

New Inspirations in Education!!

John E. Ford is proud to be one of the seven **Inspirations** magnet schools. The name **Inspirations** was chosen because magnet schools light educational fires and spark imaginations. They inspire students to do great things! It seemed only natural to locate these new programs in the downtown area, which itself is experiencing an inspiring renaissance.



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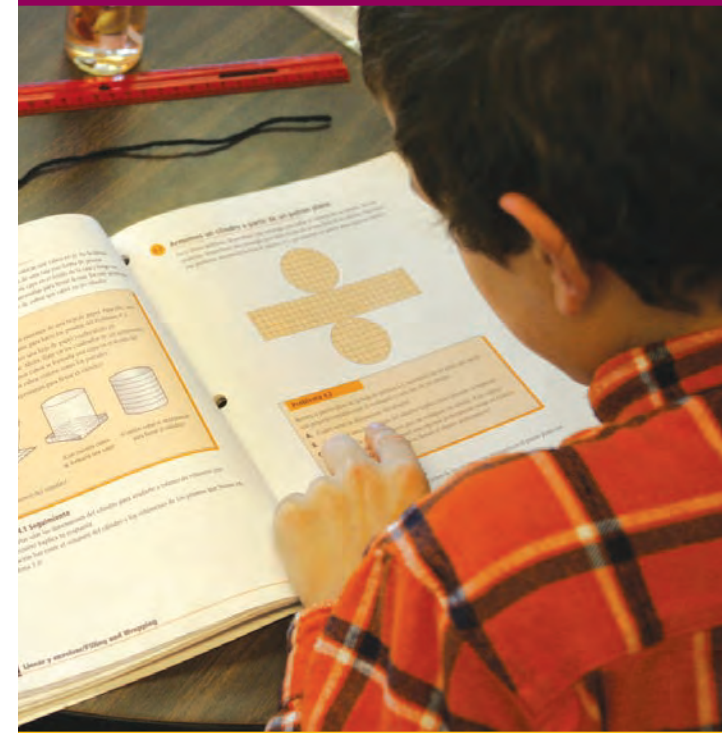
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John E. Ford

K-8 School

Montessori/Spanish Immersion/
Spanish Immersion Montessori

An Inspirations Magnet School!!



3 Inspiring Magnet Programs

John E. Ford's inspiration comes from two already successful programs: Montessori and Spanish Immersion. The unique nature of these two programs provides the foundation for the district's very first K-8 school. Children who start here can stay with the same schoolmates for nine years and experience the benefits of a program that starts at a young age and prepares them for high school.



Spanish Immersion Program

This program immerses students in a foreign language by teaching all subjects in Spanish. Students read, write and speak Spanish in their daily course of instruction. Our method recognizes that the best way for children to learn a foreign language is to use it extensively every day. That's why no English is used in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The K-five curriculum is taught completely in Spanish. English language arts instruction is introduced in the sixth grade. The program is taught equally in Spanish and English in grades six through eight.

Immersion gives children the best of both worlds – learning a foreign language with nearly native proficiency while maintaining English-language skills.

Pre-K Program Available

Children can start as early as three years old in our pre-kindergarten program, as long as they are potty trained. We offer programs in Spanish Immersion, Montessori, or Spanish Montessori. The pre-K programs run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is tuition-based and is currently \$327 per month (subject to change). Extended day for both the morning and afternoon is available for an additional fee. Transportation is not provided for pre-K students.

Montessori Program

The Montessori program uses a model that has been successful around the world for 100 years. It offers a well-rounded educational opportunity based on the belief that it is in the child's nature to love learning and to be self-motivated.

In a Montessori school, you will find multi-aged groupings of students who teach, collaborate and help each other with the learning process. The teacher prepares the environment, offers activities, and functions as a reference person while observing the children constantly to help them “learn how to learn.”

Admission And Transportation

Students residing in all seven magnet transportation zones may apply to John E. Ford. Transportation service will be provided. New students in grades two through eight will be admitted only through special examination or prior experience with either the Spanish language or Montessori method of instruction.

To learn more about John E. Ford, please call (904) 630-6540. Tours are available every Thursday at 9 a.m. throughout January and February.

