

Fall 2019

# ACE IPSF




AFTERSCHOOL CLASSROOM ENRICHMENT



## WHAT IS THE ACE PROGRAM AND WHAT ARE ACE CLASSES?

The ACE Program (Afterschool Classroom Enrichment) is a program sponsored by IPSF (Irvine Public Schools Foundation) in cooperation with the Irvine Unified School District. These classes are offered right after school hours on the Venado campus for nominal fees. IPSF selects contractors who teach all types of classes ranging from athletics to academics to arts.

## Fall Classes At A Glance

Class	Day	Start	# of Mtgs.	Fee
Homework Club	Mon-Thu	9/9	Varied	\$225 / \$120
Code Academy: AI & Autonomous Cars 	Mon	9/9	6	\$167
Math Counts	Mon	11/18	8	\$90
After School Hoops® Basketball	Tue	9/10	10	\$167
American Sign Language Advanced	Tue	9/10	10	\$168
American Sign Language Beginning	Wed	9/11	10	\$168
National Archery in the Schools Program 	Wed	9/18	8	\$100
American Sign Language Intermediate	Thu	9/12	9	\$153
Creative Writing 	Thu	9/12	9	\$104

**Register Online beginning August 19**  
**Online Registration ONLY at [www.ipsfacademy.org](http://www.ipsfacademy.org)**

### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE !!

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for all classes based on financial need. Income documentation is required for approval. Parents may apply for assistance by completing the Scholarship Application available at [www.ipsf.net/ace](http://www.ipsf.net/ace).



For scholarship questions, please email IPSF ACE at [ipsfacademy@ipsf.net](mailto:ipsfacademy@ipsf.net)



Questions? Contact volunteer Venado ACE Coordinator Dawn Baranski at [dawnbaranski@iusd.org](mailto:dawnbaranski@iusd.org)

## MONDAYS THRU THURSDAYS September 9 - November 14

### HOMEWORK CLUB

\$225 / \$120

Homework Club is facilitated by Venado teachers and is open to all Venado Middle School students. The goal is to support students in achieving academic success by providing individual monitoring of homework completion and assistance while developing basic work habits.

Class is held each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning September 9 through November 14. NO class September 23, October 14, 21, 24 & November 11. No class on Minimum Schedule days.

Instructor: Venado Teachers      Time: 3:00-4:00 PM      Location: TBA, varies by day

Monday through Thursday: \$225  
Mondays & Wednesdays: \$120  
Tuesdays & Thursdays: \$120



**MONDAYS: September 9, 16, 30, October 7, 28 & November 4**  
**NO class September 23, October 14 & 21**

### CODE ACADEMY: AI & AUTONOMOUS CARS



\$167

With more and more people becoming interested in using artificial intelligence to solve real-world problems, the tools to build your own AI have become much more accessible. Students will learn how to code an artificial neural network to solve problems that a computer typically would be unable to solve otherwise. From navigating a maze to teaching a computer how to use gravity to push itself up a hill, this course will provide students with the foundation for how AI works in a simple and easy to access manner. Then students explore the essential elements of the C++ Programming language by programming an autonomous car. They will begin by programming the car to navigate through a simple maze and eventually learn to utilize the various sensors on the car to program it to solve any maze autonomously! Provider: Brainstorm STEM Education.

Mon. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Room 107

# of Meetings: 6

**MONDAYS: November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, January 6, 13 & 27**  
**NO class December 23, 30 & January 20.**

### MATH COUNTS



\$90

The MATHCOUNTS Competition Series is the only program of its kind, with live, in-person events in all 50 states, as well as schools worldwide through the U.S. Dept. of Defense and State Dept. Competitions take place in over 500 local chapters. The Competition Series is ideal for students who have a talent and passion for math who need to be challenged. Students will engage in exciting, "bee-style" contests in which they will compete against and alongside other bright, motivated students. At the local, state and national level, students win hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes every year. Everyone is welcome to participate in the class. The class culminates in the selection of 10 students who will represent VMS in the chapter competition with the possibility to advance beyond. Mr. Noel Galang will be leading the class and the VMS team.

Mon. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Room 104

# of Meetings: 8

**TUESDAYS: September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 & 12**

## AFTER SCHOOL HOOPS® BASKETBALL



**\$167**

Join us this school year as our coaches help students learn the fundamentals of basketball, focusing on proper technique and athletic motor skills that will help your child develop as an athlete and teammate. Each day our coaches will teach a skill, play fun games, and referee a scrimmage between the athletes. New and returning students are encouraged to join! Provider: One on One Sports Training/Basketball.

Tue. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the lunch tables

# of Meetings: 10

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - ADVANCED



**\$168**

This new ASL level is for students who have completed ASL Intermediate and/or are already at a conversational level and aim to gain further knowledge and skills in areas such as: receptive skills, expressive skills, fingerspelling, translating, bridging, interpreting, and more! Nicole has new ideas and is always open to yours as well! The deaf and hard-of-hearing (DHH) students and staff look forward to signing with you!

Instruction is led by Venado's own Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Paraeducator Nicole Ciambone. Nicole Ciambone started learning ASL in high school at Saddleback Community College and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies at California State University Northridge.

Tue. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Room 204

# of Meetings: 10

### WHERE TO GO AFTER SCHOOL AND PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS

Instruct your students that once regular school dismisses to report directly to their ACE class location.

After ACE class, students are to be picked up promptly by the front office. For those students permitted to leave on their own, please update the student's profile at [www.ipsfacademy.org](http://www.ipsfacademy.org) indicating the student's "Transportation" as responsible for themselves.

If your student will be absent from ACE class, please send a message before 11 am on the day of ACE class to Venado ACE Coordinator, Dawn Baranski, at [DawnBaranski@iusd.org](mailto:DawnBaranski@iusd.org)

**WEDNESDAYS: September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
November 6 & 13**

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - BEGINNING



**\$168**

Are you interested in learning and practicing American Sign Language (ASL)? Do you want to communicate with your deaf and hard-of-hearing peers? By the end of this class you will develop receptive and expressive skills, be able to have basic conversations in ASL, learn the truth behind the common myths about deaf and hard-of-hearing people, understand events from deaf history, and have a lot of fun learning! No experience needed.

Instruction is led by Venado's own Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Paraeducator Nicole Ciabrone. Nicole Ciabrone started learning ASL in high school at Saddleback Community College and went on to earn her Bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies at California State University Northridge.

Parents: This class will prepare your student for high school foreign language requirements.

Wed. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Room 204

# of Meetings: 10

**WEDNESDAYS: September 18, 25, October 2, 16, 23, 30, November 6 & 13  
NO class October 9**

## NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM



**\$100**

Join us this year as we begin archery at Venado. Students will be introduced to archery through NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program), which promotes instruction in international-style target archery to improve educational performance and participation in the shooting sports. Students will have the opportunity to learn and practice archery in the safe and fun environment. Taught by Venado's Ms. Leimback.

Wed. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the lunch tables

# of Meetings: 8

**THURSDAYS: September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, November 7 & 14  
NO class October 31**

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE - INTERMEDIATE



**\$137**

This class is designed for students with some ASL classroom experience/knowledge. We will continue to build vocabulary and conversation skills, learn more about the importance of classifiers, facial expressions and Deaf Culture. We will also focus more heavily on receptive and expressive skills.

Instruction is led by Venado's own Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Paraeducator Nicole Ciabrone.  
Parents: This class will prepare your student for high school foreign language requirements.

Thu. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Room 204

# of Meetings: 9

## CREATIVE WRITING



**\$104**

Throughout the course, students will analyze essays, memoirs, poetry, and short stories in order to develop creative writing and analytical skills. They will study grammatical constructions and learn to incorporate these elements into fictional pieces. Reading selections will allow students to engage with text on a more complex level as they explore figurative meaning and decode such rhetorical devices as metaphor, hyperbole, and paradox. Taught by Venado's very own Ms. Woollett.

Thu. Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: Room 115

# of Meetings: 9

## REGISTRATION

1. Go to [www.ipsfacademy.org](http://www.ipsfacademy.org). Please use Chrome or Safari as your browser, older versions of Internet Explorer are not supported.
2. If you do not have a User Email/Password, you will need to create one for yourself. Click "Create An Account". If your student participated in the IPSF Summer Enrichment Academy, you will login using the same user email and password.
3. Once you have successfully created a parent profile, you will be directed to login.
4. Click on "Add a Student" to create profiles for each of your students if one does not already exist.

**IMPORTANT!! For existing students, verify all student information is up to date for the new school year including grade, homeroom and transportation. Profiles do NOT update automatically.**

5. Select the desired class(es) and checkout.
6. Once you checkout, you will receive an email confirming your student's class enrollment.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION:

Begins: Monday, August 19

Classes start as early as:

Monday, September 9

Register at [www.ipsfacademy.org](http://www.ipsfacademy.org)

Enrollment is subject to class availability. Students must attend the school where they enroll in ACE classes.

## HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Log in at [www.ipsfacademy.org](http://www.ipsfacademy.org)
2. If you have not created a User Email/Password account, you will need to create one for yourself. Click "Create An Account". Once you have successfully created a parent profile, you will be directed to log in.
3. Click on "Add a Student" to create profiles for each of your students if one does not already exist. **For existing students, verify profiles are up to date including grade, homeroom and transportation.**
4. Click "Register for Classes".
5. Select the desired class(es) and checkout.
6. Once you have checked out successfully, you will receive an email confirmation listing your student's class enrollment.

**REFUNDS:** Tuition is nonrefundable unless the class is cancelled by the ACE coordinator. If your child registers late, misses classes or withdraws before the end of the session, you are still obligated for the full fees for that session. You are eligible for a prorated tuition refund or credit only if your child withdraws due to serious illness or injury, corroborated by a note from your doctor. All refunds are subject to a \$25 non-refundable program fee. Please be advised that refunds may take up to one month to process.

## FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS:

Receipts for programs attended by your child are available on request after completion of the programs. Please contact IPSF with parent's name, child's name, address, phone number, name and location of program(s) attended, and dates attended. IPSF can be reached via email at [cdepew@ipsf.net](mailto:cdepew@ipsf.net). This material is provided for informational purposes only. IPSF does not provide tax, legal, or accounting

advice, and makes no representations regarding the deductibility or FSA eligibility of any program related expenses. Please consult your individual tax advisor to determine how much of your payment, if any, is deductible and/or FSA eligible.

**CLASS AGE LIMITS:** In order to develop classes suitable for a particular age range, we specify age limits in the brochure.

**CLASS CONFIRMATIONS:** Class confirmations are emailed upon successful completion of enrollment. Please add [ipsfacademy@ipsf.net](mailto:ipsfacademy@ipsf.net) to your email address book.

**CLASS CANCELLATIONS:** We do our best to accommodate all students who sign up for ACE classes. In order to keep class fees as low as possible, we must set a minimum enrollment number for each class to cover the class expenses. If the minimum enrollment is not met, the ACE Program reserves the right to cancel the class and return all registration fees. You will be notified of any cancellations before the first scheduled day of class.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Getting students to and from class is the responsibility of parents. In the first week of classes, ACE site monitors will attempt to locate registered students who are not present in their class. After that week, however, we expect that the students will know where they should go. If your child has difficulty remembering to go to class, you might want to escort him/her or contact another child in the class so your child has a "buddy" to provide a reminder about class.

ACE students must be picked up immediately after class. Arranging pick-up is the responsibility of parents. School staff, ACE instructors and ACE volunteer monitors are not responsible for your child after class. If you are late picking your student up two times, your student will be removed from the program and there are no refunds.

**SNACKS:** Your child is always welcome to bring a personal snack. Please do not send any snacks containing peanut or tree nut products. Please contact the school site ACE coordinator immediately if your child has severe food allergies.

**CONTINUING CLASSES:** Unless noted otherwise in the brochure, students in continuing classes must submit a registration form and payment for each session.

**CONDUCT:** Normal classroom conduct is expected of all ACE students and we generally have very few problems with the behavior of our students. Children displaying unacceptable behavior will be issued a one-time "Behavior Citation" that will have to be signed by a parent before the student can continue the class. If a second citation is necessary, the child will be dismissed without refund.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** A limited number of partial scholarships are available for all classes based on need. Income documentation is required for approval. Parents may apply for a scholarship by accessing and completing the scholarship form at [www.ipsf.net/ace](http://www.ipsf.net/ace).

**MONITORS WANTED:** Would you like to help monitor ACE classes 1 to 1-1/2 hours per week? The work is easy – taking roll, assisting any children who need help, occasionally helping with classroom set up and clean up, and randomly checking on each class a few times during the class period. Volunteers who monitor are granted one reduced class tuition per session. Interested? Contact the ACE Coordinator listed below.

**PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP:** Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) sponsors the district-wide ACE program in cooperation with the Irvine Unified School District.

For further information about the ACE program at other schools, please call IPSF at 949.263.8340.

**ATTENDANCE:** If your student will be absent from ACE class, please send a message to the contact listed below before 11 a.m. on the day of ACE class.

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Contact Venado ACE Coordinator,  
Dawn Baranski, at  
[DawnBaranski@iusd.org](mailto:DawnBaranski@iusd.org)