



WHERE *CROWNING* *ACHIEVEMENTS* BEGIN

— *Academics, Faith, Arts, Athletics* —

INFANT CARE THROUGH 12TH GRADE

 **THE
FIRST ACADEMY**

Orlando, FL | thefirstacademy.org

Welcome to a community where children flourish



At The First Academy, your child will thrive in a loving, safe environment full of opportunities where they can excel in areas that interest them. You won't need to choose between an outstanding faith-based education, college prep, or a deep roster of extracurriculars and enrichment classes. We're pleased to offer all of these things and more.

If you're seeking to give your son or daughter a strong start in life and an excellent Christ-centered education, we'd be honored to meet with you. Explore a community where students are positively challenged, mentored, and blessed with healthy, lifelong friendships.

Schedule a tour today so you can experience firsthand what being a TFA Royal is all about!

Sincerely,

Kristi Summers

Kristi Summers, Director of Admissions

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CAMPUS TOUR**



LOWER SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL

(8 weeks to 3 years old)

An environment inspiring curiosity, creativity, and a love of Christ

When the day comes to place your child in the care of others, you want the best environment and people around them. We understand that and are committed to providing a nurturing space for your little one to play and grow, surrounded by teachers who love the Lord.



CARING EDUCATORS

Approximately 10 children per class, with long-time TFA teachers who are invested in seeing each child succeed in preschool and later years



UPDATED FACILITIES

Appropriately sized furniture and a clean, colorful, renovated preschool area to engage the senses and encourage gross and fine motor skill development



FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Open teacher-parent communication on developmental milestones and an online app for activity updates, lesson details, and photo shares



SAFETY & SECURITY

First Aid/CPR-trained teachers, staff background checks, security team, and secure classrooms with a pick-up and drop-off area

Preschool Hours

7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

3-Day Program (Tu/W/Th)

- Toddlers, K-Prep 2, and K-Prep 3

5-Day Program

- Infants, Toddlers, K-Prep 2, and K-Prep 3

Aftercare

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Program level is determined by your child's age and birthday in relation to Sept. 1 of the upcoming school year.

LOWER SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN PREP

(4 year olds)*

Introducing children to classroom routines and etiquette

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

(5 year olds)

Mastering foundational social skills and academics

PLAY-BASED ACTIVITIES

Combining fun learning stations and make-believe play centers along with table instruction

PATIENT TEACHERS

Willing and able to take the time each child may need, with help from a dedicated classroom aide

AGE-APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY

Adhering to the American Academic Pediatric Association's recommendations for timing and use

ENGAGING INSTRUCTION

Learning through themed lessons, game centers, and participation in specials, such as art and music class

ACADEMIC FUNDAMENTALS

Beginning reading foundations and color recognition, with fun color day events throughout the year

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH

Conscious Discipline curriculum encouraging self-regulation, empathy, and patience

CORE COMPETENCIES

BIBLE | HANDWRITING | READING | PHONICS | SCIENCE | MATH

Transitional or Traditional Kindergarten?

Kindergarten Prep teachers assess their students in the spring and provide recommendations to parents for the following year, with families able to select from Transitional or Traditional Kindergarten.

Kindergarten Prep & Transitional Kindergarten Programs

Schedule: 5 days a week | Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Aftercare

2:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.

*Need to have turned 4 by Sept. 1, with students who begin in one class continuing in that class through the entire school year



LOWER SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN

(5 years old as of Sept. 1)

A legacy of Christ-centered love and joyful learning

Kindergarten is a momentous time for you and your child. While a new and exciting adventure, it can raise some questions.

*Will they enjoy school? What will they learn?
Will they be prepared for first grade?*

From hands-on arts and crafts to weekly visits to the STEAM lab, kindergartners at TFA benefit from engaging lessons and activities in class and around campus.

What do parents love most about kindergarten at TFA?

Moms and dads value the open communication they have with their teacher, who keeps them up to date on the growth they see in their child from the start of the year to the end.

LORI DOWLING, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

"In my Kindergarten classroom, my heart is that we will become a family where all children are loved. TFA is different because we strive to partner with parents through open communication. We provide a multi-sensory approach to teaching and learning, while incorporating fun within the learning environment. It is an amazing experience to be a TFA Royal!"



LITERACY FOCUS

Reading Buddies with older students, Mystery Readers, Accelerated Reader program with prizes, and a first book project



ART ROOM

Weekly class in clay, yarn, or drawing as well as lessons about artists, with students making their own Monets and Picassos



MUSIC CLASS

Percussion instruction, singing, dancing, movement and rhythm lessons, and introduction to instruments



CHRISTIAN VALUES

Bible lessons, verse memorization, devotionals, and weekly chapel, with each class leading a chapel service during the school year



FUN EVENTS

Muffins with Mom, Doughnuts with Dad, annual "Brown Bear" play, Christmas program, and much more



LOWER SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

(Grades 1-5)

A strong foundation for lifelong learning

Elementary school is a time when your child will start coming into their own. That's why it's so important they are in an environment where they'll have the best chance to excel – academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually.



CHALLENGING ACADEMICS

Engaging math, science, language arts, social studies, and Bible lessons, as well as our Learning Intentionally Enhanced program for gifted students



ENRICHED LEARNING

STEAM lab, Math Team, art, weekly Spanish class, and music, including recorder instruments for third and fourth graders and ukuleles for fifth graders



BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

Christian values permeate all areas of instruction as children learn to model God's love and character, with parents invited to join in weekly prayer walks



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Choir, ceramics, sports, Lego robotics, coding, cheerleading, chess, dance, and more are offered through The Academies program at TFA

SAMPLING OF ACTIVITIES BY GRADE LEVEL

with more fun programs and events throughout the school year

1st

Weekly STEAM lab/Science and Innovation Center, Orlando Science Center field trip

2nd

Brevard Zoo field trip, weekly Bible study lunch with older students

3rd

SeaWorld field trip, wax museum project, Royal Choir

4th

St. Augustine field trip, educational water systems field trip, fun-filled musical

5th

Epcot field trip, science fair, musical, musical theatre unit, surprise field trip at the end of the year



MIDDLE SCHOOL

(Grades 6-8)

A culture of excellence that nurtures emerging gifts

As a parent of a pre-teen, you understand this is a time when they need access to opportunities to grow their talents. They also need people around them who will encourage positive values as they mature.

Our middle schoolers are vibrant, confident students who engage in project-based learning designed to prepare them for high school and help them explore their interests, with something for everyone.

CORE SUBJECTS

- English
- Math
- Science
- Bible
- Social Studies

ELECTIVES

- Computer Science
- Masterworks Jr
- Personal Finance
- STEAM Lab
- Student Success
- Performing Arts- Theatre, Band, Choir, Keyboarding/ Piano, and Guitar

ACTIVITIES

- Daily 20-minute break (Royal Recharge)
- Bible Studies
- Service Projects
- Middle School & Varsity Athletics
- Fine Arts – Band and Performing Arts
- Student Leadership Committees
- NASA Field Trip
- 8th-Grade Field Trip to Washington, D.C.
- After-School Clubs



COLLEGIATE LEARNING STYLE

Students participate in virtual class discussion boards, collaborative group projects, hands-on learning activities, and more to prepare them for high school and college.



SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Each grade has student chaplains who help with chapel band, direct announcements, introduce chapel guest speakers, and may help lead Bible studies in lower grades.



STUDENT ADVISORY TIME

Middle schoolers can use this weekly check-in time to attend club meetings, get caught up on assignments, meet with teachers, and more.



UPPER SCHOOL *(Grades 9-12)*

A distinctive college-prep experience

You want your teen to have opportunities to shine in character and wisdom as they grow deeper in their walk with Christ. You also want them to be prepared for what's next. At TFA, **100% of our graduates are accepted to and pursue college degrees.** Here's how we prepare them.

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9TH GRADE

Students meet with an advisor to discuss college prep and available electives, honors classes, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and prepare for concurrent or dual enrollment.

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10TH GRADE

1:1 college-prep meetings begin, and students participate in an SAT/ACT Boot Camp, take the PSAT, attend a Christian college fair, and colleges visit campus.

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11TH GRADE

1:1 college advisory meetings continue, with parents invited to college-prep sessions and students taking ACT/SAT exams as well as visiting colleges.

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12TH GRADE

Seniors participate in a college application summer camp, take the ACT and SAT in the fall, tour colleges, and finalize their capstone project – the Dr. Steve D. Whitaker Senior Thesis.

CAPSTONE PROJECT - THE DR. STEVE D. WHITAKER SENIOR THESIS

Students begin working on the Senior Thesis project in ninth grade and continue through senior year when they present their final research to a panel. The Senior Thesis Project focuses on how students see God at work in a secular world and is a way for them to develop skills that will help them in college and beyond.



RESEARCH & CITATION EXPERIENCE



FORMAL PRESENTATION SKILLS



DEDICATED THESIS MENTOR



WRITING CENTER ASSISTANCE

Exceptional Service & Extracurricular Opportunities for All

- Student-led committees
- Student chaplains
- Socials and dances
- Dance Marathon fundraising for Children's Miracle Network hospitals
- Royal Ambassadors (help with admissions tours and events and welcome new students)
- Field trips (e.g., missions trips, Christian conferences, New York)
- Royal Leadership Academy



ATHLETICS

A long line of award-winning teams

On or off the field or court, we're always proud of our Royals. They are true team players who embody the principles of Christ-centered competition and are led by coaches who encourage them in faith first.

Additionally, teachers and coaches work together to balance classwork and sports participation so students don't have to worry about missing an assignment or practice.

Sports are available as early as kindergarten and culminate with more than 30 Junior Varsity & Varsity offerings, including a unique sports medicine program. For a full list of our offerings, [visit our website](#).

Over the years, our award-winning athletic programs have seen MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS.

**NEWLY RENOVATED ATHLETIC FACILITIES | COLLEGIATE-LEVEL TURF FIELDS & TRACK
LARGE, MODERN SCOREBOARDS | LIGHTNING & HEAT INDEX ALERTS**

122
District Titles

OUR ATHLETIC FACILITIES INCLUDE:

Payne Stewart Athletic Complex

- Warden Stadium
- Kroy Crofoot Field
- Scott Larson Pavilion
- Orel Hershiser Baseball Field
- Ed Gamble Softball Field

Dizney Family Tennis Complex

Cramer Family Field House

- One of the largest high school basketball complexes in Florida
- NBA-sized Basketball Court
- Upscale Locker Rooms
- Oversized Lobby
- Glass Mezzanine with Athletic Offices
- Seating up to 800

Natalie Thomas Student Center

- Multipurpose flex-space for student life activities (weekly chapel, fine arts, athletics)



68
Individual State Titles

1
National Title

51
Regional Titles

21
Team State Championships



ARTS & STEM

A distinguished school for arts and sciences



Visual, Performing, & Media Arts

Students are mentored by teachers who are experts in their artistic fields.

Depending on grade level, your child could participate in:

- Band
- 2D/3D Art
- Keyboarding/ Piano & Guitar
- Journalism & Yearbook
- Choir
- Painting
- 3-D Printing
- Media Production (Broadcast Media)
- Ceramics
- Theatre
- Drawing
- Yearbook

TFA has been recognized by the following Fine Arts organizations:

- Dr. Phillips Applause Awards
- Community Band Competitions & Parades
- Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival
- Poetry Out Loud
- Windermere Fine Art Show
- Florida Regional Choir

Students are exposed to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — STEM — through our Science and Innovation Center, Robotics as well as STEM-related classroom activities.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

All children have a school-issued iPad starting in third grade, which is used for individual work, group projects, and assessments.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Students explore the sciences through hands-on learning and experiments, such as making an edible cell. Starting in seventh grade, they are given a Macbook laptop.

UPPER SCHOOL

Students take a field trip to indoor skydiving center iFly and can participate in robotics, physics, science clubs, Environmental Committee, Beach Cleanup Club, Science Honors Society, and more.





TUITION

An investment in their future

From your own experience, you likely understand the significant role school plays in shaping children into who they will become. And the right school can make all the difference. As you'll discover during our admissions process, families in our area place a high value on The First Academy experience and the distinctive ways we provide opportunities for our students.

To make a quality Christian education accessible to families who share our values and commitment to excellence, we welcome state scholarships, payment plans, and discounts for payments in full. For more details, [visit our website.](#)

GRADE LEVEL	TUITION FOR 2026-2027*
Preschool (8 weeks to 3 years old)	\$9,280.00 - \$14,750.00
Kindergarten Prep (4 years old)	\$14,720
Transitional Kindergarten	\$16,370
Kindergarten	\$18,010
Grades 1-4	\$21,870
Grades 5-6	\$23,930
Grades 7-8	\$26,050
Grades 9-11	\$28,370
Grade 12	\$28,940
Hybrid Home+School	\$7,980 - \$10,310
Distinct Abilities Learning	\$15,180-\$35,260

**Additional grade-level activity fees or international fees may apply*

J. WHEELER, TFA PARENT

“What an excellent school! With its great administration, caring teachers, top-notch academics, and extracurricular activities, TFA is easily our top choice in Central Florida. Our family couldn’t be happier! Yes, it’s an investment, but the return on investment is very high ... worth every penny.”



ENVISIONING YOUR CHILD AS A TFA ROYAL?

We invite you to experience our school community firsthand. Our campus tours will give you the best sense of what we have to offer and provide you with the opportunity to connect with someone who can answer your questions.

[SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR](#)

What to Expect On Your Visit

Explore our beautiful gated campus, facilities, and safety features:

- Library
- Renovated Athletic Facilities & Fields
- Key Card Entries to All Buildings & Visitor Check-In System
- Playground
- Covered Walkways & Paved Areas
- Campus Security Team (2 Orlando Police Department officers on campus during school hours), along with trained and prepared faculty and staff
- STEAM Lab
- Fine Arts & Performing Arts Venues
- Natalie Thomas Student Center & Whitaker Auditorium
- Alumni Commons (outdoor paved area for eating, worship nights, and other student life events)
- Royal Eatery & Gather Lunchroom

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? Please contact our admissions team at [\(407\) 206-8602](tel:4072068602) or admissions@thefirstacademy.org to schedule your visit today!