

TechStart 2009-2010 - Information and Schedule

About TechStart & Technology Access Foundation

TechStart is a **free, yearlong after-school program** for students in kindergarten through 8th grade from Technology Access Foundation (TAF). The focus of TechStart is providing **science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)** enrichment to underserved children of color through project-based learning and advanced technology tools. **Did you know only about one-third of Washington 8th graders score as "Proficient" or better on national math and science tests? That number falls below 25% for children of color.** TAF believes that all students are natural learners, but without a strong educational foundation and a belief that learning can be fun, many students fall behind by 8th grade. **TechStart keeps students in K-8th grade on the path to academic success** by using innovative classroom techniques and cutting-edge technology to reinforce fundamental skills in an after-school environment. The primary goals of TechStart are to **increase competencies in core academic subjects and to promote college as a viable option**—particularly in STEM fields—for each student. But our approach in the classroom goes well beyond that. All TechStart students can expect to **develop essential life skills, like critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, and presentation skills.** See our complete schedule below for all class locations, days, and times.

Seattle Area - accepting applications for waitlist

Genesee Learning Space	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
TAF, 4436 Rainer Ave. S (Rainier and Genesee)	Grades 1-2	Tues/Thurs - 4:00-5:00	Toni Anderson	GLS1
	Grades 1-2	Tues/Thurs - 5:00-6:00	Toni Anderson	GLS2
	Grades 3-5	Mon/Wed - 4:00-5:30	Ama Okoro	GLS3
	Grades 3-5	Mon/Wed - 5:30-7:00	Ama Okoro	GLS4
	Grades 3-5	Tues/Thurs - 4:00-5:30	Derya Baykent	GLS5
	Grades 3-5	Tues/Thurs - 5:30-7:00	Derya Baykent	GLS6
	Grades 6-8	Mon/Wed - 4:00-5:30	Frank Redmond	GLS7
	Grades 6-8	Mon/Wed - 5:30-7:00	Frank Redmond	GLS8

Highline School District- accepting applications for waitlist

Beverly Park Elementary	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
	Grades 4-6	Mon/Wed - 3:45-5:15	Judith Blair	BPE1
	Grades 4-6	Tues/Thurs - 3:45-5:15	Judith Blair	BPE2
White Center Heights	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
	Grades 4-6	Mon/Wed - 3:45-5:15	Tri Nguyen	WCH1
	Grades 4-6	Tues/Thurs - 3:45-5:15	Tri Nguyen	WCH2
Southern Heights Elementary	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
	Grades 4-6	Mon/Wed - 3:45-5:15	Aliah Perkins	SHE1
	Grades 4-6	Tues/Thurs - 3:45-5:15	Bruce Cordingly	SHE2
Mount View Elementary	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
	Grades 4-6	Mon/Wed - 3:45-5:15	Rachel Emery	MVE1
	Grades 4-6	Tues/Thurs - 3:45-5:15	Aliah Perkins	MVE2
Hilltop Elementary	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
	Grades 4-6	Mon/Wed - 3:15-4:45	Jean McMillin	HTE1
	Grades 4-6	Tues/Thurs - 3:15-4:45	Jean McMillin	HTE2

Federal Way Public Schools - accepting applications for waitlist

Star Lake Elementary	GRADES	DAYS/TIMES	TEACHER	COURSE CODE
	Grades 3-5	M/T/W - 2:40-3:40	Susan Evans	SLE1