



EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK) D5890 Program Costs

Elementary and Middle Schools – 2021-2022

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1. ORIENTATIONS (Faculty, Rotarians, School/Students): Basic, Premium or Outdoor Tournament

- ***Faculty and Rotarian Orientation: \$150****
- ***Student Orientation/Kickoff Event: (Rotary Club/School selects one option based upon their budget)***
 1. ***Basic Student Orientation (one knight): \$500****
 2. ***Premium Indoor Variation: Multiple knights lead the event and provide a theatrical action performance: \$1,500****
 3. ***Outdoor Tournament of Champions (Optional, and must be held in covered arena): \$2,500****

Each new school year, EAFK is officially launched for our campuses with an exciting student orientation that introduces students to their Rotarian sponsors, reminds them of EAFK objectives, and acquaints new students with the program. There are 3 options, based upon your budget: Basic, Premium Indoor, or Outdoor Tournament of Champions. In the event that a Tournament show is impracticable (unable to be performed due to space, etc.) during the year, then a Basic or the Premium Indoor Variation of the student orientation works perfectly. The outdoor Tournament of Champions with horses will be offered as a Student Orientation only when the event can be conducted in a covered arena. Otherwise, one of the indoor Student Orientation options must be chosen. This innovation will provide students with a brand-new experience to enjoy, as well as avoid weather-related scheduling interruptions that have affected outdoor Tournaments in the past. The Tournament will, however, be available as a stand-alone event throughout the year by special request at additional cost.

2. EAFK CLASSROOM CURRICULUM

First-year lease and use: \$300 per grade level (K-5th): \$1,800

Subsequent-year lease and use for following school years drops to: \$125 per grade level (K-5th): \$750.00

The Code is EAFK's classroom curriculum and is 100% digital making implementation by teachers easy, fast and reducing printing costs for the school. The curriculum provides daily, age-appropriate character-building instruction for the entire campus, starting with the first day of Kindergarten, and continuing through the last day of 8th grade. The Code explores one character virtue per month and features regular lessons on key figures, history, and accomplishments of Rotary International. Each school day starts with a student recitation of The Four Way Test...*recited from memory!*

Curriculum includes "Social Skills Character Building Curriculum: Building Friendships & Cooperation With Others"

3. KNIGHTING CEREMONIES

Ceremony cost: \$500 per ceremony, depending on location* with 6 - 8 ceremonies per year required: \$3,000 - \$4,000

Medallion cost - \$2.75 each for 1/3 of student population annually

The reward component of EAFK takes place every four to six weeks on campus in the form of a school-wide knighting ceremony, led by a Knight of The Guild, a Rotarian advisor and the school principal. Through demonstrating knowledge of the curriculum, each student has the opportunity to earn the rankings of "Page", "Squire", and "Knight". These rankings and corresponding awards are conferred at the knighting ceremonies, which are attended by the entire student body, faculty, families (secretly invited) of each student being honored, and especially the Rotarians.

4. STUDENT SERVICE CLUB

At your Rotary club's discretion, about \$500 for printing, banners, chartering ceremony costs, etc. First year only.

The student service club is the tactile component of EAFK, allowing children to experience the real world application impact of their Code curriculum lessons. Led by student officers & guided by Rotarian and Faculty Advisors, the service club will choose, plan and hold one local & one global service project per year with voluntary aid from the student body.

5. PARENTING SEMINAR (OPTIONAL)

Seminar cost - \$800*

Some campuses may wish to extend EAFK to student families through our Parenting Seminar. This optional multimedia component is held on campus and teaches young families how to carry on EAFK at home. The seminar also teaches relationship building skills, and encourages parental effective parental involvement in the character-building process.

(* Pricing depends on location and other factors. Travel/hotel expenses may apply.)

See next page for example of costs...



Multi-school discounts are available, but not show below. EAFK costs are charged by campus and grade-level, not by the number of students enrolled. Below is an example for a school with 31 classrooms (700 students) per school year. Prices are subject to change.



Estimated basic costs for entire school with 700 students and 31 classrooms:	1st Year	2nd Year, etc
Training Orientation for staff at school, and club Rotarians	\$ 150	\$ 150
• Curriculum lease at \$300 per grade level (6 volume master set for K-5th grade, (6 x \$300 = \$1,800) • Second School Year: The curriculum lease is drops to \$125 per grade level, (6 x \$125 = \$750)	\$1,800	\$ 750
Monthly Knighting ceremonies* \$500 each (Based upon the required minimum of 6/school year)	\$3,000	\$ 3,000
Student award medallions for the entire school year:	\$ 570	\$ 570
SUBTOTAL COST for a school with 700 students in 31 classrooms for the entire school year	\$5,520/year	\$ 4,470/year
For the TOTAL Cost, just select 1 of the 3 options below, and add to the 1st or 2nd Year Subtotal.	(\$7.88/student)	(\$6.39/student)
Select from 1 of the 3 Orientations below(<i>based upon your club's budget</i>) then add to Subtotal Cost		
▪ Basic Student Orientation* with one knight	\$ 500 = \$6,020/year	\$ 500 = \$4,970/year
▪ Premium Indoor Variation*: Multiple knights performing a theatrical action event	\$1,500 = \$7,020/year	\$1,500 = \$5,970/year
▪ Outdoor Tournament of Champions Performance with knights, horses, jousting, etc.	\$2,500 = \$8,020/year	\$2,500 = \$6,970/year
(*plus lodging cost if an overnight stay is required. For Knighting Ceremonies, a Rotarian are encouraged to home host the knight because when was the last time a knight stayed in your home!)		

For between \$8.60/student to \$11.45/student, you can make a lasting impact on the future leaders of your community!
OPTIONAL COSTS: Just like Rotary, Interact, and Rotaract clubs, the EAFK Service Club can have a club banner, 4-Way Test Banner, possibly a bell, and other items for their club meetings. We have artwork available for your use. The average one-time estimated costs are \$500-\$700, but the decision to purchase them is left up to your Rotary club based upon your budget.

DOES EAFK REALLY WORK? YES! Through assistance of The Rutland Institute of Ethics at Clemson University, it has been determined that EAFK is responsible for the following benefits among participating campuses:

- 40% increase of parental involvement with schools after the first year with EAFK
- 65% of classroom teachers using EAFK have reclaimed 30-45 minutes of daily teaching time for core subjects from the year prior to EAFK implementation due to better student behavior
- 90% of faculty members at EAFK schools give our program an “excellent” favorability rating after their first year
- 20% increase in academic scoring
- 50%-75% reductions in disciplinary referrals, on average
- 90% voluntary school-wide participation in Rotarian-led EAFK service projects.

Victoria ISD in Victoria, TX (Rotary District 5930) has 13 EAFK elementary campuses and they have been able to track the EarlyAct FirstKnight students through middle and high school and they have found that those students retain the traits of virtues taught to them in grade school. Temple ISD credits EAFK for increasing STAAR State Mandated Test scores.

Includes – Social Skills Character Building Curriculum: Building Friendships & Cooperation With Others

GUIDANCE ON FUNDING

Rotary District Grants - The EAFK Program qualifies for a 2021-2022 Rotary District Grant for up to \$3,000. The District 5890 Grants Committee expects that the total Rotary Club match should equal or exceed District 5890 contributions.

Other Funding - Please keep in mind that many school districts are already paying for a character education program, so EAFK can be a replacement. Funding for EAFK can come from a combination of sources, including the sponsoring Rotary Club, Rotary District Grants, School District Grants, the sponsored school or school district, the sponsored school’s PTA/PTO, fundraising events, corporate grants, and individual/corporate donations. Since EAFK is a research-based program (meaning there is empirical data to substantiate its effectiveness), schools may also use certain government funds, such as Title I and Title IV, to assist with the costs.

With the help of Community Partners/Sponsors, the ideal approach is for your Rotary club to seed the first year’s costs and make your program a showcase for potential community donors to visit throughout the year. This will also heighten your Rotary club’s public visibility. Once people see EAFK in action, getting their support is easier. Individual EAFK programs have had support already from this method from such sponsors as Ace Hardware, local businesses and realtors.

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