

Enhance Student Learning & Achievement through Innovative, Hands-On Inquiry with our Afterschool Science Enrichment!



National PTA studies have shown that families desire after-school programs at their school in overwhelming numbers. Students enrolled in these programs improve their in-school performance. The school as a whole benefits from better student attendance, behavior and higher test scores. However, implementing an after-school program can be quite daunting.

High Touch High Tech has over 20 years of experience offering fun, hands-on science programs in afterschool settings. Our enrichments provide students with a unique, interactive experience that brings the standard science class concepts to life. Each session, students exercise scientific process skills such as observing, investigating, questioning, explaining & problem solving.

What's included in a High Touch High Tech After-School Science Enrichment?

- **Registration Materials:** All registration forms are provided. They are customized for your program, delivered to your school and bundled for each teacher's classroom.
- **Payment Processing:** High Touch High Tech collects all program payments.
- **Scheduling and Rosters:** High Touch High Tech handles the registration. We confirm all participants, create class rosters and inform parents and students of their instruction dates.
- **Instruction:** High Touch High Tech provides all equipment and materials. Our certified scientists arrive in High Touch High Tech lab coats at least 15 minutes before class to set-up. Every HTHT Scientist assumes responsibility for each student in his care until released to an authorized parent or guardian.
- **Take-home Materials:** Each class, students will make and take home a science project related to the topic that week. High Touch High Tech provides parent summary forms which describe the instruction their child experienced and additional activities that will extend the fun and learning.

Call today to schedule a brief 10-15 minute "What is High Touch High Tech?"

Informational / Q & A session for your next PTA meeting.

We come to you and answer all of your questions free of charge -

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The materials presented in this How To Manual are designed to help your school efficiently and effectively implement a successful High Touch High Tech After-School Science Enrichment. Most, if not all, of your questions should be answered in this manual. Please feel free to contact the High Touch High Tech office at any time should you have any additional questions.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is High Touch High Tech?

High Touch High Tech has been fueling the imaginations of children everywhere, since 1994, by providing FUN, interactive, hands-on science and nature experiences for children. We have developed a reputation for excellence with children, parents, school administrators, preschool and camp directors alike who have recognized the positive impact of our programs in the scientific learning process.

All High Touch High Tech programs incorporate hands-on activities that relate directly to a particular scientific concept. Our team of professionals guide students through FUN, engaging experiments that help bring science "to life." Each week, students have the opportunity to become "scientists" as they investigate the 'how' & 'why' behind the science found in their everyday life. Our goal is to stimulate young minds, activate their curiosity, and lay the groundwork for a lifelong love of science!

Is this a stand-alone after-school program?

Yes, High Touch High Tech takes all the hassle and frustration out of running an after-school program; we do all the work for you. We are typically sponsored by the PTA or school administration and run our science enrichment separate of any other programs at your school.

What is our time commitment to your program?

One of the largest benefits of a High Touch High Tech enrichment is the freedom to do more with your time! Schools are able to implement a fun, hands-on enrichment with as little as 2 to 4 hours of time investment. Your commitment typically occurs before the registration period as schools work with our Science Enrichment Specialists to finalize program details and coordinate with the school administration to secure the classrooms.

How long are your programs (weeks and hours)?

Our standard enrichments vary from 6-12 weeks depending on the needs of the school. Students meet immediately after school for 1 hour per week for the duration of the enrichment.

“High Touch High Tech was voted as the #1 activity by students that attend our YMCA afterschool programs. We are so excited to be bringing the scientists back to even more of our afterschool locations this year. The hands-on approach to science brings our YMCA afterschool enrichment to a whole new level!”

Ms. Lynn Dodge
Youth Development Director
YMCA of WNC

What is the cost?

Your PTA/PTO or school administration can sponsor a High Touch High Tech Afterschool Enrichment at no cost! Participants pay a one-time fee that is all inclusive - we provide the equipment & materials needed for this interactive science experience. All of our supply intensive programs use materials that are age appropriate & relevant to students' everyday lives. Prices start at \$10 per student per week. Call today for your free price quote.

How long does it take to implement a program? How much lead time is necessary?

Our entire program implementation process is quick & easy! Our office will work with your organization or school to coordinate the program details including the day(s) of the week, number of weeks, start & end dates, weekly program themes, etc. Call us today to start the process of bringing High Touch High Tech into your school.

Do you have a minimum class size? A maximum class size?

Our classes require a minimum enrollment of 12 paid students. To ensure the hands-on, interactive nature of our instruction, class size will be capped at 20 participants. Registrations for numbers 21 through 29 are placed onto a waiting list. If more than 30 students sign up, we will then create 2 classes of 15. High Touch High Tech reserves the right to offer a program even if the minimum is not met.



What ages/grades can register?

High Touch High Tech offers instruction in an age and grade appropriate manner using a variety of teaching methods and environments to ensure each participant benefits from the instruction. Students in grades K through 6 are offered the opportunity to participate in our programs. Should registration allow we will divide classes into K-2 and 3-5. Larger enrollment may allow even greater segregation by grade level.

How can we predict enrollment?

A good rule of thumb is to assume 20% of your student body will be interested in the High Touch High Tech after-school program. Response may be affected by many factors including day of week, season of year and transportation needs. However, it is best to plan for a 20% response and reserve the necessary rooms in order to accommodate as many students as possible. Because there is no financial obligation to your organization, final enrollment that does not utilize all the reserved rooms will not result in a penalty of any kind.

When should we schedule our class(es)?

In order to avoid scheduling conflicts with the students, most schools offer High Touch High Tech on different days throughout the week. Classes should start within 15 minutes from the dismissal of school. Only students registered for the enrichment will be able to participate. We do not allow 'drop-in' students on a day by day basis.

What topics are offered?

Biology, chemistry, weather, ecology, environment, animals, plants, cells, space and weather are just a few of the topics available in our afterschool programs. High Touch High Tech will work with you to assign a schedule of topics to your program. The classes in the enrichment can be interchanged as necessary to fit the needs of the students.

How is registration handled?

All registration materials and payments are submitted directly to High Touch High Tech. In order to ensure the safety of all participants in the enrichment, the following information must be provided by each participant. This information is collected via the HTHT provided registration forms:

- *Child's Name* • *Child's Teacher & Grade* • *Child's Date of Birth* • *Child's Health Concerns*
- *Name & Signature of Parent/Guardian* • *Home Phone Number* • *Work/Cell Phone Number*

When is payment required?

Payment is submitted directly to High Touch High Tech from the parent of the participant. We require full payment at the time of registration. High Touch High Tech accepts various forms of payment including checks, cash or credit/debit cards.

What is your refund policy?

Any parent that withdraws their student from a High Touch High Tech enrichment prior to the second full week of programming is entitled to a full refund. In order to receive a refund, we require the parent inform High Touch High Tech of withdrawal in writing.

What does High Touch High Tech need from our organization?

The normal classroom setup works best for our enrichment setting. We ask that a desk/table & chair be provided for each child. Our scientist will need a small table for equipment and demonstrations. We will also need access to electricity, water and have the ability to darken the room. We do not require room volunteers; however, we welcome the participation of any teacher, parent or chaperone.

“ *Our students always look forward to the High Touch High Tech afterschool enrichment! Their innovative programs and hands-on approach to science has made them a favorite year after year!*”

Ms. Kim Broshar
Carolina Day School



Who are your instructors?

All High Touch High Tech scientists are degreed professionals that possess a passion for science and education. We require all scientists to pass state and national criminal background checks and to be certified through our staff training program. Our scientists have a reputation for providing the highest quality of science instruction in a FUN & innovative way that relates to children of all ages.

What is your inclement weather/class cancellation policy?

High Touch High Tech will follow the inclement weather and school closure policy in accordance to the school district in which the enrichment is held. High Touch High Tech will attempt to reschedule any weather-related cancellations to the best of our ability. Please note that there will be no refunds or credits issued in the event a class cannot be made up under inclement weather circumstances.

What are the expectations of the students? The parents?

High Touch High Tech strives to provide a fun and safe science experience for each child that participates. To fulfill this commitment, we ask that all students enrolled in the enrichment adhere to basic behavioral and safety guidelines. Our scientists set clear boundaries and expectations with both the school administration and students. Students will be held accountable to these expectations when participating in any High Touch High Tech enrichment.

In addition, High Touch High Tech will follow all school rules and policies regarding student behavioral expectations. We stress at the beginning of each class that the school rules are still in effect during all afterschool programming. We ask for the full cooperation of parents and school administration should they be notified of discipline problems. It is our intention to provide each student with an exciting and fun science experience.

High Touch High Tech also sets high expectations of the parents whose children are enrolled in an afterschool enrichment. We ask that only children with a sincere interest in science and those that possess the necessary maturity to handle an extension of the school day should be allowed to enroll in our programs. An approved guardian must pick up each child at the designated location upon the dismissal of the class. Parents are encouraged to drop in to observe our programming and always welcome to participate alongside their child.

From spewing volcanoes to shooting rockets, High Touch High Tech has an afterschool enrichment to fit the needs of your students! Discover our full library of hands-on programs by visiting us online at ScienceMadeFunWNC.net!

Our 2015-2016 calendar is filling up fast, don't miss your chance to bring the wonders of science to your afterschool! Call us today at 828.684.3192 or book online at ScienceMadeFunWNC.net.

“We have incorporated High Touch High Tech into our afterschool curriculum for several years. They truly make the entire process from start to finish, hassle-free. It's great to have that peace of mind knowing we are bringing a high quality, educational & FUN experience to our students.”

Ms. Kim Isley
Opportunity Center Director
City of Asheville Parks & Rec.

