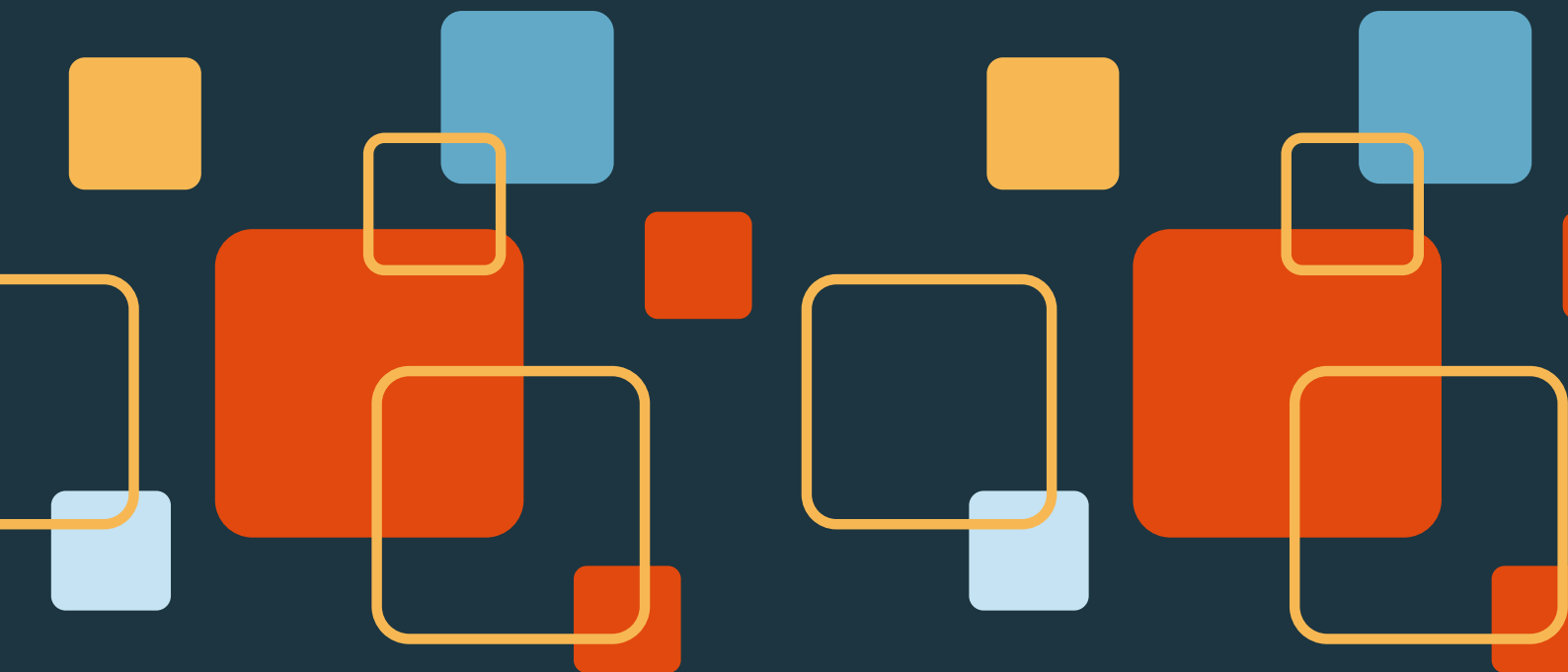


2024-2025 BROCHURE

IGNITE CREATIVE SCHOOL



WELCOME MESSAGE

Thank you for considering *Ignite Creative School* as a partner in your homeschooling adventure.

As a parent of three boys - two of them teens - I know that decisions concerning schooling are weighty. From curriculum to community, it can be overwhelming to decide the best place and fit for your child. In fact, the passion to create *Ignite Creative School* came from the desire of wanting to find a better fit for my son in the Christian education community; one that didn't yet exist in Missoula or the Bitterroot Valley.

Our goal at *Ignite* is not to repeat what is already being done well in our community, but to **fill in something that is missing**. For this reason, we hope to create an option where older kids and teens can find community and a place for self-expression and discipleship, while still allowing parents to remain in control of their child's education and families to prioritize family life.

If you are in the place of searching for something to better fit your family life, we welcome you here. This brochure will help guide you through the basics of who we are, who we serve, and how we hope to grow in the future.

If you still have questions, please feel free to reach out. If you find ICS may be a good fit for you or someone you know, please spread the word. Our Fall 2024 is just around the corner and we hope to reach our current goal of 25 families soon!

In the meantime, our team will be praying for your family as you make the decisions for your student's peer community.

Sincerely,

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WHAT IS A HYBRID SCHOOL?

Hybrid homeschool is known as “a very new and up-and-coming school choice that melds the best of a private/public school and homeschool together” (One Room Schoolhouse). Students attend the hybrid school for the majority of their academic instruction, and then complete the remaining work at home. Although a hybrid in-class/homeschool model, your child is still considered a homeschool student per state law and the hybrid school is there to assist you in educating your child

Unlike co-ops or other types of parent-led groups, hybrid schools have paid teachers and instructors that handle the weekly group classes in each subject offered. A class can constitute a lab, Socratic discussion of the weekly reading, group debate, tests or quizzes, a lesson, or even a small in-class project. For this reason, hybrid schools are an exciting addition to Christian education - allowing for parents to have free time to work and manage the home. Meanwhile, students engage with other students in a brick-and-mortar school environment where they receive outside instruction.

WHAT TO EXPECT

All grades will meet for two semesters, 18 weeks per semester. **We meet two days a week for Core Curriculum** (Monday and Thursday) and one day week for outdoor exploration and nature study, tutoring, and Journey “Open Studio” (Wednesday). This allows families to choose a two day or three day week with *Ignite*.

Throughout the year, we will include a full Thanksgiving break, Christmas break, winter break and spring break. Included will also be a few National Holidays such as Memorial Day.

All classes taught at *Ignite* are taught from a strong Historically Christian worldview. **We start the day with group devotionals and core curriculum ("Spark") time from 8:25 AM -12:00 PM. After lunch we do free time and then "Journey" from 1:00-3:25 PM.** School ends at 3:35 PM.

For the remainder of the week, when not at *Ignite Creative School*, core subjects are completed at home.

GRADE LEVELS OFFERED

Currently, we offer 6th-12th grade for our program. However, if many students fall just beneath that mark (i.e. 5th and/or 4th grade) we will do our best to meet the need of our growing community and “greenlight” that age group with their own designated teacher.



FOUNDATION

STYLE

Ignite seeks to create a comprehensive education that honors your student's need for socialization, leadership opportunities, Christ-centered discipleship, and personal accountability. Reflecting these goals, our curriculum choices integrate a mixture of educational models, focusing mainly on a Project-Based Learning style (inspired by Maria Montessori and Charlotte Mason). Our classes encourage group participation, the Socratic method of discussion, and hands-on activities when applicable. In addition, your student will create quarterly presentations and projects for core subjects, demonstrating a deeper understanding of a chosen topic (a favorite of our students!)

Our goal in learning is to allow curiosity to grow as students pursue a range of interests and goals while achieving an in-depth understanding of curricula, skills, and culture. With this in mind, we also put a high value on understanding God's creation and how it works. Our weekly outdoor adventures and nature study give your student the opportunity to experience the wonder of nature first hand. In addition, outdoor activities and physical activity have also been proven to stimulate the brain and promote brain health - both assets to every student. In these ways we hope to help facilitate a love of lifelong learning inside and outside the classroom.

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

At *Ignite Creative School*, a student can attend two or three days a week.

We offer a two day option or three day option.

- Two days of core curriculum and Journey (both).
- One Day of Outdoor Adventure/Nature Study and Journey "Open Studio".

OUR WORLDVIEW

Ignite Creative School recognizes that it is a family's right to be an integral and motivating force in their child's education; children are ultimately accountable to their parents and to God for their learning and behavior.

With this in mind, *Ignite Creative School* is a learning environment with high moral values as taught and exemplified by the Biblical life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Each educator will teach those things that are known to be pure, lovely, virtuous, and praiseworthy as described in the Bible. When needed, we will tackle current and historical issues through the lens of the Gospel, always inviting honest conversation and welcoming questions.

When/if needed, we may ask parents to be a part of our conversations to hear what students are curious or concerned about, so that they can stay informed on how the culture is seen through their students' eyes (and also for parents to decide if further conversation at home is necessary). On any topic of conversation, our goal as followers of Christ is to seek God and His word on all matters - even when we disagree. Above all we will condone curiosity and open conversation in a polite, kind, honorable manner.



OUR BELIEFS

DENOMINATIONAL STANCE

Ignite Creative School is a non-denominational, evangelical school that believes that all genuine believers are one in Christ, standing firmly on the foundation of Biblical Christianity.

Since there are denominational preferences among Christ-followers, the following areas are left primarily to the teaching of the home and church :

- Church government, authority, and discipline
- Mode of baptism
- Eternal security and the believer
- Timing of past/future events, including those in Revelation
- Second work of grace, baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues

Although we recognize and respect the differences on these issues, we will not dissuade students from questions on these issues in their seeking to understand each other's perspectives. All conversations will be courteous and respectful, regardless of interpretation or opinion.

Ignite Creative School desires to remain united in the salvation, grace, and love of Christ, avoiding the dissension which may be caused by denominational distinctives. Students who express questions or concerns in the above areas will be kindly directed to their parents and pastor. However, conversations concerning objective truths can be addressed when denominational divisions are not central to the conversation.



EDUCATION

GOALS

Ignite Creative School seeks to be a Christ-honoring educational environment of excellence, where students progress as they reach concept mastery in each subject and are developmentally ready for further study. We welcome kids with various learning styles (such as kinesthetic versus auditory learners). **Our goal is not just to create good test-takers or teach children *what* to think; our goal is to train students to develop critical thinking skills, academic curiosity, and excellence in study.**

Structure and order are key for this integration to work; therefore, clear expectations of both behavior and accomplishment will be set in every classroom and with assignments given.

In addition to foundational academics, we want our students to have strongly-established life skills, such as money management, interpersonal communications, problem-solving, and entrepreneurialism. Because of this, we will offer electives that will add to the quality of life we want our students to experience beyond their middle and high school years.

Finally, our curriculum and hands-one learning style will mirror proven techniques and learning styles demonstrated by schools such as Montessori, Acton Academy in Austin, Texas and The Wonder School in Wichita, Kansas. **These goals surpass state requirements for graduation and teach a strong sense of accountability, self-propelled learning, curiosity, failure and recovery, and mastery of skill.**

PARENT AS EDUCATOR

Hybrid homeschool means that your child is still considered a homeschool student according to the state, and all proper paperwork must be submitted to both county school districts to validate this type of education. Although we are walking alongside families (co-laboring) in their homeschool journey, the parent is still considered the primary educator. Work needing to be done during home days must be accomplished.

TUITION

Three Day (Core Curriculum and Journey plus outdoor adventure/nature study)

\$4500

This cost includes morning Core Curriculum time (Bible, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies...) AND afternoon Journey (hands-on learning intensives). Price includes the price for tuition and a flat fee for in-class materials such as art stations and general materials for class activities. However it DOES NOT include additional curriculum costs such as individual books for home use (i.e. a personal copy of Tom Sawyer). However, we cap all curriculum choices at \$200 per family to keep costs down.

This also includes are third day - outdoor adventure/nature study days, Journey "studio time" and tutoring/study hall when time allows.

Two Day (Core Curriculum and Journey)

\$3000

This cost includes morning core curriculum time (Bible, Science, Math, English, Social Studies...) and includes the price for in-class materials for stations and in-class activities. However it DOES NOT include additional curriculum costs such as individual books for home use. However, we cap all curriculum choices at \$200 per family to keep costs down. (Curriculum can include online math platform costs such as Teaching Textbooks, tangible books for reading, etc.

Learning Intensives (Journey) By Permission Only

\$2500

This is the cost for a "flat rate", year-long Journey programs (learning intensives). A full year will include approximately 6-9 group learning intensives (Journeys), rotating every four to six weeks. Note that most Journeys are open to students up to 12th grade.

Classes include subjects such as fine arts, performing arts, coding, entrepreneurship, music editing, composition, and website building.

Select Journey Classes Only (By Permission Only)

For families only wishing to take one or two specific Journey classes during the school year we will offer limited additional enrollment for each class (in addition to our full-day students). We will post the Journey calendar as the year develops and open enrollment up 4-6 weeks in advance.

Prices will vary based on complexity of materials needed.





FUTURE GROWTH

VISION

From the onset, *Ignite Creative School* will place high emphasis on what we feel are often overlooked foundational educational assets. This includes historical knowledge and understanding, critical thinking, entrepreneurship, and artistic expression. As ICS grows in the coming years, we seek to expand our reach and class offerings, catering to what we see are the gaps in our community's current options for a Christian education.

Our mission is to walk alongside families and help instill a love of learning and passion for knowing Christ in an educational and discipleship environment where children feel supported and loved. In coming years, our goal is to expand to a facility and staff that can accommodate between 40-60 students. From professional teachers and artists to experienced administrators, pastors, and professionals, we are seeking to create a foundation of mentors and instructors that reflect excellence in all they do - allowing children and teens to propel their own passion for learning.

In addition to a set facility and staff, as we grow we hope to increase ICS to a four-day a week program. This will allow us to increase opportunity for more homeschooling families to participate, and a broader palette of learning electives so more students can experience learning about subjects and skills they are passionate about in a Christ-centered environment.



COMMON QUESTIONS

Is Ignite Creative School a Classical School Model?

No. ICS does not adhere to a Classical School Model. Christian Classical School opportunities are already offered in Missoula and we do not wish to detract from those. What we seek to do is embrace those that either wish to enhance their existing learning opportunities (by participating in more days with a community of fellow Christian students) or those that are looking for a different option for educating their children in general.

Our model of learning borrows heavily from proven learning models inspired or created by Marie Montessori, Charlotte Mason, Acton Academy and the creative and technology Graduate School models of studio and group learning .

Are there any sibling discounts?

YES! At this time, Ignite offers a 5% sibling discount.

Is there any way to earn tuition credit?

YES!

If you recruit another student to *Ignite*, we offer a 5% credit of the new students' enrollment to your student's tuition. For example, if you recruit a new student and they sign up for two day enrollment you will receive a \$300 credit toward your student's tuition at the end of the semester. If you recruit an additional student who decides on three days you would receive a \$450 tuition credit for your student.

If you recruit ten students... we may need to hire you as our enrollment manager. (Smile).

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