



SPARK! CREATOR STUDIO: PREPARING TODAY'S STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITIES

The SPARK! Creator Studio will provide middle and high school students a collaborative workshop environment where they can use a wide array of tools and technologies to build, invent, create and problem-solve. This program combines the equipment of a MakerSpace, technology of a Computer Lab and materials of a Tinker Studio.

The concept of the educational makerspace is part of a long tradition of constructivist thought in education which emphasizes the importance of hands-on learning for children. To be prepared, today's students need to not just consume technology, but also create with it. They need skills represented by the creative process which SPARK! defines as Inspiration with Collaboration and Iteration leads to Innovation. Educational makerspaces with their emphasis on design challenges, adult mentorships and hands-on learning promote all of these important skills.

In the SPARK! Creator Studio, students will be trained to use a variety of analog and digital tools, attend skill-building workshops led by professionals, artists, artisans and engineers, and engage in self-selected and self-directed projects based on their strengths and interests.

The Creator Studio will be open to children ages 10 through high school on Sundays 12 pm to 5 pm, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays 3 pm to 7 pm. Because of our generous benefactors, the SPARK! Creator Studio is offered free of charge.

We ask that all parents review the attached agreements with their child and commit to participating in this wonderful creative opportunity.



Creator Studio Member Agreement

Welcome to the SPARK! Creator Studio. This studio is designed especially for you, the creator, the maker to explore your passion projects.

Our goal is to have a safe environment that promotes creativity. These guidelines will help us work together to create that environment.

1. I understand that the creative process involves taking risks. Failed attempts and difficulties are part of the process. I will encourage myself and others through this process.
2. I will treat everyone else in the space with respect.
3. I will only play profanity-free sound and music files at volumes that allow everyone to work free of distractions.
4. I will use profanity-free language that supports and encourages others.
5. I will give constructive feedback to others instead of harsh criticisms.
6. I will think before I act and work cooperatively to create.
7. I will take care of all of the material and resources in the space.
8. I will not use the materials in the studio for commercial or financial gain.
9. I commit to participating in the Creator Studio program by working in the Creator Studio for an average of two hours per week for four months.
10. For every five hours of Creator Studio time I spend, I will give back one hour to help other learners in the studio.

We believe that our members are capable of managing their own behavior but sometimes may need help. If any of the above guidelines are not met, an adult facilitator will meet with you to discuss the problem and problem-solve with you. If you are unable to meet the guidelines and expectations of the program you may be dismissed from the program.

I have read, understood and agree to adhere to this contract.

Member Signature _____ Date _____



Creator Studio Parent Permission Slip

Description Of The Program:

The Creator Studio will be a place where children ages 10 through high school can fan their creative spark by delving deep into the world of making and tinkering with a wide array of tools and technology. In the Creator Studio, students will be trained to use a variety of analog and digital tools, attend skill-building workshops led by professionals, artists, artisans and engineers and engage in self-selected projects based on their strengths and interest.

Permission:

I give permission for _____ to participate in the activities of the Creator Studio.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY & ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK

It is understood that visiting and/or participation in programs at SPARK! involves an element of risk and danger of accidents. Specific risks vary from one activity to another, and the risks range from minor injuries to major injuries, including death. Knowing those risks, I hereby assume those risks.

In consideration of the use of the facilities and/or programs at SPARK!, by me and the above listed children and wards, if any, I hereby waive, agree to release, and discharge any and all claims for damages for personal, bodily, or mental injury, economic loss, death, or property damage, which may occur while visiting SPARK! or hereafter accrue. This release is intended to forever discharge SPARK!, including its officers, employees, agents, or volunteers ("Released Parties"), from any and all liability, even though that liability may arise out of negligence by the Released Parties.

I agree to forever indemnify and hold SPARK! and the Released Parties harmless from any loss, liability, cost, or expense that they may incur as the result of any injury, death, or property damage that I or my children or wards may sustain while visiting SPARK!

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY PERMISSIONS

Photographs and video footage are periodically taken of visitors while on SPARK! premises. I understand that these images are the property of SPARK! and may be used for the purpose of promoting SPARK! in its publications, presentations, promotional materials, social media accounts, and/or website.

Commitment:

I agree to support my child in attaining the hours needed to maintain membership in the SPARK! Creator Studio. I commit my child to attending the Creator Studio for an average of two hours per week for four months.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



Membership Information

Member Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Street address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Member email: _____

Parent email: _____

Parent phone: _____

Name of school: _____ Grade: _____