

Innovation Career Academy

A Remote Academy Operated By
The Franklin School of Innovation



- Founded as an EL Education (Expeditionary Learning) school in 2014
- Opened with 250 students in grades 6 - 9; grown to 745 students in grades 5 - 12
- US News & World Report #2 high school in Asheville metropolitan area
- WNC Gold High School & Silver Middle School
- 10 Year Charter Renewal granted in 2019



Why Innovation Career Academy?

- FSI offers a strong, college-bound middle and high school program with a focus on collaborative learning, Crew advisory program, and service
 - Since COVID, more families are seeking more flexible and alternative educational programs. Since August of 2022:
 - 68 students have withdrawn to homeschool
 - 42 have withdrawn to attend virtual schools
 - Our existing program does not meet the needs of all students and families
 - Community survey supports interest in a remote program that provides a high school diploma and offers in-person opportunities such as athletics, clubs, field trips, and connection
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Structure & Model

Model: Face Virtual

Grades: 9 - 12

Enrollment: Year 1 - 44, Year 5: 87

Separate Cohort, no automatic enrollment
between virtual and in person programs

Remote Learning with In Person Extracurriculars

Innovation Career Academy will provide a remote high school experience with an emphasis on CTE and career readiness, with wrap-around in-person services

- Instruction and curriculum will be provided by Edmentum EdOptions Academy and Edmentum Courseware curriculum: NC aligned and taught by NC certified teachers
 - Instructional model allows for 3-year path to graduation with an emphasis on CTE courses through Edmentum or through dual enrollment at AB Tech
 - Program staff will monitor student progress and implement interventions quickly if students are off-track for on-time graduation
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Social Skills, Career Preparation, and Extracurriculars

- Optional daily and required weekly Crew advisory will provide connection, goal-setting, and accountability for students
 - Students will create portfolios showcasing their academic work and post-secondary preparations for 10th and 12th grade presentations
 - Monthly/bi-monthly on-site workshops, field trips, and service opportunities will strengthen the post-secondary planning and help create a sense of community
 - Remote academy students will be allowed to try out for athletic teams and participate in after-school clubs and social events on the school campus
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Habits of Scholarship/Characteristics for Success

The Franklin School of Innovation incorporates specific Habits of Scholarship (aka “Durable Skills”) in our educational model:

- **Inquiry: Curiosity & Desire to Learn**
 - **Ethics: Do the Right Thing!**
 - **Collaboration: Work Effectively in Groups**
 - **Leadership: Recognize Leadership Skills & Use Effectively**
 - **Persistence: Stick With It**
 - **Action: Self-Motivation - Get it Done**
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Target Students

Innovation Career Academy offers a pathway to a diploma and career readiness for students who don't want a traditional school model

This may include:

- Students who have been homeschooled prior to high school
 - Students with chronic health conditions or social anxiety
 - Students eager to enter the workforce
 - Students/families who need a flexible model due to careers or high level non-academic pursuits (athletics, arts, etc)
 - Students who don't thrive in collaborative environments
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Questions?
