

# BRAINTREE ACADEMY

Thank you for your interest in Braintree Academy!

FlexEDU Charter School is the partnership between Kaukauna Area School District and Braintree Academy, an innovative virtual education provider, offering personalized and flexible learning pathways online and offline. Students are registered as full-time charter school students within Kaukauna Area School District.

All students in grades K-8, residing in the state of Wisconsin, are eligible to apply. Families may begin the enrollment process through Braintree Academy's website ([Braintree4Me.com](http://Braintree4Me.com)). Students will initially be placed on a waitlist and Kaukauna Area School District will approve enrollment for students who meet all eligibility requirements for participation in the FlexEDU Charter School.

**Enrollment** - The Wisconsin Braintree Academy program offers rolling enrollment, allowing students to join throughout the school year. All enrolling kindergarten students must turn 5 on or before September 1st. We would love to have students who miss the cutoff look at joining next year!

## **Braintree Academy Overview**

Braintree is designed to support both you and your child. We know every family is different, so we offer flexible learning options, encouraging teachers, and real support every step of the way.

Your child can enjoy a mix of online lessons and hands-on activities by utilizing our full curriculum which is aligned with state standards and provides both support and structure, OR you may choose to supplement with learning materials of your choosing, all while fostering a love for learning - so learning never feels one-size-fits all!

Your child gets access to **personalized resources**, **fun field trips**, and **teachers** who truly care about their success. Our passionate and supportive staff are dedicated to helping students

succeed, ensuring they feel guided and inspired every step of the way. Whether you're looking for flexibility or a more structured approach, Braintree Academy provides a positive educational experience for at-home learners.

**Virtual Classes** - Some families prefer their students to have more teacher and peer interaction. Live virtual classes are offered in all the core areas (language arts, social studies, science, and math) for all grade levels, are year long, and are taught by certified teachers. Live virtual classes are great options that provide additional teacher-led instruction and social interaction for students.

**Virtual Clubs** - Live virtual clubs are a super fun addition to the personalized school program! There are fun club options for all grade levels! Students from all Braintree states participate in teacher-run clubs such as Spanish, crochet, cooking, Lego building, photography, bread making, programming, yoga, robotics, ASL, and more! Students build friendships and enjoy social interactions while engaging in the hobbies they enjoy.

**Supplemental Learning Funds** - Students receive an allotment of learning funds (\$1900 equivalent) to customize their education. These funds can be used for curriculum, classes, extracurriculars, and more - so you can choose what works best for your child.

## **Parent/Guardian Program Requirements:**

**Teacher Contact** - Parents/Guardians will maintain regular contact with the homeroom teacher. This requires regularly checking and answering emails, and responding to texts and phone calls.

**Submissions** - Families will:

- Fill out a semester learning plan for the first and second semester.
- Submit **portfolio submissions** for the 4 core subjects twice a month. The submissions will each include a work sample.
- All learning goals (state standards) will be met by the end of the school year. If a family joins the program mid-year, a pro-rated number of learning goals will be met.
- Submit elective submissions 3 times per semester. One of those submissions will include a work sample (video, photo & description, etc.) and the other 2 submissions will be a text progress description.
- Submit attendance - Attendance will be submitted bi-weekly. [Braintree Academy Attendance Policy](#)

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## 26/27 | K8 SUBMISSION SCHEDULE



**Start of the Semester**

**Semester Learning Plan/Attendance**

**Semester Learning Plans** are submitted detailing what learning resources your student will be using for each core subject and which learning pathway they will use.

**Week 1**

**Portfolio Submission**

**Portfolio Submissions** are samples of your student's best work, for each core subject, that match up to learning goals (state standards). Portfolio submissions will be submitted bi-weekly (about twice per month) for each of the 4 core classes.

**Week 2**

**Attendance**

**Electives** - students will be reporting on both of their elective courses about once per month (3 times each semester) and one of those times a work sample will be submitted (video, photo & description, etc.).

**Week 3**

**Portfolio Submission/ Electives**

**Week 4**

**Attendance**

**Attendance** is reported bi-weekly in the Student Learning System.

## Testing Requirements

Participating in testing is the best way to support Braintree's partnership with Kaukauna area School District and ensure that the program stays in the state of Wisconsin.

**Virtual Benchmark Screener** - Students in all grades will be asked to complete a literacy assessment (iReady) 3 times per year. Students in grades K-3 will be asked to participate in the aimswebPlus Early Literacy Assessment 3 times per year.

**State Testing** - Students in grades 3-8 will be asked to participate in the WI Forward Exam state testing in the spring. Each grade level will take a language arts and math assessment, and grade 5 will also take a science assessment.

## Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

Wisconsin students in MTSS will participate in the equivalent of 30 min/ 5 days weekly with the use of a Braintree provided intervention tool. These students may be identified by testing/screening data at or below the 24th percentile. If the student falls below the 10th percentile, direct instruction on zoom may be required weekly.

**Special Education** - In order to meet IEP requirements, families will need to participate in assessments, assignments, diagnostics or other data collection tools that show student growth towards IEP goals. IEP data is written into the students IEP quarterly and it is our partner districts duty to update necessary documentation with parent support and input.

### **English Language Learners (ELL)**

Students are identified as being a multi language learner through Home Language Surveys completed by parents when enrolling. Home Language Surveys from previous schools transfer when enrolling in FlexEDU. ELL support is available through FlexEDU.

**Supplemental Learning Funds** - Braintree students require a **computer/tablet** and **internet** for state testing, digital submissions, and virtual participation in classes, clubs, or meetings. If a family does not already have access to these resources they should use supplemental learning funds immediately after registration to provide them. Resources for core classes and required technology should be acquired first, followed by electives and other supplemental learning materials. Supplemental Learning Funds access locks for students who have any missing assignments older than 9 days. If there are extenuating circumstances families are encouraged to reach out to their teachers. [BES Approved/Not Approved List](#) | [Student Technology Guide](#)

**Withdrawal** - Items acquired with supplemental learning funds belong to the partner school district and Braintree Academy. If a student withdraws from the program mid-semester, ALL resources, classes, and other items acquired with supplemental learning points will need to be returned. Students who finish a semester, or the full school year, will be allowed to keep the items acquired at the end of that time period.

**Other** - If the state of Wisconsin adds additional schooling requirements mid-year, families will be responsible for those as well.

### **Interested in learning more about Braintree Academy?**

Braintree Academy Website

- [Wisconsin Specific Page and link to FAQs](#)
- [Why Families Choose Braintree](#)
- [Request Braintree Equide](#)

Questions? Sign up to attend a parent info meeting or request a call back at [Braintree4Me.com](http://Braintree4Me.com) . You can also contact Braintree's Wisconsin State Coordinator: [Wisconsin@BraintreeEd.com](mailto:Wisconsin@BraintreeEd.com)

We look forward to connecting!

The Braintree Academy Team