Victor Central School District Enrichment Program Grades 1-8

VCS Inquiry Program

In our Inquiry Programs:

We provide enriched learning experiences and higher learning standards for all children through three goals:

1. Developing talents and potentials in all children;
2. Providing a broad range of enrichment experiences for all students;
3. Providing individual learning opportunities for young people based on their strengths and interests.

We believe and value that the Inquiry teacher is a collaborative resource and coach to teachers, parents and students. Inquiry teachers remain flexible and adjust to the changing needs of the classroom environment.

VCS 1-8 Inquiry Goals

The following goals shape our Inquiry offerings:

- Inquiry offerings are called "Explorations" and are designed to develop creative and critical thinkers.
- Explorations will provide various types of *STEAM* enrichment opportunities for students while maintaining flexibility in programming.
- Students who engage in Explorations *generally* demonstrate *above-average ability, task commitment and creativity.*
- Explorations will be offered through a push-in and/or pull out model.
- Explorations will be designed to be flexible and supportive to teachers' individual classroom needs.

Science | **Technology** | **Engineering** | **Arts** | **Mathematics**

the natural universe, where everything comes from

tools & innovative devices, uses & enhanced abilities

purposeful innovation, creation & analysis

humanities, ethics, ideals & expression

fact organizing base language

EDUCATION

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Victor Central School's Inquiry Program begins with the whole child. We are proud to nurture these traits and attitudes in all students.

16 Habits of Mind

How do my kids participate?

Renzulli Model

For each exploration there is specific criteria but overall, we want students to be:

- ★ INTERESTED
- ★ COMMITTED
- ★ CREATIVE
- ★ PROBLEM SOLVERS
- ★ COLLABORATIVE

Classroom teachers select students based on the criteria and the student's schedule.

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fall 2022 Explorations for Grades 1-3

1st Grade
- ★ Storybooks and STEAM

2nd Grade
- ★ American Sign Language
- ★ Bee Bot Coding

3rd Grade
- ★ Owl Pellet Dissection
- ★ 24 Math Game

Engineering exploration collaboration with Ms. Linse the VPS Librarian.

Focus will be on:
- ★ Math/Logic
- ★ Reading/Literacy
- ★ Multidisciplinary
- ★ Thinking Skills
- ★ STEAM Projects

VIS Fall Explorations (Pull-out)

- Stock Market Game~5th
- FLL Robotics~ 5th
- Book Club ~ 5th/6th
- Mosaic Boxes ~ 4/5/6 (Art)
- Ancient Math ~ 4th
- Word Wizards ~4th
- Creative Writing ~ 6th
- Fun with Foods ~6th

Push-in lessons for math problem solving & STEM per teacher request.

2022-2023 Inquiry Opportunities at the JRHS

- Over 20 Co-Curricular Clubs and Activities for students to engage with, **beyond** Music, Performing Arts, Robotics and Athletics.
- 3 current enrichment courses available for students to participate in (depending on schedule/availability): ***French Culture, Fitness & Nutrition, Culinary.*** *Science Explorations & History of Film may be offered later in the year, depending on student interest.*

Questions?