



Family Tree Private School

The 21st Century Schoolhouse

Accredited FCCPSA

School Profile

School name: Family Tree Private School

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Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) #: 3292

College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) code: 101-618

Community and school information: Family Tree Private School opened in the fall of 1999, and is based in Madison County, Florida (formerly Palm Beach County). The school provides the opportunity for K- 12 regular and special education students statewide, to receive one-on-one assistance and guidance as families and students take responsibility for their education. Family Tree Private School has four diploma options, and utilizes a vast array of opportunities through collaborative efforts with other educational institutions and uses a multitude of course work and curricula from well-respected and researched based educational products. Annual standardized testing is required, and options are available based upon students' needs, status and diploma option.

Family Tree Private School is accredited by the Florida Coalition of Christian Private Schools (FCCPSA), which specializes in non-traditional Florida Christian private schools and is licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Families to license faith based child care facilities. The school is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), The National High School Athletic Association (NHAA), The College Board, and the Florida Parent Educator's Association (FPEA). The school supports a strong, Biblically based approach to schooling and family life with high academic standards. Though a Biblically based philosophy is emphasized, all are invited to enroll, including the "un-churched". There are no racial demographics available, though most major ethnic groups are represented in our school population.

Family Tree Private School has articulation agreements with community colleges for Dual Enrollment, Florida Virtual School, various learning support groups, on-line learning events, local classes and scholarship programs. Our students have had access to scholarships available to all private schools such as, Bright Futures and the McKay Scholarship. One example of collaboration in the past has been the utilization of the McKay scholarship wherein parents would choose full time placement services at Nova Southeastern University's TLC Speech and Language program for the profoundly autistic, while being enrolled in Family Tree Private School.

The school also facilitates group activities normally associated with the homeschooling community. Before the mid 80's in Florida, what was considered homeschooling was conducted exclusively in the realm of private school enrollment. Today, as in many other states, these students are still considered private school students, when enrolled in a private school such as Family Tree Private School. Since our unique make-up and progressive approach is unfamiliar to some guidance counselors, our administrators are very happy to answer any questions and provide information on relevant Florida statutes, rules and all required documentation.

Curriculum: Curriculum is assigned from one or more of the following courses of study; The Accelerated Christian Education - School of Tomorrow, The American School, A Becca, Alpha & Omega, Rod & Staff and other high quality, researched based curricula. The academic program is divided into 2 semesters per year, on a quarterly schedule. The school offers 4 diploma options, Vocational, Standard, College Track and Honors. A minimum of 25 credits is required for graduation as well as at least 75 hours community service hours. One credit = 150 instructional hours.

Grading and ranking procedures: Students are graded using an un-weighted, 4.0 grading scale for course work. Overall GPA is determined by averaging grades and consideration of standardized testing to supporting the GPA. GPA is computed using quality points. Beginning with grade 9, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. The school does not participate in a "ranking" schedule nor tack percentages of Post-High School Placement statistics, yet the school's graduates have been accepted to in-state and out of state colleges, such as; Palm Beach Community College, Broward Community College, South University, University of South Florida, Lynn University, Florida Atlantic University, and The University of New Mexico, to name a few, and the military.

Extracurricular opportunities: All available activities and opportunities available to the public that have educational value, and can complement courses as described in the Florida Department of Education Florida Course Code Directory, may be incorporated into a student's program.

Program Quality: Family Tree Private School's program is superior to traditional, teacher centered education models in many ways by virtue of the fact that the school can provide real choices with quality controls, and high standards. Family Tree Private School has been, and is a leader in the non-traditional education movement and is guided by the principals of sound educational practices and research. The school's slogan of *The 21st Century School house* is exemplified in its approach to a quality education. The school has participated in Florida senate discussions, co-authored publications and has been subject to peer review in the development and utilization of non-traditional educational approaches.

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