

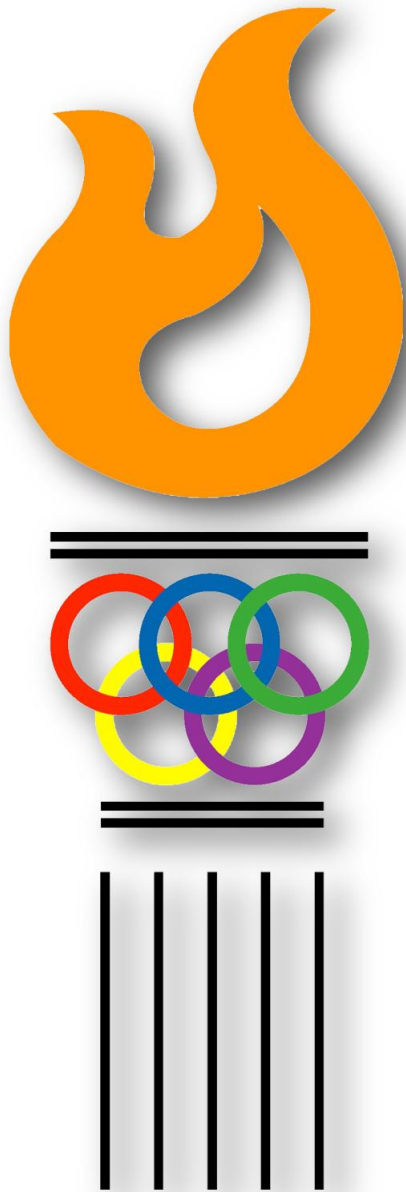
Welcome to
THE ACADEMY
AT NOLA DUNN



MISSION STATEMENT



The Mission of
the Academy at Nola Dunn,
an innovative learning community,
is to inspire and empower
life-long learners.

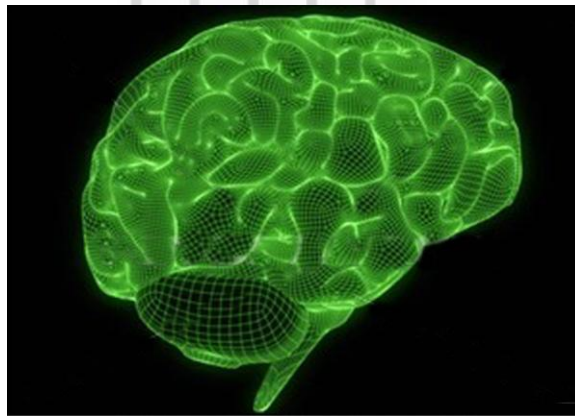


THE TORCH

The Academy Olympian Torch symbolizes the spirit of the Academy at Nola Dunn. We are constantly striving for excellence and our best personal achievement.

LEARNING AND THE BRAIN

The faculty and staff at The Academy at Nola Dunn are committed to understanding and applying **brain-based learning** strategies in context of teaching in schools.



BRAIN-BASED PRINCIPLES

- Active learning
- Challenging activities
- Authentic learning projects
- Regular reflection on performance
- Integration of multiple content areas
- Collaboration
- Relationships are pivotal for students and teachers

MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES



Verbal-Linguistic

Logical-Mathematical

Spatial

Bodily-Kinesthetic

Musical

Interpersonal

Intrapersonal

Naturalist



LEARNING STYLES



- Auditory



- *Visual*



- Tactile



- Technological

BRAIN-BASED PRINCIPLES

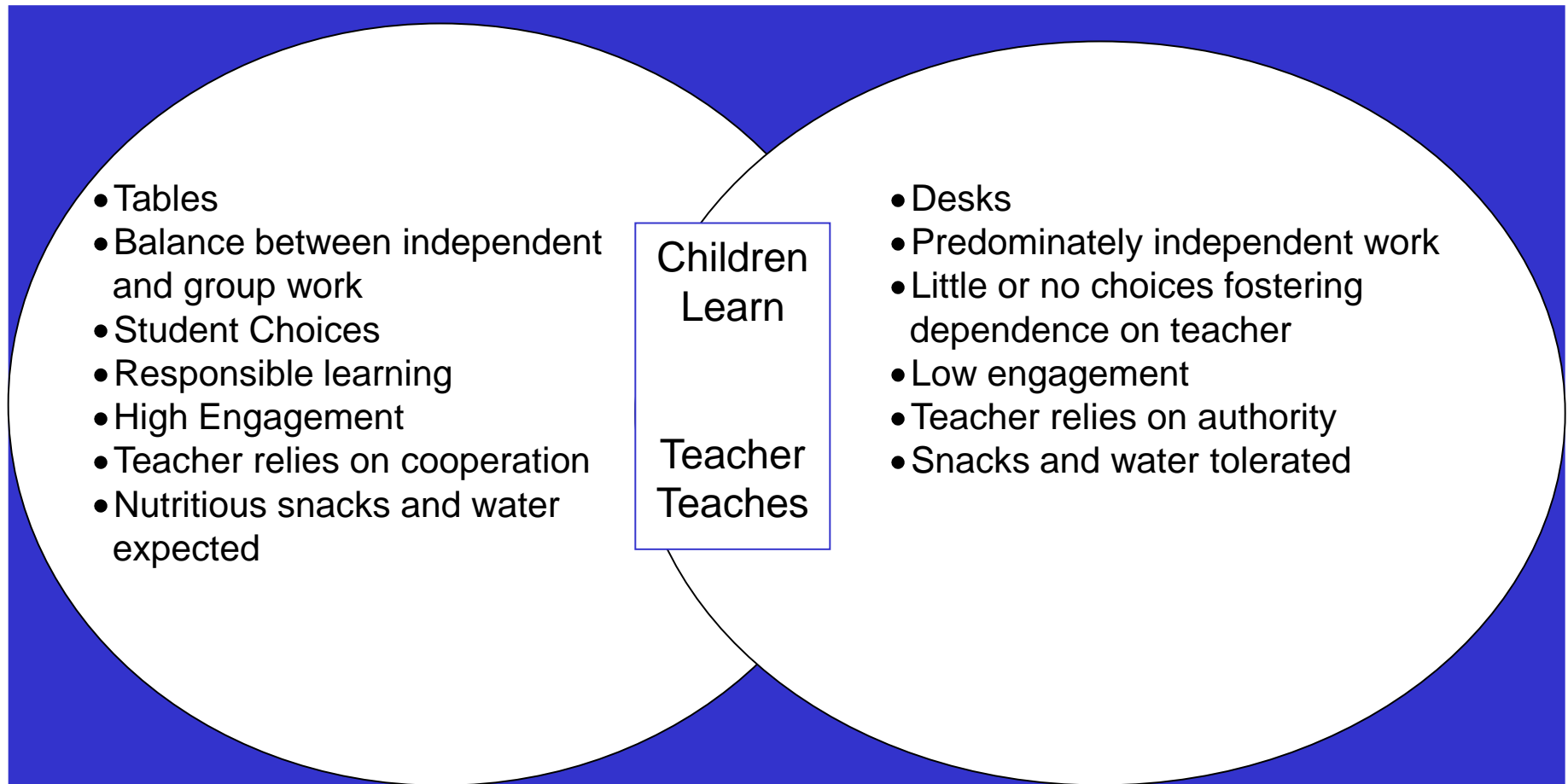
- Tables are used rather than desks.
- There is a balance between independent and group work.
- Students are given many **choices** throughout the day.

BRAIN-BASED PRINCIPLES

- High engagement is normal.
- Teachers rely on cooperation rather than authority.
- Nutritious snacks and water is expected daily.

BRAIN-BASED CLASSROOMS

TRADITIONAL CLASSROOMS



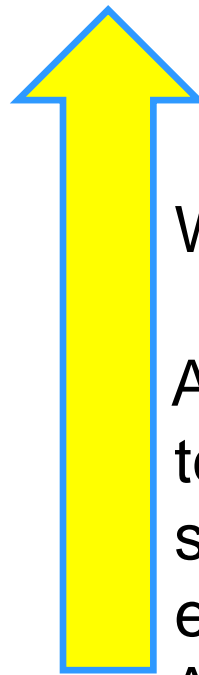
Whether a Brain-Based Classroom or a Traditional Classroom is the norm, children will learn and teachers will teach. Our goal is to impact our students in the most productive and effective way possible.



What is a ***Horizontal*** team?

A horizontal team refers to a grade level team such as 4th grade or kindergarten. The Academy has 5 classes at each grade level. (Kinder through 5th grade)

Horizontal teams have lunch and Specials at the same time while on the horizontal schedule.



What is a ***Vertical*** team?

A vertical team refers to a team of teachers and students that represent each grade level. The Academy has 5 vertical teams. Each team represents one class from each Kinder through 5th grade horizontal team.

Vertical teams have lunch and Specials at the same time while on the vertical schedule.



ACADEMY OLYMPIAN RINGS

The five colors found on the Olympic rings identify the five vertical teams.



ACADEMY OLYMPIAN RINGS

Each of the five rings also represent a character trait that we teach students as they go through their elementary years at The Academy. Those traits are: **Respect**, **Accountability**, **Effort**, **Compassion** and **Integrity**.







DISTRICT EVENTS & PROGRAMS

The Academy participates in district events such as the Spelling and Reading Bees as well as elementary Playday. Additionally, we support district programs on campus. These programs include:

**Special Education
Talented and Gifted (TAG)**

ATHLETICS, ARTS & ACADEMICS

Our school has high expectations for the whole child in the classroom AND in their Specials classes. This includes focused attention on their:

- Academic development**
- Physical development**
- Cultural development**
- Creative development**
- Character development**
- Social development**

UNIFORMS

The uniforms worn at the Academy are specific to the Academy. They can be purchased at different places but specific brands and styles are required.

UNIFORMS

The uniform is considered a type of work clothes for our students. So that students are not singled out because of their attire, it is important to maintain the integrity of the uniform at all times.

UNIFORMS

Uniform Colors include Navy Blue, Green, White, Khaki, and Academy Plaid



Hanging of the Rings

Run for the Rings

Grandparent's Day

World party

Moms and Muffins

Dads and Donuts

Art auction

Student leadership opportunities

PTO carnival

TRADITIONS

School-wide
field trip

Turkey Bowl

9-week recognition
assemblies

Kindergarten graduation

Fifth grade talent show

Fifth grade end-of-year program

Vertical and horizontal experiential learning trips

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES



Parent-Teacher Organization
(PTO)

Parent Involvement Committee
(PIC)

PARENT COMMITMENT

- Transportation to and from school
- 10 hours of volunteer time
- Attendance at three-way conferences
- Written response to two-way conferences and report cards
- Maintain integrity of the uniform code