



Is my child a self-directed learner?

What makes The Village School unique is our emphasis on self-directed learning. In creating a community of self-directed learners, these are some of the things we “look-for” before inviting young learners to join our community. These are strong indicators that our learning environment may be a good fit for your child.

Spark Studio:

1. Exhibits a positive attitude about learning in general
2. Participates willingly in classroom activities
3. Follows oral instructions.
4. Actively engages in their own learning and is generally curious
5. Is physically self-reliant

Discovery (Elementary) Studio: *(Below are additional fit indicators for the ES)*

1. Reading fluently.
2. Follow basic written and oral instructions.
3. Able to engage and participate in a 15-minute discussion with peers.
4. Can set, remember, and pursue a goal for 30 minutes or more.
5. Works well with peers by respecting their space and goals.
6. Takes responsibility for actions and choices.
7. Can operate a laptop.

Adventure (Middle) and High School Studios:

1. Positive attitude about learning in general
2. Takes responsibility for learning and problem-solving on their own
3. Self-advocates
4. Follows complex written and oral directions
5. Willingness to help others and demonstrates leadership
6. Can set, remember, and pursue a goal for 45+ minutes

7. Takes care of studio and personal space with organization skills
8. Is prepared for a more academically-challenging environment
9. Has a strong “why” for wanting a learner-driven education