



NPS Gifted Education & Academic Rigor Services
Camp Einstein 2020 – Virtual Edition
FAQS

What will a virtual Camp Einstein be like?

Virtual Camp Einstein is an optional, tuition-based summer enrichment program for motivated students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Online courses consist of engaging activities designed to encourage creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking. Students choose one, two or three interactive one-hour classes per week that meet Monday – Thursday (four hours total per class). Each course incorporates various technology tools and online links to insure active participation.

What classes will be available?

Parents can download the Camp Einstein Registration Brochure from the [Norfolk Public Schools' Summer Programs website](#), the [Gifted Education & Academic Rigor Services' website](#), or they can contact the Camp Einstein's program coordinator, Ms. Jennifer Lane, at jlane@nps.k12.va.us. The brochure lists the various offerings along with a brief description and age level. Class topics include coding, science inquiry, foreign language, piano, art, or athletic classes such as cheerleading or field hockey.

What is the cost?

Each online course costs \$50. If a student enrolls in 3 courses per week for the two weeks duration, the total cost is discounted to \$250.

How do I register?

Once parents download and print the Camp Einstein Brochure, students choose one to three courses to enroll in each week and include those on the registration form included in the brochure. Parents must then bring the completed form to register and pay in person at the Gifted Education & Academic Rigor Services (GEARS) office, located at 7000 W. Tanners Creek Road (behind Rosemont Middle School, facing Johnstons Road).

Once I register, are we guaranteed our student will be enrolled in his/her course selections?

Unfortunately, no. Virtual Camp Einstein is a self-funded program, which means each class must have a minimum amount of registered participants in order to be offered. There is also a maximum participant count per class, so enrollment is also on a first-come, first-served basis. However, we will do our best to insure students are enrolled in as many of their choices possible.

When do I register?

Parents register in person the week of June 8-12, Mon – Friday. The hours are 11 am – 1 pm on M, W, F and 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm T/TH.

What if I am unable to register in person?

Please contact the program coordinator at jlane@nps.k12.va.us regarding any situations that prevent in-person registration.

Do I need to register for both weeks?

No, students can choose to participate only one week or both weeks.

How do I pay for classes?

Parents can pay by money order, certified check (either made out to Norfolk Public Schools) or pay with a credit card. Payment must be presented during the onsite registration.

What if I already registered and paid for Camp Einstein back in March?

If you registered prior to March 13, you can choose to apply your paid amount towards the virtual camp options or notify the program coordinator that you wish for a refund.

What about supplies?

Parents will pick up any materials needed from the GEARS office on July 6 or 7th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm or 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. All supplies will be provided, although there may be a deposit required for specific items such as keyboards, sports equipment and Lego sets.

Will we be provided any training or other information prior to camp start?

Yes! During the week of July 6th, information regarding program logistics will be emailed to the parents of registered students. This will also be an opportunity to test/insure the online platform works as needed per household.