



E. K. Key CITGO Innovation Academy

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We are excited to announce that the E. K. Key CITGO Innovation Academy (CIA) is open for students. The new CITGO Innovation Academy will offer a STEM-integrated curriculum with a focus on engineering design projects, hands-on learning, and science investigations. The Academy classes will be held in the newly constructed 8-room pod at E. K. Key. This is a magnet program where students must take an entrance exam and maintain a 2.5 GPA. Any Calcasieu Parish student zoned to the following high schools: Sulphur, Vinton, Starks, Dequincy, and Westlake entering grades kindergarten through fifth grade may register to be tested for admission into the E.K. Key CIA.

E. K. Key CITGO Innovation Academy students are E.K. Key students. Students attending the Academy that are not zoned for E. K. Key must fill out an Out of Zone form with CPSB Child Welfare and Attendance. All Academy students are classified as E.K. Key students. **Academy students will follow all CPSB policies and procedures as outlined in the previous pages of the student handbook and CPSB Code of Conduct.**

Registration & Entrance Exam

Registration will take place in March and April each year for the next year's available spots. Registration information will be sent out by the school office, website, and on our media sites. A \$20 testing fee will be collected at the time of registration. Students that register will be given an entrance exam provided by the CPSB Assessment Department. Student scores will be ranked and the top 24 students that meet the baseline will be admitted into the CITGO Innovation Academy.

Students will not have to reapply each year once they have been accepted into the CITGO Innovation Academy. Students will have to follow the guidelines and policies as outlined in this handbook.

Academic Probation

Academy students will be placed on Academic Probation if a student's GPA falls below a 2.5 in core curriculum in the following subjects: English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies at midterm. A parent-teacher conference will be held at the time the student is placed on academic probation. At that conference a plan will be put in place for the student. **At the end of the year if the student's GPA falls below 2.5 then the student will not be permitted to stay in the Academy. The student will return to his or her zoned school.**

State Testing

Students must participate in all school, district, and state assessments to continue enrollment in the E. K. Key CITGO Innovation Academy. Students must score at the basic level or above on the end of the year state assessment (LEAP 2025) in Science and Math to maintain enrollment in the Academy. Performance in all subjects on the state assessment, including ELA and Social Studies, is used to determine placement and levels of necessary intervention.

Attendance

Academy students will follow the CPSB attendance policy as outlined in this student handbook. **Any Academy student may be removed from the Academy for excessive tardies and/or absences. The student will return to his or her zoned school.**

Behavior

Academy students will follow the CPSB behavior policy as outlined in this student handbook. **Any student that receives a third suspension at any point in the school term for unacceptable behavior (ISI or out of school suspension) will not be allowed to remain in the Academy.**

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