

School Profile

School name

Family Tree Private School
The 21st Century Schoolhouse

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

Credentials

Florida Department of Education (DOE) # 3292
College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) # 101-618

Family Tree Private School has met all legal requirements for recognition within the state of Florida to meet all compulsory education laws. FTPS is eligible for dual enrollment and articulation privileges in all public schools and colleges and most private schools and colleges. Our students participate in Florida Virtual School online courses and Florida state scholarship programs and are eligible for programs within the state available to every other private school.

Graduates of Family Tree Private School have been accepted into several branches of the military, high security government jobs and scores of colleges. FTPS students are eligible for acceptance into all state colleges in Florida and many private colleges providing that other requirements are met, e.g. residency, SAT scores, etc. Colleges to which our students have been accepted include scores of state community colleges and upper level colleges, such as Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach State College, South University, University of South Florida, Lynn University, Florida Atlantic University, The University of New Mexico, Palm Beach Atlantic University, University of Florida, Baylor University, and South Eastern University.

FTPS chooses to affiliate with some groups, such as the Florida Parent Educator's Association (FPEA), yet will not list with other optional groups, such as sports organizations, scholastic fraternities, or accrediting associations (none of these are legally required). Parents should check with a college or sports program they think their child may be interested in transferring to before joining FTPS to see if there is a requirement that FTPS must meet, such as becoming a "member" or being "listed" with them as a requirement for your student to be eligible for acceptance at that institution. FTPS is listed with the College Board (ID# 101-618) for purposes of SAT and ACT testing, and is recognized by the Department of Education (School ID# 3292).

Uniqueness

Family Tree Private School is unique in its collaboration with the homeschooling community. Before the mid 80's in Florida, "homeschooling" was conducted exclusively in private schools like FTPS. Then, in the mid 80's students were invited to register with the district as homeschoolers while others remained enrolled in private schools.

Curriculum

Curriculum offered and assigned by FTPS is high quality and researched based and includes: The [Accelerated Christian Education -School of Tomorrow](#), The [American School](#), [A Beka](#), [Alpha & Omega Switched On Schoolhouse](#), [Rod & Staff](#) and [The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support \(DANTES\)](#), [Florida Virtual School](#), [Internet4Classrooms](#), and many others. Curriculum content contrary to Biblical truths and precepts, or content opposed to securing and protecting American ideals of individual liberty and American exceptionalism are not recommended. The school offers 4 diploma options; Vocational, Standard, College Track and Honors with a minimum of 25 credits and 75 hours community service hours required for graduation. One credit is equal to 150 instructional hours. The academic program is divided into 2 semesters per year, on a quarterly schedule.

Grading and Ranking Procedures

Students are graded using an un-weighted, 4.0 grading scale for course work. A student's overall Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined by averaging grades and is verified by standardized testing used to support the GPA. The GPA is computed using

quality points and can be affected by low test scores. 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 track percentages of Post-High School Placement statistics.

Extracurricular Opportunities

All accessible activities and opportunities available to the public that have educational value which are chosen by our parents can be used to complement course work. The guide and reference used for courses is the Florida Department of Education Florida Course Code Directory.

Program Quality

Family Tree Private School’s program is superior to the traditional teacher centered classroom model since this program provides real choices with quality controls and high standards. Teacher centered activities should be only a part of the students’ experience. Family Tree Private School has been and is a leader in the non-traditional education movement and actually coined the phrase “non-traditional” and “parent-directed” in the mid-90s when asked to speak before a Florida senate sub-committee during negotiations for use of the McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities in FTPS. FTPS is guided by the principals of sound educational practices and research. The school’s unique and accountable learning platform was designed by a highly trained and experienced director with a Master’s degree in Education, certified as a Professional Educator who was an active member for seven years in a K-12 school accrediting association with years of classroom teaching experience. The school’s slogan, *The 21st Century Schoolhouse* represents the school’s drive toward progressive educational reform much needed in today’s western society – reform that is provided to one family at a time.

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