results. By setting systems in place for minimal cross-exposure of staff and students between classrooms, we would need to only quarantine one, possibly two classrooms depending on sibling exposure, thus minimizing the impact on as many families as possible. Families who are quarantined can ask for full credit to their Idea Lab Kids account for days missed, or partial credit if you elect to have our instructors continue to check in with your child daily, to tutor and make sure work is completed.

## STUDENT & STAFF GENERAL SAFETY

COVID-19 measures are not the only safety precautions we will be taking.

1. The front door is kept locked. There is a doorbell at the front that parents can ring for entry upon arrival.
2. If a student will be picked up by someone other than their parent, that person must be listed on file with us at <https://app.lexaclass.com>.
3. All staff members undergo a thorough background check and any required fingerprint checks.
4. Each room is outfitted with a “Safety Corner” – a detailed listing of Emergency and Non-Emergency numbers for fire, police and the agency to report abuse. There are evacuation plans specific to each room, as well as our commitment to anti-bullying.
5. We run fire drills regularly.

Please review our parent handbook for additional safety protocols.

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## CREDIT & REFUND POLICY

In the event schools resume in-person instruction, or a stay-at-home order forces our center to close, or you are required to quarantine, any remaining balance will be credited to your Idea Lab Kids account to be used for our after-school program, day camps, virtual programs, birthday parties, summer camp, and workshops. Unfortunately, your monthly tuition is not refunded or credited due to absences for personal reasons, such as sick days, travel, appointments, or scheduling conflicts. These absences still require we pay our instructors and keep operations running as normal.

## WHO ARE THE FACILITATORS & INSTRUCTORS?

We understand the quality of our service is only as good as the quality of our instructors and facilitators. Therefore, we are highly selective and hire the best. Our instructors are primarily recent college graduates or students in the S.T.E.A.M field, such as computer science, physical sciences, and Arts education. Our instructors not only deliver our curriculum, they enhance it with their depth of knowledge and most updated information. As of 9/12/20, we have a certified elementary school teacher on staff, working with our upper elementary students. All staff have been screened and passed a background check, and most are CPR/First Aid certified with Medication Administration certification. We continuously invest in our instructors via ongoing trainings, daily feedback and coaching.

## DO YOU GIVE GRADES?

We are not a school and cannot assess and give students grades. Your child's school teacher is still the primary person to deliver instruction, and the person who determines which standards are taught and monitors your child's academic progress. Our instructors and facilitators will support the remote learning process, help access assignments, assist students to complete work, and as much as possible, integrate those skills with our S.T.E.A.M curriculum. We set daily goals with students, and allow time each day for students to reflect on and record their effort, productivity, habits, and behaviors.

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## WHAT IF I HAVE CONCERNS OVER MY CHILD'S PROGRESS?

The first person to talk to is your child's school teacher. They will have the best insight to your child's progress and will have access to additional resources your child might need. Please keep our instructors and facilitators updated with your conversations with the school teacher as this information will help us better assist your child.

## WHAT WILL MY CHILD'S DAY LOOK LIKE?

Currently, most of the synchronous time with teachers will happen in the morning. We prioritize these live sessions and will schedule all other blocks around these schedules. Our next priority is completing the independent work assigned to your child as part of the school's asynchronous learning block. Other blocks include accessing recorded lessons, assignments, reading block, gym time, brain breaks, lunch, S.T.E.A.M enrichment lessons, and goal setting/reflection time. These blocks are flexible and prioritized after synchronous and asynchronous learning is complete. Classrooms and students for that matter, may have a different daily schedule.

## WHAT S.T.E.A.M ENRICHMENT CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE?

Our instructors will work to integrate what students are learning from their school teachers into the hands-on S.T.E.A.M curriculum that we have. Our robust after school and summer camp curriculum will be implemented each week, after synchronous and asynchronous learning is complete. While our hour-long learning modules are related, each module can be completed separately, accommodating students who are with us part-time or full-time.

Please reference our planned enrichment schedule, subject to change, and subject to classroom preferences

[https://issuu.com/idealabkidshoco/docs/afterschool\\_schedule\\_fall\\_2020](https://issuu.com/idealabkidshoco/docs/afterschool_schedule_fall_2020)

# FAQs

## WHAT IF MY CHILD WANTS TO FOCUS ON ONE STEAM SUBJECT?

Specialization for deeper exploration and increased expertise can be done as part of our After School program, Summer Camps, and Weekend Camps. We can also conduct virtual camps for groups of four or more. Our approach is supported by research that demonstrates rich, varied experiences in different subjects, greatly benefit the brain development of younger students.

## WHAT HAPPENS DURING AFTERCARE?

Aftercare may include puzzles and board games, lego, art and crafts, go noodle dance, and gaming, such as Minecraft. Aftercare staff select activities with Idea Lab oversight and approval. Parents pick up from aftercare at varying times, so it is not as structured as the daytime program.

Recess activities are similar, with addition of outdoor walks when the weather accommodates, and activities that permit social distancing as best possible.

## PARENT COMMUNICATION

Communication is crucial for our partnership to thrive. Please contact us anytime by email. We do our best to respond to our phone during the day, but the children in our care are our first priority. We will respond to voicemails as soon and as quickly as possible. Reach us at [hoco@idealabkids.com](mailto:hoco@idealabkids.com) or (443)542-2242. **The first request we'll have is that you please tour our facility if you haven't yet. The second, is to please email us your child's school schedule and log-in credentials for all school activities.**

## SNACKS & LUNCH

We provide a morning and afternoon snack. Our standard snack list is shared by email. If your child has a special diet, please inform us and you may want to consider packing your own snack for them. All snacks and lunches need to be nut-free. Please pack a water bottle for your child which can be refilled from our water cooler.

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## WHAT SCHOOL SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING?

1. We will provide access to materials for the STEAM Enrichment classes, and a clean, safe space for your child to learn, socialize and find some sense of normalcy this school year. In the event your child loses their face mask and backup face mask from home, we will provide a disposable replacement mask. We have been informed by the Office of Childcare, that hand sanitizer is not recommended for children.
2. Students are expected to bring their own iPads or laptops and charging cords, preferably one assigned to them by the school system. School district's devices are preloaded with what students need and often require just one login page to access all the different apps and tools students use. If your child doesn't have a device, we have iPads and laptops which they can use.
3. Students should bring their own headphones with a mic built-in, and retain a pair at home for backup. Over the ear headphones will help with noise cancellation and better focus. We have extra standard headphones available for each child if needed.
4. Students should bring a water bottle, nut-free lunch, and snacks preferred over the ones we provide.
5. Backpacks are a must for devices, binders, and supplies. Backpacks will stay with the student at all times, and there is assigned cubby space in the hallway where kids can store additional items.
6. Please bring what is listed on your child's school supply list. We are happy to supplement with standard supplies like copy paper, notebooks, pencils, crayons, color pencils, markers, scissors.
7. All devices and belongings should be clearly labeled. We will temporarily keep a lost and found, so let us know if something didn't make it home.

# What does IDEA stand for?

**IMAGINE SOMETHING**  
**DISCOVER SOMETHING**  
**EXPLORE SOMETHING**  
**ACHIEVE SOMETHING**



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