

The STRIVE Experience Handbook



Welcome to STRIVE Skills Academy! We are thrilled to have you as part of our community, dedicated to empowering self-sufficiency through hands-on skills training and innovative education. This handbook provides essential information, guidelines, and resources to help you make the most of your experience at STRIVE Skills Academy.

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1. Welcome Message

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to The STRIVE Experience! We are committed to providing a unique educational environment where students can learn practical skills, gain valuable knowledge, and develop a deeper appreciation for various trades and crafts. Our goal is to empower each student to become a resourceful, capable, and lifelong learner.

We hope you find this handbook helpful and informative. Should you have any questions or need assistance, our team is here to support you.

Sincerely,

Jim Murphy
Director, STRIVE Skills Academy

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2. About STRIVE Skills Academy

STRIVE Skills Academy offers hands-on training in various trades and crafts, providing students with practical skills and real-world knowledge. Our classes are designed to be interactive, engaging, and educational, focusing on building confidence and competence.

STRIVE Acronym:

- **S:** Skills
 - **T:** Teamwork
 - **R:** Resourcefulness
 - **I:** Innovation
 - **V:** Versatility
 - **E:** Entrepreneurship
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3. Mission and Vision

Mission Statement:

"Empowering self-sufficiency through hands-on skills training and innovative education, The STRIVE Experience is dedicated to building resilient individuals and fostering a community of resourceful, capable, and empowered life-long learners."

Vision Statement:

"Empowering self-sufficiency."

Calling:

"To educate the next generation."

Proverbs 1:5 (NIV): "Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance."

4. Class Information

Class Structure

Each class includes a combination of theoretical instruction and practical application with an emphasis on hands-on. Students will work on projects under the guidance of experienced instructors, using real tools and materials.

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Attendance and Punctuality

- Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and arrive on time.
- If a student cannot attend a class, please notify us as soon as possible. 7 days before a class or earlier we can provide a refund.

Required Materials

- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing
 - In most of the classes safety glasses are required
 - Long hair needs to be tied back and no dangling clothing or jewelry
 - Closed-toe shoes (mandatory), steel toed shoes preferred
 - Any specific tools or materials listed in the class description
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5. Code of Conduct

- **Respect:** Treat instructors, staff, and fellow students with respect.
 - **Safety:** Follow all safety guidelines and instructions from instructors.
 - **Responsibility:** Take care of all tools and equipment provided by the academy.
 - **Integrity:** Engage in honest and ethical behavior at all times.
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6. Safety Guidelines

- **Protective Gear:** Wear safety goggles, gloves, and any other required protective gear.
 - **Tool Use:** Use tools only as instructed and report any damaged equipment immediately.
 - **Environment:** Keep work areas clean and organized to prevent accidents.
 - **Emergency Procedures:** Familiarize yourself with emergency procedures.
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7. Assessment and Feedback

- **Performance:** Students will receive feedback on their work and progress.
 - **Feedback:** We encourage students and parents to provide feedback to help us improve our programs.
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8. Additional Resources

Students will receive an instruction book with detailed guides, safety protocols, and resources. For additional learning, we have videos that you can access to refresh your experience. For those interested in pursuing trades further, we are developing partnerships with accredited organizations and we look forward to incorporating those resources into our programs as they become available.

9. Contact Information

For any questions or further assistance, please contact us:

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