

FOUNDATION ACADEMY · PLANT ST. CAMPUS

Building a Foundation for Life Since 1958

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Assistant Principal and
Director of Preschool

CALENDAR

2 Semesters, each
comprised of two
9-week grading periods.

School Day is
8:15 am - 2:45 pm.
Complimentary morning
care open at 7:30 am.
After school care
available until 6:00 pm
for an additional fee.

ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS



2019-2020 PRESCHOOL - 6TH GRADE PROFILE

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Foundation Academy, a PreK3 through 12th grade private Christian school, was founded in 1958 as a ministry of Winter Garden's First Baptist Church. All grades were housed at the church campus until 2007 when the Upper School grades moved to a new 70-acre property in south Winter Garden. In 2019 a third campus began at the First Baptist Church Windermere, Lakeside location with a Kindergarten class. The campus will grow a new grade level each school year up through 6th grade. Students will then transition to our Tilden Campus for 7th through 12th grade. Currently, Foundation Academy serves 900 students in grades PreK3 through 12. The school continues to grow and thrive as a part of the Orlando Metropolitan area, which is supported by tourism, aerospace, entertainment, and technology industries.

FACULTY & STAFF

Kindergarten through 6th grade is comprised of 29 instructional teachers, 100% with college degrees, 45% with advanced degrees. Additionally, 15 specialized staff teach enrichment classes, manage the library or serve as aids. Preschool has 6 teachers, 100% holding the Florida Child Care Professional Credentials.

FACILITIES

The Plant Street campus is comprised of the ornate church sanctuary, a 5,400SF gymnasium, and educational complex made up of 19,654SF of classroom/instructional space including two STEM classrooms, a media center/library and computer labs as well as a cafeteria. Additionally, there is a large playground for recess and a new sports field for practices, PE and athletics. Preschool has a separate enclosed playground for very young students. Ipads, Macbooks, and Chromebooks are used to enhance instruction and learning.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

CURRICULUM

The curriculum is carefully chosen for each subject with the highest academic goals in mind. A variety of publishers, both Christian and secular, are used. All subjects are taught from a Biblical worldview. Educational field trips are offered at each grade level that compliment curriculum content.

HONORS PROGRAM

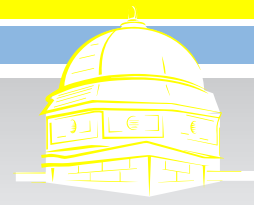
An Honors program is available to qualifying 3rd – 5th graders. Standardized scores, reading levels, and teacher recommendations are used as qualifiers. Students spend one day per week in the Honors Program which uses integrative technology and advanced critical thinking tools. An extra fee is required. An Honors Track for Math and Language Arts is incorporated for 6th grade students who show outstanding achievement in those subjects.

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading support program that begins in the 1st grade. AR is a unique computerized reading management system for tracking advancement while motivating children to read literature outside the classroom curriculum.

ENRICHMENT

Foundation is pleased to offer enrichment classes in Art, Computer/Media, Music for all grade levels and Physical Education for grades K-6th. Spanish is offered to PK3 through 2nd.



PLANT ST. CAMPUS

PreK3 - 6th grade
125 East Plant Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787
407.656.3677

MISSION

Foundation Academy partners with families and the church to build a firm foundation for life through Christ-centered education.

ATHLETICS

Lisa Eaves, M.A.
Athletic Director

The Lion Pride Developmental Sports Program aims to teach and train young people in the fundamentals of their faith and sports in an environment conducive to learning. The focus is on fundamentals and development. Currently, the program offers 4 sessions in which students will be able to play Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, and Flag Football. In addition to the Sports Program, students have the option of participating in Speed and Agility.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Foundation Academy offers Choir, Chess Club, Dance, Drama, Lego Club, STEM Club (Junior Robotics), and music lessons in violin, guitar, and piano as after school activities with additional options added throughout the year.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Our preschool program for ages 3 and 4 is a comprehensive training program that promotes academic, spiritual, physical and social development. Enrichment classes give young students a variety of fun and interactive learning experiences. In order to accomplish all of these experiences, the preschool day begins at 8:15 am and ends at 2:45 pm. Parents may choose preschool for 3 days (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) or 5 days per week.

6TH GRADE PROGRAM

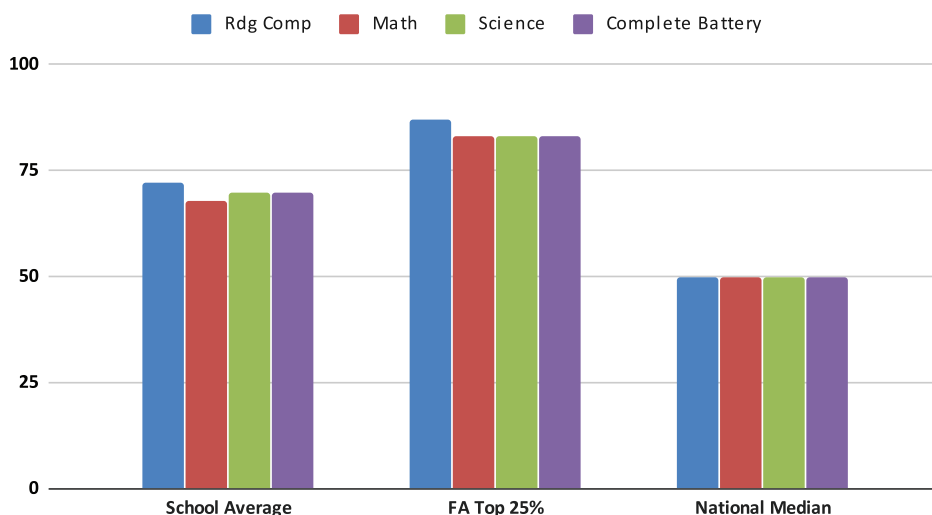
Educational studies reveal that when 6th graders are the older students on campus, they show improved academic performance, stronger leadership skills, and a smoother transition to higher grades. Our 6th grade students follow a traditional 7-period day schedule with time between periods to visit their locker. Students choose from a variety of electives which include art, band, speech/drama, music, and multimedia.

CHAPEL

Chapel is held weekly in the historic and beautiful church sanctuary. An exciting time of praise and worship is followed by an engaging message centered on thematic lessons from the Bible with practical life application. This year's theme is "Seek", supported by 2 Corinthians 5:7.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Standardized testing is administered each year in beginning in Kindergarten. Percentile median scores from the 2019 spring test of the Terra Nova3 are noted below. FA students are significantly above the national median scores.



2019 Spring Terra Nova3 Scores: 2nd - 6th Grade FA Students