

prenda

Here are some FAQs to help you get a better understanding of how Prenda microschoools operate.

1. What is a Prenda microschool?

A Prenda microschool is a group of 5-10 students. No more than 10, no less than 5.

2. What is a learning community?

Sometimes our microschoools are called learning pods, and sometimes they are called a microschool. (Parents who use Prenda to guide their own children at home might call it homeschool!) All of these are Prenda learning communities. Whether you're a Prenda Guide of a microschool or a learning pod, the Prenda Learning Experience is the same.

3. How much does it cost?

Prenda believes in providing access to as many students as possible through tuition-free microschoools and learning pods. In states where this is not yet possible, the Prenda Learning Experience is available via private pay.

4. How can Prenda be free for students?

Prenda's partnerships with charter schools, school districts, philanthropic organizations, and more make it possible to bring tuition-free Prenda learning communities to students and families.

5. What is a partnership?

"Partner" is the term we use for any organization that provides funding for a microschool. Most of our tuition-free students are funded through school partners.

6. How can school partners fund microschoools?

Partners utilize their funding to provide a variety of opportunities for students to access public education. This is pretty similar to "traditional school" funding. Prenda partners with these schools to provide educational services and the Prenda Learning Experience to students.



7. Is Prenda a school or charter school?

Prenda itself does not hold a charter in any state; our partners hold the charter. This means that Prenda is not technically a school in the eyes of the state departments of education. Therefore, when students enroll in your microschool as a Prenda student, they are also enrolled with a Prenda partner.

8. Are Prenda microschools held to the same agreements as a traditional public or charter school?

Yes! Prenda is contractually obligated to uphold both the state requirements and any additional requirements our school partners have about educational hours, standardized testing, grading, academic standards, and Exceptional Student Services.

9. Does Prenda have a curriculum?

Yes! The Prenda Learning Experience is built around 4 core pillars: Conquer, Collaborate, Create, and Connect. Within Conquer, students work at their individual learning frontiers in reading, math, writing, and language arts using learning tools like Lexia and NoRedInk for language arts; Zearn, Khan Academy, and DreamBox for math; Prenda Treasure Hunt Reading, Prenda Bookshelf, and LightSail for reading; and Prenda's Handwriting, Free Write, and Writer's Cookbook for writing. Science and Social Studies are the focus of Collaborate mode, with students working together to develop skills that allow them to intake, manipulate, and create information. Create mode harnesses the power of project-based learning so students gain an appreciation for their prior learning, an awareness of their missing knowledge, and the motivation to fill in the gaps. Create projects are inter-disciplinary and span history, science, art, technology, performing arts, writing, and inventing.

