Curriculum

Students will attend Orchard Academy as they would high school, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Orchard Academy is located on the Orchard Village campus in Skokie. As the class size of Orchard Academy increases in subsequent years, its site will be moved off the Orchard Village campus and into a centralized area of the community, allowing students to become even more familiar with a community-integrated lifestyle.

Although Orchard Academy houses classrooms and simulation areas, much of the students’ time is spent participating in activities around the community. Skills are best absorbed by practicing them in the environment where they will by applied: banking skills are best learned in a bank, and grocery shopping is best learned in the grocery store.