



High Touch High Tech[®] Greater Philadelphia

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How to book a program

- Call us at 800.772.7760, email us at info@ScienceMadeFunPHL.net, or use the Reservation Form from our web site.
- Have the following information available: Name of School; School Phone # and Address; Dates you would like to book (with backups); Grades and Classes with number of children per class; Program Choices for each Grade and Class; Times for 3 classes per day (90 minute classes); Your name and phone number and best time to reach you; Your email if that is your preferred method of contact.
- Please inform us of any school wide allergies such as latex.
- After making sure you are comfortable with your choices, dates, cost and have all of your questions answered, we will mail, or email if preferred, a conformation letter with the agreed upon grades, classes, dates, times, choices and cost.
- The cost of our hands-on elementary programs is \$7.50 per child, due upon completion of the program with cash or a check made payable to High Touch High Tech.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can programs be adapted for different grade levels?

A: Yes, usually we can accomodate such requests even though our programs are listed on our brochure and website as grade specific. Just ask when booking.

Q: Can teachers leave the room during the program?

A: Teachers are requested to remain in the classroom throughout the program. Teachers are encouraged to participate and our scientists work well with active teacher participation. We will never know the students as well as the school's teachers and their knowledge of the individual children is invaluable.

Q: Do the programs occur in the classroom?

A: In most schools, we teach right in the classroom and move from class to class as required. Some schools have science rooms, multipurpose rooms and the like which can also be utilized if it is convenient for the school. Children will need some desk or tabletop space for the experiments and our teachers would like access to some type of board (black, white, etc.). Also, access to a sink and water is helpful for many programs.



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Q: Are all programs 90 minutes?

A: Yes, all programs are designed to be 90 minutes, but we can accommodate one hour programs if school scheduling requires it. Also, we strongly recommend that Kindergarten classes be limited to one hour because of the children's limited attention span. We request at least 5 minutes to move from class to class.

Q: How many scientists will facilitate each program?

A: Generally, one scientist facilitates one program. Our scientists can be identified by white lab coat and have Pennsylvania State clearances to work with children. They will check in with the office upon arrival at the school and will generally arrive about 20 minutes or so before their first class.

Q: Do the scientists require parent help?

A: No, we do not require help, but always encourage any parent participation and support. They often enjoy the classes as much as the children and are invited to bring younger children who can participate (free of charge) if they want or need to bring them along.

Q: If we are scheduling the entire school, do we have to schedule it in one time block or can we break it up by grade throughout the school year to match our program choices with our science curriculum timing?

A: You may certainly break up your classes throughout the year to match program choices with the time children are covering a particular subject matter. We will request maintaining a minimum of three classes a day or our daily minimum fee.

Q: Is there a minimum number of classes per day or a minimum number of students per class?

A: The daily minimum fee is \$350 which would address both classes per day and children per class minimums. You can combine classes to help with small class sizes.

Q: Is there a traveling fee?

A: No we do not require any fees over and above the per child charge. Also, we do not require a security deposit. We have not had a school cancellation in over 12 years of business so we feel comfortable that schools carefully check their calendars for such circumstances like school testing and other special events which could cause scheduling conflicts with High Touch High Tech programming.



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Q: Who typically pays for High Touch High Tech "fieldtrips?"

A: Most typically, the PTO/PTA pays for our programming, but sometimes it is grant money (federal, state, local and private) that has been approved, school or district funds or even money collected by the teachers.

Q: If the classes are scheduled by teachers, do you have a form to send home to explain why money is being requested for a "fieldtrip" which occurs at the school?

A: Yes, we will be glad to provide such a take home form.

Q: Do you confirm programs so we know everything is set the day of the program?

A: Yes, generally we will confirm via phone or email a week or so before the program.

Q: What do we do during inclement weather or if a school emergency like a broken boiler occurs?

A: We follow the newscasts pretty carefully during bad weather to make sure the school does not have a late start or is closed. If there is a special emergency, as with inclement weather cancellations, we will just reschedule to get the missed classes completed as soon as initially scheduled as possible. Of course, there are never any fees for such uncontrollable events. Note: we will always maintain the original schedule the day following a closing rather than sliding the missed classes forward.