



## GET EMPOWERED!

### ACE Empower Academy Program Information Packet for Parents

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#### ACE Empower Academy: A Snapshot of Transformation

Alternate Community Education (ACE) offers a range of programs designed to spark creativity, cultivate leadership, and foster personal growth. Among these, ACE Empower Academy stands out as an innovative two-day-a-week micro-school, running for 16 weeks each semester. Launching August 18, 2025, this dynamic program seamlessly integrates academics with hands-on life skills and entrepreneurial ventures, empowering students to become visionary thinkers and confident trailblazers through a highly personalized, micro-school approach.

- **Ages:**
    - ACE Empower Preschool: ages 2 – 4/5 years old (must be potty trained)
    - ACE Empower Academy: ages 5/6 – 19 years old
    - Students are broken up into age groups and work on age-appropriate school program.
  - **Schedule:**
    - Two day a week Program
    - Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:30am – 3:00pm
    - 16 weeks in the Fall & 16 weeks in the Spring
    - School Year Commitment
    - First day of classes August 18<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - **Cost:**
    - Registration Fee: \$200/year
    - Tuition: \$2,080/semester or \$4,160/year (\$10/hour)
    - Supply Fee: \$100/semester or \$200/year
    - Fall 2025 Payment Schedule: \$300 due at enrollment (registration + supply fee); first semester tuition divided into five monthly payments of \$416 (July 1 - Nov 1).
    - Additional Expenses: Semester supply list, passion & project expenses, and core curriculum (varies). Encouraging students to reach out to the community for sponsorships and fundraising efforts will be an additional focus.
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#### A Day at ACE Empower Academy

At ACE Empower Academy, every day is crafted to inspire innovation, collaboration, and personal growth. Through six thoughtfully designed time blocks, students engage in a dynamic blend of academics, life skills, and entrepreneurial exploration, tailored to their unique needs and aspirations.

1. **Dynamic Morning Gatherings: 8:30am – 9:00am**

Kick off the day with vibrant community-building sessions that spark teamwork, inspire reflection, and celebrate achievements. Set a personal goal, sharpen your focus, and get your mind ready to shine!

2. **Healthy Lifestyle & Collaborative Team Building: 9:00am – 9:30am**

Ignite your energy with dynamic group activities that emphasize physical activity, leadership, and collaboration. Get your blood pumping and your mind engaged as you build teamwork skills and confidence through interactive, movement-based experiences!

3. **Personalized Academic Work Sessions: 9:30am – 11:30am (2 hours)**

Four 30-minute focused sessions allow students to tackle our curriculum or their own assignments, supported by dedicated Team Guides. Short brain breaks keep students sharp. During this flexible session, students can choose to work on their own curriculum or explore one we recommend, with our dedicated guides and mentors providing personalized support and tutoring to ensure success. Alternatively, they can dive into a passion project, dedicating focused time to pursue an interest that ignites their creativity. This customizable block is tailored to each student's unique goals and parental educational priorities, offering a quiet, productive environment where every learner's path looks distinct and purposeful.

4. **Lunch & Community Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm**

A 30-minute lunch followed by 30 minutes of recess or free time to socialize, unwind, or complete tasks.

5. **Life Skills, Personal Goals & Entrepreneurship: 12:30pm – 2:30pm**

Life Skills, Personal Goals & Entrepreneurship (2 Hours) Afternoons are all about building real-world mastery. Students explore essential life skills like personal finance, leadership, and creative problem-solving through interactive workshops and classes. They also get to focus on their personal interests or hobbies during this time—whether that's trying out robotics, coding a game, learning a trade, investigating or researching a topic, solving a real-world problem, or diving deep into something they're passionate about. Then, they team up for entrepreneurial projects—dreaming up, planning, and launching their own businesses. From meeting local experts to navigating city offices or opening a bank account, they'll experience firsthand what it takes to turn ideas into reality.

6. **Wrap-up Collective: 2:30pm – 3:00pm**

Our last 30 minutes of the day is focused on Wrap-Up & Team Celebration (30 mins)

We close the day with a gathering to reflect on the day's wins, share insights, and strengthen our community through teamwork and encouragement.

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## What Sets ACE Empower Academy Apart

ACE Empower Academy offers a transformative educational experience, blending personalized learning with real-world opportunities to inspire growth and leadership. Here are the standout features that make our program unique:

- **Personalized Learning Plans:** Each student receives a custom-tailored plan designed to align with their unique strengths, interests, and aspirations, empowering them to progress at their own pace and thrive.
- **Entrepreneurial Spirit:** Students ignite their creativity by dreaming up and launching their own ventures, mastering practical skills like leadership, financial literacy, and innovative problem-solving.
- **Tight-Knit Community:** With small class sizes and daily gatherings, we foster a warm, supportive environment where every student feels valued and connected.

- **Holistic Development:** Our focus on life skills, physical activity, and personal passions nurture well-rounded individuals ready to excel in all aspects of life.
- **Hands-On Experiences:** From entrepreneurial projects to impactful community service, students engage in real-world learning that prepares them for success beyond the classroom.
- **Low Student-to-Guide Ratio:** Our small classes ensure individualized attention, creating an encouraging space where students are supported to shine.
- **Optional Healthy Meal Plans:** Thoughtfully designed meal options fuel students' bodies and minds for a productive day of learning. Students may bring their own lunch or purchase a conveniently prepared meal from our community partner.
- **Dedicated School Bus:** Hassle-free transportation connects students to school, field trips, and visits to local businesses, aligning hands-on experiences with their personal and academic goals.
- **Brightwheel App:** Stay effortlessly connected with real-time messaging, progress updates, photos, videos, and streamlined billing—all at your fingertips.
- **Exceptional Support Team:**
  - **Program Director:** Crafts innovative curricula and immersive experiences to spark curiosity and growth.
  - **Team Leads:** Deliver personalized support and uphold high standards to ensure every student's success.
  - **Student Guides:** Serve as dedicated mentors, guiding students through challenges and helping them unlock their full potential.

These distinctive elements combine to create an empowering, dynamic environment where students grow into confident, capable leaders ready to make a difference.

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### **ACE Points Program: Rewarding Growth and Initiative:**

At ACE Empower Academy, our innovative ACE Points system empowers students to take ownership of their achievements, responsibilities, and entrepreneurial ventures while learning valuable financial literacy skills. Here's how it works:

- **Earning Points Through Milestones and Achievements:** Students set personalized goals with guidance from mentors and parents. Whether mastering a new skill, completing a project, or reaching an academic target, students earn ACE Points when they meet these milestones, celebrating their progress and dedication.
- **Campus Jobs for Real-World Experience:** Students can apply for small on-campus roles, such as assisting teachers, caring for classroom reptiles, or helping with post-lunch cleanup. The process mirrors real-world job applications: students submit an application, participate in an interview, and, if selected, complete their tasks to earn ACE Points. These opportunities build responsibility and teamwork skills.
- **Entrepreneurial Ventures with Cashflow Rewards:** Students design and operate their own businesses, turning creative ideas into reality. The cashflow generated from these ventures is converted into ACE Points, reinforcing the connection between effort, innovation, and reward.
- **Spending and Saving at the ACE Store:** ACE Points are deposited into each student's personal "bank account" and can be spent at our vibrant school store, stocked with exciting items for all ages—think Squishmallows, headphones, gift cards, and more! Students decide whether to spend their points or save for bigger opportunities. Throughout the semester, exclusive pop-up rewards and special items become available, allowing savers to unlock unique experiences. This hands-on approach teaches financial decision-making, showing students firsthand how spending and saving impact their choices.

The ACE Points program is more than a reward system—it's a dynamic way to foster creativity, responsibility, and financial savvy, preparing students for a lifetime of confident decision-making.

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### **ACE Empower Academy: Building a Stronger Community, Locally and Globally**

At ACE Empower Academy, we are deeply committed to fostering a sense of community and making a meaningful impact both locally and globally. Our students learn to identify areas of need, collaborate on solutions, and spread hope through teamwork and service, cultivating compassion and leadership that extend far beyond the classroom.

- **Serving Our Local Community:** We encourage students to explore the needs within our immediate surroundings and share their own ideas for positive change. Whether it's supporting local charities, organizing community events, or addressing specific challenges, students work together to create tangible impact.
- **Growing Together Through a Community Garden:** In partnership with other ACE programs, students will design and maintain a vibrant on-campus community garden. This hands-on project teaches teamwork, sustainability, and the joy of nurturing growth, while providing fresh produce to share with the community.
- **Enhancing Our Campus Environment:** Students take an active role in improving our school by embracing initiatives like recycling programs, campus cleanups, or creative projects to promote sustainability. These efforts empower students to take pride in their space and learn the value of environmental stewardship.
- **Global Awareness and Service:** We inspire students to think globally by learning about international challenges and exploring ways to contribute from home, such as fundraising for global causes or partnering with organizations to support underserved communities. To deepen this impact, we plan an optional international service trip, allowing students to engage directly in global service, broaden their perspectives, and build lifelong memories.

Through these initiatives, ACE Empower Academy nurtures a spirit of collaboration, empathy, and global citizenship, empowering students to make a lasting difference in their communities and the world.

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### **Tailored Growth for Every Age at ACE Empower Academy**

At ACE Empower Academy, our program is thoughtfully customized to meet the developmental needs of students across all ages, from preschool to young adulthood, ensuring that each child's journey is both engaging and empowering. The intensity and approach to our core focus areas—community building, personalized learning, entrepreneurship, and empathy—adapt to the student's age and readiness. For our preschoolers, learning is infused with play, sparking creativity through hands-on activities, storytelling, and collaborative games that lay the foundation for teamwork and curiosity. Elementary students might explore simple business ventures like crafting items for a school market, while middle and high schoolers dive into more complex entrepreneurial projects, such as designing a business plan or launching a community initiative. Regardless of age, the goal remains steadfast: to empower every student to become the best version of themselves by fostering confidence, collaboration, and compassion through tailored experiences that ignite their unique potential and meet students where they are at.

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## Streamlined Enrollment for a Personalized Start at ACE Empower Academy

Joining ACE Empower Academy is a seamless process designed to set your child up for success from day one. Here's how it works:

1. **Submit Payment & Forms:**
  - Secure your child's spot by paying the \$300 enrollment fee upfront (\$200 registration + \$100 supply fee).
  - Complete all student forms conveniently through the Brightwheel app.
2. **Share Your Child's Story:**
  - Within 7 business days of receiving your payment and forms, we'll send a "Get to Know Me" form via email. This helps us understand your child's interests, strengths, and needs, laying the groundwork for a tailored learning experience.
3. **Connect with Our Team:**
  - After reviewing the "Get to Know Me" form, our Program Director will schedule a personalized phone call to discuss your child's goals and how we can support their unique journey.
4. **Fast Track to Success Meeting:**
  - In July or August, before classes begin, join us on campus for a guided tour and one-on-one conversation. Together, we'll align on your child's aspirations and craft a customized learning plan, ensuring they're ready to thrive from the very first day.

This thoughtful process ensures every student starts their ACE journey with confidence and clarity, paving the way for a transformative experience.

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## Join Our Community

At ACE, we're committed to empowering your child to become a confident, capable leader ready to make a lasting impact. Discover how our innovative programs can ignite their potential! We offer other amazing programs like NWA Farm School, ACE Enrichment Academy, ACE Theatre & more!

For more information or to enroll:

- **Visit our website for more information:** [www.NWAACE.com](http://www.NWAACE.com)
- **To enroll email:** [admin@nwaace.com](mailto:admin@nwaace.com) (in the title put "Ready to be Empowered")

We can't wait to welcome your family to the ACE community!