



# THE VIKING WAYFINDER ACADEMY

AT PARKWAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

**The Viking Wayfinder Academy**, nestled within North High, offers an innovative, student-centered educational approach. It emphasizes personalized, real-world learning, blending students' strengths, skills, and interests with an interdisciplinary curriculum. Here, education is more than traditional classroom instruction; it's about assembling knowledge dynamically, much like Legos, piece-by-piece. Students engage in project-based learning and seminars at their own pace, developing competencies and leadership skills. This non-traditional academy empowers students to take ownership of their learning journey, fostering a deeper engagement with their passions and preparing them for future success.

## THE VIKING WAYFINDER ACADEMY is . . .

- Interdisciplinary, project-based, and competency-based.
- A school-within-a-school. Students take elective classes outside of the academy.
- Shaped by relevant, authentic, and real-world topics that students find personally meaningful.
- Innovative experiences, leadership development, and community engagement help students discover their place in the world and their path moving forward.
- More access to and exploration of real-world, authentic experiences
- Meaningful activities and topics of interest to students
- Opportunities to learn at their own pace and be more self-directed and independent.

To succeed in our Parkway mission and realize this shared vision for students, next year we will launch **THE VIKING WAYFINDER ACADEMY!!**



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students explore their P.L.A.C.E. in world by focusing on these competencies

### PURPOSEFUL

Students act with integrity and intentionality.

### LEARNER

Students seek understanding, take academic risks, and reflect in a continuous cycle of growth.

### AGILE

Students are flexible and find meaningful ways to adapt and respond in an ever-changing world.

### COLLABORATIVE

Students work with others in a common effort.

### EMPOWERED & EMPOWERING

Students have the knowledge, confidence, and ability to make purposeful decisions, take responsible actions, and provide others with the means and belief that they can do the same.

## MADELYN

Madelyn has always liked school and enjoys working with a variety of adults and peers. She enjoys the routine of school and it is effortless for her to follow classroom expectations. She enjoys reading independently, finds it easy to work in large and small groups, and puts forth the effort necessary to complete classroom assignments and homework. Madelyn is up for the challenge of taking a deeper dive into her planned college major while still in high school. Madelyn is a great fit for the **VIKING WAYFINDER ACADEMY**.



## JALEN

Jalen is an outgoing student who wants to be deeply involved in his education and has creative ideas he wants to put into his schoolwork. He is a student who often questions why he has to learn new things and often feels held back by the pace of a traditionally structured school day. Jalen wants the opportunity to make choices about what and how he learns throughout the day, and he would like school to be connected to the real world. He believes his learning should illuminate his future path. Jalen is a great fit for the **VIKING WAYFINDER ACADEMY**.



## Important Things To Know

- Any current 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade student can apply for the Wayfinder Academy.
- The academy will add a grade level each year until it consists of 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Parkway curriculum, including honors, AP and college preparatory courses will be available to students in the Wayfinder Academy.
- Students with an IEP or 504 can apply to the Wayfinder Academy.
- The Wayfinder Academy will offer core content classes of math, science, ELA and Social Studies. All other courses will be taken in Legacy at Parkway North.
- A high school transcript will look the same for a Wayfinder Academy student as it does for a Legacy student.
- Students in Wayfinder Academy are eligible for all activities at Parkway North including sports and clubs.
- When you choose the Academy, you are making a commitment for the school year. Changes can be made at the end of the academic year.

## Viking Wayfinder Academy Application

Applications will be open **December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025**

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Wayfinder26> or scan the QR code on the right. →

