# FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

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## **ABBREVIATION GUIDE**

FA | Fellowship Academy
FC | Fellowship Church
BJU | Bob Jones University
P | Pass
F | Fail
W | Withdrawn

## **POSITION GUIDE**

#### **HEADMASTER**

The Headmaster oversees the operations of Fellowship Academy and is the liaison between parents and faculty/staff. Also, the Headmaster works alongside the Directional Team of Fellowship Church for matters of curriculum and discipline.

#### **ACADEMIC COACH**

The Academic Coach monitors and oversees the academic success of the child. Also, the Academic Coach will provide academic coaching throughout the day on challenging concepts.

#### **INSTRUCTOR**

The Instructor is a faculty member of Fellowship Academy with the responsibility of providing "live" teaching in particular academic fields.

#### **SUCCESS COACH**

The Success Coach helps to pace students throughout the week to ensure students complete their assignments in an orderly manner. Also, the Success Coach will communicate with parents about the success of their child.



## INTRODUCTION

#### WELCOME

Welcome! We are so excited that you have enrolled your student(s) in Fellowship Academy for the upcoming academic year. Fellowship Academy (FA) is an extension of the mission and ministry of Fellowship Church. It is the vision of Fellowship Church to know God and make Him known through text-driven ministries. FA will operate under the same vision as we seek to equip parents and students. We have three core biblical passages that serve as our school's foundation (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 6:10-20).

First, and foremost, is the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus gave His final words of exhortation to His followers. Those words culminated in the command to "make disciples." Following the command of Jesus, FA will seek to come alongside parents in the disciple-making process of their child(ren).

Second, Paul admonishes Timothy to be "rightly handling the word of truth," (2 Timothy 2:15). The central textbook for FA is the Word of God. We believe that God's Word is inerrant and sufficient for all of life and godliness. Therefore, we interpret all academics through a biblical worldview. It is our goal that students of FA will be able to interpret culture through God's Word.

Third, Paul instructs the church to be clothed in the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10). As ambassadors for Jesus, it is paramount that we are fully protected from the schemes of Satan. Our goal is not only to be ambassadors who are protected, but also, our goal is to be warriors who are on the offensive against Satan. Therefore, at FA, students will be taught how to be warriors for Jesus through arming themselves with the armor of God.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

Fellowship Academy (FA) seeks to know God and make Him known through text-driven education.

#### SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name: Fellowship Academy

Email: info@fellowshipacademy.co

School Location: Fellowship Church, Ave Maria Campus

5330 Ave Maria Boulevard Ave Maria, FL 34142



**Mascot:** The Warriors

**School Mission Statement:** Fellowship Academy seeks to know God and make Him known through text-driven education.

#### Supporting Scripture:

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." -Matthew 28:18-20 ESV

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. -2 Timothy 2:15 ESV

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the Gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. -Ephesians 6:10-20 ESV

School Hours: Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday 8:30am-2:30pm

Additional office hours are available for parent/teacher conferences and academic tutoring. To schedule an appointment during additional hours, please contact our school (info@fellowshipacademy.co).



## **FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY CORE VALUES**

HAUTVIC
UNITY IS
A family-centered approach to education among all staff and volunteers.
A family <b>partnership</b> to education with the parents.
LEADERSHIP IS
Being a <b>servant</b> of God by <b>stewarding</b> the Word.
Sacrificially loving the student through spiritual parenting.
HOLINESS IS
A <b>prepared heart and mind</b> to do what God has called us to do for His kingdom.
Seeing all circumstances as growth opportunities in Christlikeness.
GATHERING IS
Active membership of a local church, preferably Fellowship Church.
Faithful <b>service</b> to the whole of Fellowship Academy to the glory of God.
GOSPEL/BIBLE IS
Thinking biblically about education with grace-filled teaching.

Following the Bible in **redemptive discipline** in order to replicate Jesus.



#### **FA CORE MINISTRIES**

#### **APOSTLE'S TEACHING**

Fellowship Academy **produces** a text-driven curriculum.

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship Academy **partners** with parents to biblically educate their children.

#### **WORSHIP**

Fellowship Academy **prepares** students to be lifelong learners.

#### **EVANGELISM**

Fellowship Academy **proclaims** the gospel to all students.

#### **PRAYER**

Fellowship Academy prays for the salvation/sanctification of each family.

#### GIVING

Fellowship Academy **provides** text-driven educational strategies for families.

#### **EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### SPIRITUAL AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Inform students of their sinful nature and God's unconditional love for them (Romans 3:23; Romans 5:8; John 3:16).
- 2. Lead students to an acceptance of Christ as their Lord and Savior (Romans 10:13).
- 3. Help students recognize the Bible as the sufficient, inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16).



- 4. Develop a desire in students to know, love, and obey the will of God through daily prayer and Bible reading and participation in a local church (2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- 5. Instill in students the knowledge of the foundational truths and doctrines of God's Word and the desire to apply these in life (2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 6:13-17).
- 6. Instruct students about the importance of recognizing and overcoming sin, and of living Christ-like, obedient lives (Ephesians 4:21-32).

#### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Help students see and accept themselves as unique individuals, created in the image of God with special gifts to be fully developed for His glory (Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:13-16; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11).
- 2. Instruct students to develop habits of good stewardship over all that God has given them—time, talents, material possessions, and the physical environment (Genesis 1:28; Luke 12:48; Ephesians 5:16, 1 Peter 4:10).
- 3. Teach students personal responsibility and accountability for their words, actions, and attitudes (Romans 14:12; Galatians 6:7-8).
- 4. Encourage physical fitness, good health habits, and wise use of the body as the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- 5. Teach students to develop the ability to make decisions based on biblical principles (Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Corinthians 2:14-16).

#### **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 1. Encourage students to view all others as made in God's image and to treat them with love and respect (Genesis 1:27; John 13:35; James 2:8-9).
- 2. Help students develop the skills, perspectives, and desire to function as cooperative members of the larger society (Romans 12:18; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- 3. Help students develop biblical attitudes toward marriage and the family, emphasizing the need to establish God-honoring homes (Psalm 127:1; Ephesians 5:31).
- 4. Help students desire to lead others to a saving knowledge of Christ and to disciple believers by precept and example (Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:2).
- 5. Help students develop the desire both to lead and serve in their communities as circumstances and God's direction permits (Matthew 25:21).

#### ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Help students reach their full academic potential by providing a developmentally appropriate instructional program with high academic standards (Proverbs 1:7; Colossians 3:23).
- 2. Teach students to use good study habits to enhance their creative and critical thinking skills (2 Timothy 2:15; Proverbs 4:5-12).



- 3. Teach students to interpret and apply all knowledge from a biblical perspective (Isaiah 8:20; 1 John 4:1).
- 4. Help students develop independent study habits and foster a life-long love for learning and personal excellence (Proverbs 4:5-8).
- 5. Prepare students for future educational or vocational experiences by developing in them the abilities necessary for effective communication, thinking, and technological skills (Proverbs 4:5-12).
- 6. Help students become aware of changing world events and interpret them from a biblical worldview (Hebrews 13:8).
- 7. Instruct students to acquire knowledge and develop an appreciation of their Christian and American heritage (Deuteronomy 4:2-9; Psalm 33:12).

#### STATEMENT OF FAITH

Below you will find the doctrinal statement (Baptist Faith and Message, 2000) of Fellowship Church which serves as the subsequent doctrinal statement for Fellowship Academy. To see the Scripture references, visit: <a href="http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp">http://www.sbc.net/bfm2000/bfm2000.asp</a>.

#### THE SCRIPTURES

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

#### GOD

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is all powerful and all knowing; and His perfect knowledge extends to all things, past, present, and future, including the future decisions of His free creatures. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

#### **GOD THE FATHER**



God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. He is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise. God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. He is fatherly in His attitude toward all men.

#### **GOD THE SON**

Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself human nature with its demands and necessities and identifying Himself completely with mankind yet without sin. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator, fully God, fully man, in whose Person is effected the reconciliation between God and man. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to consummate His redemptive mission. He now dwells in all believers as the living and ever present Lord.

#### **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

#### MAN

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that



God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

#### **SALVATION**

Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

- A. Regeneration, or the new birth, is a work of God's grace whereby believers become new creatures in Christ Jesus. It is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit through conviction of sin, to which the sinner responds in repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance and faith are inseparable experiences of grace. Repentance is a genuine turning from sin toward God. Faith is the acceptance of Jesus Christ and commitment of the entire personality to Him as Lord and Saviour.
- B. Justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of His righteousness of all sinners who repent and believe in Christ. Justification brings the believer unto a relationship of peace and favor with God.
- C. Sanctification is the experience, beginning in regeneration, by which the believer is set apart to God's purposes, and is enabled to progress toward moral and spiritual maturity through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Growth in grace should continue throughout the regenerate person's life.
- D. Glorification is the culmination of salvation and is the final blessed and abiding state of the redeemed.

#### **GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE**

Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility.

All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.



#### THE CHURCH

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the two ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws, exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His Word, and seeking to extend the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Each congregation operates under the Lordship of Christ through democratic processes. In such a congregation each member is responsible and accountable to Christ as Lord. Its scriptural officers are pastors and deacons. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture.

The New Testament speaks also of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages, believers from every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation.

#### **BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper.

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

#### THE LORD'S DAY

The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It is a Christian institution for regular observance. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should include exercises of worship and spiritual devotion, both public and private. Activities on the Lord's Day should be commensurate with the Christian's conscience under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

#### THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God includes both His general sovereignty over the universe and His particular kingship over men who willfully acknowledge Him as King. Particularly the Kingdom is the realm of salvation into which men enter by trustful, childlike commitment to Jesus Christ. Christians ought to pray and to labor that the Kingdom may come and God's will be done on



earth. The full consummation of the Kingdom awaits the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age.

#### **LAST THINGS**

God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

#### **EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS**

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the Gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the Gospel of Christ.

#### **EDUCATION**

Christianity is the faith of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ abides all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is, therefore, a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. Moreover, the cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches. An adequate system of Christian education is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people.

In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists.



#### **STEWARDSHIP**

God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the Gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions; and should recognize all these as entrusted to them to use for the glory of God and for helping others. According to the Scriptures, Christians should contribute of their means cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately, and liberally for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause on earth.

#### **COOPERATION**

Christ's people should, as occasion requires, organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. They are voluntary and advisory bodies designed to elicit, combine, and direct the energies of our people in the most effective manner. Members of New Testament churches should cooperate with one another in carrying forward the missionary, educational, and benevolent ministries for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. Christian unity in the New Testament sense is spiritual harmony and voluntary cooperation for common ends by various groups of Christ's people. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations, when the end to be attained is itself justified, and when such cooperation involves no violation of conscience or compromise of loyalty to Christ and His Word as revealed in the New Testament.

#### THE CHRISTIAN AND THE SOCIAL ORDER

All Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society. Means and methods used for the improvement of society and the establishment of righteousness among men can be truly and permanently helpful only when they are rooted in the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christ, Christians should oppose racism, every form of greed, selfishness, and vice, and all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography. We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, the abused, the aged, the helpless, and the sick. We should speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love. In order to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and His truth.



#### **PEACE AND WAR**

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war.

The true remedy for the war spirit is the Gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace.

#### **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it. Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. In providing for such freedom no ecclesiastical group or denomination should be favored by the state more than others. Civil government being ordained of God, it is the duty of Christians to render loyal obedience thereto in all things not contrary to the revealed will of God. The church should not resort to the civil power to carry on its work. The Gospel of Christ contemplates spiritual means alone for the pursuit of its ends. The state has no right to impose penalties for religious opinions of any kind. The state has no right to impose taxes for the support of any form of religion. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power.

#### THE FAMILY

God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. It is composed of persons related to one another by marriage, blood, or adoption.

Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family. A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image



of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents.

### **CALENDAR**

See our Academic Calendar on the following page.



#### FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2022-2023

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School Closed	
Quarter Notices	
Special Events	

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AUGUST	JANUARY
15- First Day of School	1-8 School Closed for Christmas Break
	9- Return to School
	16- School Closed for MLK Jr. Day
SEPTEMBER	FEBRUARY
5- School Closed for Labor Day	27- School Closed for GCW
26- School Closed with CCPS	

OCTOBER

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MARCH

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OCTOBER

14- Quarter 1 Ends	10
17- School Closed for End of Quarter	13

MARCH

10- End of Quarter 3 13-17 School Closed for Spring Break

NOVEMBER

16- Early Release & Thanksgiving Event 17-27 School Closed for Thanksgiving Break APRIL

10- School Closed for Easter

NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

12-14 Early Release & Mid-Terms 15-31 School Closed for Christmas Break 16- End of Quarter 2

MAY

14- High School Graduation Day 10-11 & 15-16 Early Release & Final Exams 17- Last Day of School Event 18- School Closed for Summer

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **TUITION**

The Total Annual Fee includes that of the instructional and administrative fees of Fellowship Academy.

Grade Level	Total Annual Fee
K	\$1,200
1-12	\$4,500

#### ADD-ON COSTS

ITEM	COST
Field Trips	To Be Determined by Field Trip
Enrollment in FC School of Music & Arts	\$25/lesson (30 minutes)
Enrollment in Fellowship Sports Ministry	(Grades K-8) Range from \$25-\$100
Tutoring	\$35/session (30 minutes)



#### PARENT EXPECTATIONS

At Fellowship Academy, we believe that a child's education is ultimately the responsibility of his/her parents. We are committed to equipping parents to assume this responsibility with confidence. We are committed to providing your student with a Christ-centered, structured classroom environment with both text-driven curricula and educational strategies.

FA will conduct regular classes from Monday through Thursday each week. While Fridays are not Academy days, students will receive weekend homework that should be completed with parents.

## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences are available throughout the school year. To request a meeting, please contact our Headmaster.

## **FA COMPUTERS REQUIREMENTS**

#### MINIMUM COMPUTER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Below is listed the basic technical requirements needed to successfully operate the instructional technology used by FA.

#### HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

All students must have a laptop computer and charger that is preferably 5 years old or newer. Mobile devices or most tablets are not acceptable.

#### SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

As a general rule, please always use the most up-to-date version of your web browser available. We recommend using Google Chrome.

#### LUNCH

Students will have a 20-minute lunch period each day. Students are required to bring their lunches to school, as Fellowship Academy does not provide food. There is no refrigerator or microwave available for student use. Students will also not be permitted to eat during class time



(unless special permission is granted through a doctor's note), so it is important that they eat breakfast before arrival and that they eat a filling lunch. Students are permitted to drink water during class and are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

#### **SAFETY**

In the event of an emergency during school, parents and the necessary emergency responders will be contacted. Please ensure that contact information (and any additional emergency contact information) is correct in our files.

## **ADMISSIONS**

#### FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Any questions in the admissions process may be directed to FA's Headmaster. Below, we have provided a checklist to help guide you in the admissions process and make registration as seamless as possible.

After filling out our application, the registration process is as follows:

- Step 1: Fill out our Admissions Application.
- Step 2: Meet with our Headmaster for an admissions appointment. At this appointment, you will learn more about text-driven education, Deuteronomy 6, and Home Education. You will also be asked to share your beliefs and your personal salvation testimony.
- Step 3: Wait to receive your acceptance letter. Once received, move onto Step 4.
- Step 4: Meet with our Headmaster for registration. At this appointment, you will register your child for home education with the State of Florida, learn about your child's classes, review tuition expectations, and fill out paperwork. Before your appointment, please obtain a copy of your child's most recent school transcripts. If your child has been homeschooled and therefore does not have school transcripts, please have ready a copy of your child's educational portfolio.

Next Steps:



• Step 5: You will receive a Summer Reading List, a Supply List, your child's course information, and information about Parent Orientation.

## **ACADEMIC STATUS (AS RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE)**

#### FLORIDA'S HOME EDUCATION PROCEDURES

At Fellowship Academy, students are considered home education students by the state of Florida.

According to the 2018 Florida Statute 1002.01, "A 'home education program' means the sequentially progressive instruction of a student directed by his or her parent in order to satisfy the attendance requirements of ss. 1002.41, 1003.01 (13), and 1223.21 (1)." To read more about Florida's educational statutes regarding home education, view the following links.

#### Home Education Definition:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App mode=Display Statute&Search String=1002. 41&URL=1000-1099/1002/Sections/1002.01.html

#### Home Education Programs:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App\_mode = Display Statute&Search String=1002.41&URL=1000-1099/1002/Sections/1002.41.html

FA is a program dedicated to coming alongside parents in their children's education. FA is not currently a FLDOE recognized private school; therefore, due to FA students' status as home education students, there are three (3) parent requirements from the state that we will help you meet. Parent requirements include:

- (June-August) Parents should notify the Collier County Superintendent within 30 days of beginning the home education program. Parents will need to provide the county with the child's name, address, birth date, and a statement of intent to provide home education. This does not have to be repeated every year, but rather only when the home education program initially begins. This form may be completed online at: <a href="https://www.collierschools.com/Page/6342">https://www.collierschools.com/Page/6342</a>
  - This step is completed with our Headmaster as part of your registration process
- (May/June) Maintain a portfolio of student records. FA will keep all online materials for two (2) years as required by the law. As the parent, you are also required to maintain these portfolios for two (2) years. The district Superintendent



(or his/her agents) can, but is not required to, request to view these materials after 15 days' written notice.

- We require that parents keep all material that has been graded and sent home. We recommend using a filing bin to keep materials organized.
- (May/June) Provide an annual educational evaluation that must meet one of several options. We will help you meet the first option, which is for a Florida certified teacher to evaluate the student's progress. We will provide the evaluation and sign the form for you to send to the Superintendent each year. You can view the form here: <a href="https://www.collierschools.com/Page/6341">https://www.collierschools.com/Page/6341</a>

To find this information on the Florida Department of Education's website, click here: <a href="http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/requirements.stml">http://www.fldoe.org/schools/school-choice/other-school-choice-options/home-edu/requirements.stml</a>

To find more information through Collier County Public Schools, click here: <a href="https://www.collierschools.com/Homeeducation">https://www.collierschools.com/Homeeducation</a>

While we will work with you to provide your child with the finest text-driven education available, Florida's home education status supports our model that education is ultimately the responsibility of the parent. We are so pleased that you've chosen us to come alongside you in providing that education.

## **ACADEMICS**

#### **FA ASSESSMENTS & ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **ASSESSMENTS**

Fellowship Academy philosophically approaches learning and assessment from a mastery concept. Mastery learning provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate mastery through various forms of assessment in which the FA teacher has the authority to provide multiple attempts of an assessment to bring the student to full understanding. The underlying premise to this philosophy is that all students can learn.

Because curriculum is sequential, it is vital that students demonstrate mastery so that present success will provide the foundation for future learning.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**



For consistency in writing across the curriculum, all research projects must be properly cited using the Turabian citation style. Wikipedia is not considered to be a reliable source for research. Any work that includes or cites Wikipedia may be returned to the student for revision or may result is a significantly reduced grade.

For some assignments, grading rubrics are used to help prepare the student for what will be evaluated prior to submission of the work, to standardize grading by different teachers, and to categorize the feedback provided by the teacher. Clarification questions should be referred to the teacher.

#### **DETERMINING COURSE GRADES**

Students read, watch, and listen to the material in each lesson and complete problems, assignments and tests on the computer.

The number of assessments for each course varies. Teachers have the prerogative to award credit for an assessment as they deem appropriate for the work submitted. Extra credit assignments are not available.

Grade averages are calculated utilizing a traditional scale.

#### **GRADING SCALE**

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F 0-59%

If a student questions an end-of-course grade, that concern should be immediately presented to the Headmaster for clarification/correction. Students must complete each course with a C or higher in order to be considered for advancement. A D or below will require Summer School before entering the next course level.

#### **MATERIAL SELECTION POLICY**

FA curates educational materials that are consistent with the school's philosophy. However, the fallen human condition depicted in literature (as in Scripture, itself) is not always pleasant. Valuable works sometimes have objectionable or profane elements. Good books provide four recognized values:



- 1. They build Christ-like attitudes and character traits.
- 2. They deepen our social and cultural awareness.
- 3. They strengthen our use of written language.
- 4. They provide a lifelong source of enjoyment and relaxation.

In order to instill these values in our students and fulfill the stated objectives of FA, all students are expected to read and study good books on a regular basis. FA will provide a suggested reading list for students to use for independent reading. It is recommended that students only read educational materials that have been approved by FA.

Recognizing that materials designed for one level may not be appropriate for another, three levels of criteria are applied.

- 1. Elementary materials must contain no objectionable material.
- 2. Objectionable elements in 6th-8th grade materials must be limited and must serve a specific educational purpose.
- 3. Objectionable content may be included in high school materials but must be outweighed by positive literary, curricular, or Christian value.



#### STUDENT RECORDS

#### **TRANSCRIPTS**

After completion of a course or courses, Fellowship Academy will issue a home education transcript upon request. Financial obligations to FA must be met prior to the release records. As students are considered home education students, transcripts are unofficial. For college applications, the transcript will show high school completion, which is sufficient for college acceptance.

#### **ELECTIVES**

Fellowship Academy offers a range of electives for students in grades 1-12. Electives may change each quarter.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT

High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors may get a head start on their college education by enrolling in online college courses offered via Liberty University Online Academy (LUOA) or the College at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary (MABTS). Through this Dual Enrollment partnership program, academically advanced students may earn college credits in a variety of subjects.

Students desiring to take dual credit courses at LUOA must have a minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA, completed 12+ high school credits, and be over the age of 13.

Dual Enrollment in LUOA or MABTS will require additional tuition. Students who fail a dual enrollment course must follow the instructions of the individual institution.

#### FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY ATTENDANCE

The Fellowship Academy school year consists of 10-months of instructional work for academic credit to be granted for full-year courses. At FA, it is our expectation that students will attend classes regularly. We desire to provide the best environment for student learning and motivation, and we can only do so when students are present.

We understand that at times, your child may be ill and unable to attend classes. In the event that your child is sick, please contact FA so that we can excuse your child's absence. Once



back in school, it is expected that the student will make up the classwork he/she missed. Your child may also be able to complete classwork at home to ensure that he/she does not fall behind.

FA will assist students in ensuring that coursework is completed on time, but it is ultimately the student's and parent's responsibility to complete his/her coursework in a timely manner. FA Success Coaches will assist by alerting parents if it appears that a student is in danger of not finishing in time. If a student still needs additional time to complete a course beyond the allotted 10 months, then our Success Coaches will schedule a meeting with parents to discuss a plan.

If a student is absent for over 9 days/quarter (36 days/year), FA will not be able to sign the student's Annual Evaluation.



## STUDENT SERVICES

#### **ACADEMIC TUTORING**

Tutoring will be offered to families who desire individual help for their child in a particular subject. Tutoring is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. A tutoring session is 30 minutes. All tutors have been approved by FA's Headmaster. The cost of individual tutoring is below:

TUTOR	30-Minute Session
Fellowship Academy Tutor (any subject)	\$35

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Fellowship Academy will honor any 504 Plan or IEP from a former school. Teachers will also observe current students to determine if he/she may require additional help. Accommodations can include extra time on assessments, reading written material aloud, or a separate space for test-taking. Students do not necessarily need a formalized plan in order to benefit from our accommodations.

#### CCPS SPORTS TEAMS AND FELLOWSHIP SPORTS MINISTRY

Fellowship Academy wants every child to have the opportunity to participate in athletics. Therefore, in order to provide the traditional aspects of school, we offer enrollment in Fellowship Sports Ministry, which is a ministry of Fellowship Church. Home education students also have the ability to register to play at an area Collier County Public School. For more information on how to register your child(ren) for CCPS sports, please see CCPS's website.

Fellowship Sports Ministry offers a variety of athletic opportunities for ages 5-14. The cost for participation varies according to the sport; however, you can anticipate the cost ranging from \$25-\$100. See below for specific details.

All athletic opportunities provided by Fellowship Sports Ministry are:

- NFL Flag Football (December February)
- Flag Football Camp
- Soccer Club League (coming soon)
- Soccer Camp (coming soon)
- Swim Club (coming soon)



- Baseball Lesson
- Basketball (coming soon)

For more information about these specific sports ministries, please contact FA's Headmaster.

#### FELLOWSHIP CHURCH SCHOOL OF MUSIC & ART

As an extracurricular activity, Fellowship Church offers their School of Music and Art. This program allows for your child to enhance their creativity and learn about the beauty of God. Lessons are scheduled with the respective instructor and are subject to the instructor's availability. The cost is \$25 per 30-minute lessons.

Fellowship School of Music & Art offers the following:

- Music Lessons
  - o Guitar
  - o Piano
  - Voice
  - o Flute
  - o Ukulele
- Art Lessons
  - o Photography

#### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

#### **DIPLOMAS**

Students who graduate from Fellowship Academy will receive a Home Education Diploma. Colleges will view the student as a home education student, therefore, he/she does not need official transcripts from a public institution. Home education students have the same opportunities as those who graduate from public or private schools.

#### **CEREMONY**

In order for students to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, he/she must have enrolled in FA by the fall of their senior year.



## **CONDUCT OF STUDENTS**

#### FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

#### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

A school environment based on integrity provides a setting of peace and trust. It is the responsibility of parents, students, and Fellowship Academy to work together to develop a school community based on honesty in words and actions.

The Bible says, "Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out," (Proverbs 10:9). In order to issue a home education transcript upon completion of the program, FA must have a reasonable degree of assurance that the grades earned and work completed are an accurate reflection of the student's ability and mastery of the material. Therefore, dishonesty related to the coursework is viewed seriously and dealt with appropriately.

#### **HONOR CODE**

"So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin."

James 4:17

By enrolling in Fellowship Academy, the student agrees to the following statement:

"As a student of Fellowship Academy, I understand that it is my responsibility to uphold God's biblical mandate that my life testimony demonstrates actions of integrity. In so doing, I will complete all assignments as instructed, without resorting to cheating or plagiarism. I understand that it is my responsibility to turn in my assignments in a timely manner, complete my own work, not share my work with others, and treat all students, teachers, and staff with respect."

At FA, Christ-like behavior is expected at all times. Students are expected to:

- Be kind (Ephesians 4:32)
- Be respectful (1 Peter 3:15)
- Be honest and show integrity (Proverbs 10:9)
- Be responsible (Colossians 3:23-24)



- Obey authority (Romans 13:1-2)
- Always use their best effort (1 Corinthians 10:31)

#### FA PLAGIARISM & SELF-PLAGIARISM

Whether intentional or not, plagiarism is submitting work that is not the student's own thoughts and opinions, but has originated from another source and is not properly documented. Self-plagiarism occurs when a student submits work completed in another course or another context as if it is original work for a current assignment.

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to,

- Copying from the internet or books,
- Someone other than students writing papers for the students,
- Sharing answers,
- Rearranging someone else's words to use as one's own,
- Downloading internet papers,
- Copying another student's work in part or in whole, and
- Utilizing work from a previous context and submitting it as new.

FA is committed to ensuring that students are properly equipped to follow accepted guidelines of research, to properly cite sources used, and receive appropriate feedback and consequences when they fail to do so.

- In elementary grades 3–5, FA teachers stress that students know how to properly quote sources. Copying and pasting is accepted as long as students use quotation marks and they provide the source.
- FA teachers in grades 6–8 focus research instruction on summarization principles. In addition to quotes, the students are asked to put information in their own words; sources are still expected with the summarization.
- High school students are required to fully utilize Turabian formatting and citation style. There will be a copy of the Turabian Handbook at FA for students to use as a reference.

All projects that require research and source citation must have a Works Cited page in order for students to receive credit. These reports also require the use of in-text citation called "parenthetical documentation," according to the Turabian citation style.

To ensure academic integrity, FA teachers use Turnitin, a national plagiarism detection database. If plagiarism is identified in a student's report, the plagiarized report will be returned to the student. FA will instruct as to how to help their child succeed in written assignments. Consequences for plagiarized reports range from resubmitting the report for a maximum grade of 80% for a first offense and a grade of zero for the second offense, to eventually no course credit and/or administrative withdrawal for repeat offenses.



Once a student is withdrawn for violating the Honor Code, reinstatement is considered only upon written application to and approval by the administration of FA. Reinstated students are automatically placed on probation. FA will consult with the Directional Team of Fellowship Church as to the nature and length of the probation. At the administrator's discretion, certain conditions may be imposed, such as requiring proctors for tests and exams.

#### **CHEATING**

Teachers are there to guide your student(s) on completing work in a timely manner, organizing materials, and tutoring students outside of class. If he/she finds that dishonesty or cheating has occurred, this breach of trust will be reported to Academic Coaches. Parents will be notified immediately.

# FELLOWSHIP ACADEMY CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING HONOR CODE (DISCIPLINE POLICY)

If Fellowship Academy determines that a student is noncompliant with our student expectations (Honor Code), the following procedures may occur:

- 1. Infraction: This is a written warning that may follow previous verbal warnings. Teachers may write a student an infraction for student failure to follow a reasonable request (the reasonable request is adherence to our expectations). With an infraction, our teachers will document the incident and then contact parents. FA keeps a record of all infractions. A student may receive up to three (3) infractions before disciplinary action becomes a referral (so a student's fourth [4th] infraction is a referral). An infraction could result in the loss of things privileges like lunch with classmates or another extra-curricular activity.
- 2. **Referral:** A referral is more serious by nature than an infraction because it typically occurs when a student has exhausted three (3) infractions. If the offense is serious enough (use of profanity), a student may receive a referral without having had infractions. *With any referral, a parent conference is required.* A student may earn up to two (2) referrals before consideration of expulsion.
- 3. **Expulsion:** If a student continues to exhibit behavior that is not Christ-like after a series of parent conferences and disciplinary actions have already occurred, he or she may be expelled from Fellowship Academy. In the event that a student is expelled from FA, the Withdrawal Policy takes effect in regard to financial obligations.

#### WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If parents pay their child's tuition upfront and the child withdraws from the program (in any circumstance), parents will be prorated based on months enrolled, not based on work completed. If parents enroll their child with monthly payments and the child withdraws, the



parents' financial obligations to Fellowship Academy will be null and void after the month's end. For example, if a student withdraws on January 20<sup>th</sup>, proration will begin starting with February's payments. If all financial obligations have been satisfied, FA will release student transcripts. If a child withdraws in the middle of the school year, FA cannot guarantee an end-of-year evaluation (see Academic Status) to promote the student into the next grade level.



#### **DRESS CODE**

At Fellowship Academy, it is our expectation that all students reflect biblical modesty through clothing.

- 1. Students should wear safe footwear at all times. *Close-toed shoes are required on the day your child has PE.*
- 2. Students must wear appropriate tops. Shoulder coverings should be at least 2 inches wide. No tube tops, halter tops, muscle shirts, or backless shirts may be worn. Midriff should not be visible. Polo shirts are strongly recommended.
- 3. The length of shorts or skirts should be at least to the student's fingertips. The length of these garments should reflect modesty. The garments should also not be tight-fitting.
- 4. Shorts and pants must be fitted appropriately as to not show undergarments. Leggings are not acceptable.
- 5. Hair color and style should be appropriate, natural, and not disruptive to the learning environment.
- 6. Hats or head coverings may not be worn during the school day.
- 7. Any writing on clothing should be appropriate.
- 8. Sleepwear of any kind may not be worn.
- 9. Tattoos are not acceptable.

FA's Headmaster makes the final decision on modesty for students.

If a student fails to adhere to the dress code, FA's Headmaster may call home and request that a parent bring the student a change of clothes. If the failure to adhere to our dress code persists, a parent conference may be requested.

#### **COMPUTER USE**

During class time (8:30am-2:30pm), students may only use their computers for academic purposes. Should students be found using their computers for non-academic purposes, it will be a violation of our Honor Code, and parents will be notified.

#### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

Students may bring cellphones to school; however, they must be silenced and stored away during class time (8:30am-2:30pm). Students may not use phones during class time, unless directed to do so by their teacher. If parents need to reach students during class time, they are



encouraged to contact our Headmaster directly. This procedure helps ensure that students are focused on their classwork.