# Academic Excellence Badge
# Provider Application

## *About This Badge*

This accreditation is awarded to programs focused on core academic subjects like reading, writing, math, and science. It is intended for providers who foster academic growth through purposeful, skill-building, and inquiry-driven instruction that supports deep thinking and student mastery.

## *Section 1: General Provider Information*

Program Name: _____

Physical Program Address: _____

Legal Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name & Title: _____

Website Link: _____

## *Section 2: Eligibility Criteria*

To earn the Academic Excellence badge, providers must demonstrate a commitment to academic learning through the following:

1. **Core Subject Focus: Instruction includes at least one of the following: reading, writing, mathematics, science, or history.** *Please describe how reading, writing, mathematics, science, or history are taught in your setting.*

2. **Structured Curriculum: A clear, documented plan that shows progression of academic topics or learning outcomes.** *How is your instruction organized to support progression in learning (e.g., weekly topics, scope and sequence, levels of difficulty)?*

3. **Active Learning Strategies: Use of guided practice, discussion, academic games, inquiry, or problem-solving—not just worksheets or passive learning.** *Explain how your students practice concepts beyond worksheets—through discussion, hands-on activities, group work, games, or inquiry-based methods.*

4. **Evidence of Mastery-Based Learning: Programs must show how students are supported in achieving understanding through feedback, differentiation, or small group instruction.** *Share how you provide feedback, adapt instruction, or use small group support to help students succeed at their level.*

5. **Assessment or Observation Methods: Some form of progress monitoring (formal or informal), such as portfolios, quizzes, rubrics, or teacher notes.** *Describe how you track learning, such as through quizzes, checklists, portfolios, teacher notes, or other tools.*

*Section 3: Suggested Qualifiers (At least 2 recommended)*
Please check all that apply and provide a brief explanation of how these are included in your program. Programs should meet at least two:

☐ **Inquiry-Based Dialogue** – e.g., student-led questioning, group discussions

☐ **Multi-Sensory Instruction** – e.g., movement, manipulatives, music, color-coding

☐ **Reading/Writing Journals** – e.g., daily logs, reflection notebooks, creative writing

☐ **Hands-On Projects** – e.g., science experiments, math manipulatives, model-building

☐ **Logic & Problem Solving** – e.g., mental math, puzzles, logic games

☐ **Real-Life Applications** – e.g., budgeting, cooking, nature measurement

☐ **Individualized Plans** – e.g., personal learning paths, modified assignments

☐ **Academic Goal-Setting** – e.g., weekly goal charts, progress reflection sheets

Use this space to explain your selections above and provide examples:

*Section 4: Quality, Impact, and Intentionality*
**6**. **What makes your academic approach unique compared to a standard tutoring session or workbook club?**

**7. How do you evaluate the impact of your program on student learning or personal growth?**

**8. Is there anything else you'd like to share that shows your commitment to academic-based education?**

### Section 5: Supporting Documentation

- A sample weekly schedule and scope of academic topics

- 3–5 photographs showing your academic-based learning environment and activities

- A brief bio, relevant qualifications, and academic education passion of the instructor(s)


### Section 6: Agreement

I confirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and that our program meets the expectations of **ParentApproved.org** in offering safe, intentional, and enriching learning experiences for children.

By submitting this application, I agree that my responses may be reviewed for accreditation purposes and used to help create our provider profile. Public-facing details (such as program descriptions or photos) may be shared with my approval. Personal or sensitive information will remain confidential and will never be sold or shared with third parties.


Signature: _____

Date: _____

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1. **Submit Completed Application**
   Email your application and supporting documents to: *apply@parentapproved.org*
2. **Initial Review (within 7–10 business days)**
   Our team will review your responses, supporting materials, and alignment with eligibility criteria.
3. **Follow-Up (if needed)**
   We may request clarification or offer guidance to help meet badge or banner standards.
4. **Approval & Invoice**
   If your program meets the requirements, we will issue an invoice for the selected badges and banners.
5. **Official ParentApproved.org Banner & Directory Listing**
   Once payment is received, your program will receive an official banner that you can display on your website and a custom listing in our ParentApproved.org Directory.