



Forest Charter School Donations Policy

Block Classes

Rationale

Forest Charter School is committed to providing our students with dynamic learning opportunities. As a personalized learning school, Forest Charter School wishes to go beyond the expectations of traditional independent study/ home schooling programs and wishes to create a structure that taps into students' passions and creates an arena that values the individual needs of each student while creating a whole school culture. However, providing such opportunities may go beyond the scope of our general funds: if so, it would rely upon the support of the greater Forest Charter School learning community.

Under current practices, each student is allotted an Instructional Budget, managed by his or her Forest Charter School Supervising Teacher, from which academic and enrichment opportunities can be fully supported. Forest Charter School is committed to supporting students in fulfilling core academic requirements. As stated in the charter document Forest Charter School "... defines core academic subject areas as the following: English language arts, mathematics, social science, and science." We encourage all Supervising Teachers to structure the use of these funds so that the student's core curricular subjects are fully supported either through block classes or in some other manner.

Forest Charter School continually receives requests from parents for a variety of block class options. FCS is willing to consider creating and offering these block classes but wholly or partially relies on the support of individual or foundational donations to do so. These block classes require funds for the small class sizes, the facilities, the curriculum, the materials, and the instructors. Therefore, Forest Charter School is hereby inviting families who are able to make a donation to do so in support of our block class program.

Forest Charter School wishes to emphasize that a student can receive a full education without block classes. Further, a student's semester enrollment in block classes is not dependent upon a donation; these class rosters are established at the beginning of each semester based on the block class enrollment procedure. However, classes that are not fiscally solvent will have to be reevaluated to determine whether or not the school can afford to continue providing the same block classes in future semesters.

REQUESTED BLOCK CLASS DONATION:

Should a parent/ guardian be willing to make a donation to the block class program, please make checks payable to the Forest Charter School Foundation and designate the purpose of your donation for this program. This contribution makes the cost of running the class reasonable and allows FCS to stay within the constraints of its budget. The cost associated for each block class is listed on the block class schedule.

If there are any questions or a need for clarification, parents/ guardians should contact their Supervising Teacher.

With these considerations in mind, Forest Charter School has adopted the following policy:

Policy

- The Forest Charter School Charter Council supports the request for donations to support block classes.