



Top Parent Questions for

# The Inventionland Institute Curriculum



**When you're adopting a new curriculum, parents will understandably have questions.**

Here are some of the most common questions you can expect from parents and some tips on how to answer them.

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## **What IS Inventionland Institute, anyways?**

Inventionland Institute is a hands-on, discovery learning curriculum teaching real-world knowledge that helps students succeed not just in the classroom, but also in life. The curriculum fosters better attendance, attitude, and achievement. Students will go through Inventionland's 9-Step Inventing Method and work from Idea to Prototype to Presentation.

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## **What kind of technology will my child be using?**

This answer is going to vary depending on your specific classroom situation. Make sure you know and can briefly describe all of the different equipment you'll be using!

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## **What's an Innovation Lab?**

An Innovation Lab is an immersive learning environment that inspires both teachers and students. Traditional desks have been replaced with fun, functional furniture. Technology is available that isn't normally available for use in a classroom. When you walk into our immersive environment, it feels different. Students are excited to learn.

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## **Does this class replace a required course? How will my child learn what they normally learn in (English/Science/Math)?**

The Inventionland Institute Curriculum teaches many different subjects that are aligned with you state's standard course of studies. For example, even if students are no longer in a traditional English class, they are still learning research and writing skills. Now, however, they are learning in a real-world environment and seeing right away how different subjects connect.

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## **How can I monitor my child's work?**

Middle School and High School students use the Inventionland Institute Curriculum website to turn in assignments. You will be able to log in and see what your student is working on at any time. You can also contact their teacher for more specific information.

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## **What homework will be required for class? What if we don't have all of the required technology at home?**

Any homework requirement takes into consideration that students may not have all of the classroom technology available at home. For example, while they may not be assigned to 3D print a prototype, they may be assigned to double-check dimensions of their prototype before printing.

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## **Is the online software private? Do you teach students how to stay safe online?**

All online courseware is private, and we also teach global citizenship lessons so students know the do's and don'ts of how to behave online.

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## **Will I be able to talk to my child about what they are working on?**

While you may not know all of the technology that is being used in class, you can absolutely still talk to them about their designs. Ask them what problem they are solving, what's going well or where they are struggling. Your children will most likely be very passionate about their projects and want to share the process with you.

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## **What happens if my child is sick or absent when something is due?**

Because we are on a strict schedule for the semester, it's very important that students are in class for presentations or when it's their turn to use technology. However, we know that illness doesn't follow a schedule, so if your child is going to be out, we will make sure they are able to make up lab time and stay on track.

**Most importantly,** make sure you LISTEN to what parents are asking. The more they are involved in their student's life, the more successful the student will be in class.