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What We're All About

Bright Minds Academy of Clearwater (BMA) is a K-12 private school built just for neurodiverse students who want to learn, grow, and get ready for a great career. We know that students with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, and other unique ways of thinking have exactly what it takes to succeed in today's tech and creative worlds!

At BMA, we go beyond typical classroom teaching. We're here to give our students a solid head start on their professional journey and help them master the skills they'll need for their future jobs.

Our Big Focus: Math and Coding

We don't treat coding like an extra "add-on." At BMA, learning to program is just as important as reading or writing. Our students start learning the basics in Kindergarten and keep growing those skills all the way through graduation!

1. Why Math Matters

We teach math through sight and touch. By showing students how math actually works in the real world, we help take the "scary" out of numbers. This builds the logical thinking they'll need for things like engineering and computer science later on.

- **Learning by Doing:** We use 3D models and hands-on tools to make abstract ideas easier to understand.
- **Math in Action:** Our students see math in the real world, like figuring out how a drone flies or using fractions to bake something delicious in the kitchen.

2. Coding for the Real World

Every student at BMA works on a professional portfolio that shows off everything they've learned.

- **Building Websites:** Students learn how the internet works "under the hood." They start with basic websites and move up to building complex apps using the latest tools like React and JavaScript.
- **Python Programming:** We use Python because it's a great, straightforward language for things like data and automation. It's perfect for neurodiverse learners who are just getting started with text-based coding.

- **Video Game Design:** We help students turn their love for gaming into a real career! Using professional tools like Unity and Godot, they learn about physics, logic, and how to create digital art.

Learning to Get Along, Every Day

At BMA, social skills aren't just taught in a single 30-minute class. Instead, we weave them into everything we do throughout the day.

- **Team Coding:** Students work together in "Pair Programming" sessions. This helps them learn how to share feedback, talk through ideas, and reach a goal as a team.
- **Solving Problems Together:** We practice handling real-world social situations in a safe, guided space.
- **Staying Calm and Happy:** Our classrooms are sensory-friendly, and our teachers know exactly how to support each student so they feel safe and ready to learn.

High School Jobs: The Clearwater Labs

Once students reach high school (grades 9-12), they get to pick a "Specialization Lab" to earn real-world certifications and get some hands-on practice.

Drones: Design and Repair

Clearwater's tech scene is growing, and we're getting our students ready for jobs in the drone industry!

- **Building and Fixing:** Students design their own drone frames and learn how to solder electronics.
- **Tech Support:** They learn how to find and fix both hardware and software problems.
- **Getting Licensed:** We help students get ready for their FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification.

Cooking and Baking Science

Our culinary program treats the kitchen like a high-tech lab.

- **Baking Science:** Students learn the "why" behind baking—like how yeast works and how gluten forms.
- **Running a Restaurant:** We teach the basics of food safety (ServSafe), how to manage supplies, and what it's like to work in a busy professional kitchen.

The Coffee Lab (SCA Certification)

Making a great cup of coffee is all about science and precision.

- **Going Pro:** We follow the standards of the Specialty Coffee Association (SCA).
- **The BMA Café:** Students run our own on-site café! They get to practice handling money, helping customers, and making drinks in a friendly, supervised environment.

What Happens After Graduation?

Our high schoolers get to do internships right here in Clearwater, matching their skills with local businesses. Whether they're headed to college or straight into a job, BMA graduates leave with a great resume, a portfolio of work, and the confidence to take on the world!

Want to Join Us?

Bright Minds Academy of Clearwater, Inc. *Clearwater, Florida* If you'd like to schedule a tour or a sensory assessment, we'd love to hear from you! Just reach out to our Admissions Office. <https://www.brightmindsclearwater.com/>

Bright Minds Academy of Clearwater, Inc. admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin to all programs and activities. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment for all students.