

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

ADMISSIONS SCHOOL PROFILE

2026-2027

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Our mission is to partner with parents to develop students with Christian character and a biblical worldview, equipping them for life, learning, and leadership.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

FBA is a private, college preparatory school established in 1996. All faculty are Christians and are certified by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI). FBA emphasizes the development of a biblical worldview. Our 94 acre campus includes a library, cafeteria, NCAA sized gymnasium, athletic fields, band/choir studio, art studio, student life center, chapel, worship center, athletic center with weight room, three science labs and over 40 academic classrooms. FBA currently has over 800 students enrolled in grades PK3-12.

ACCREDITATION

FBA is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) in grades PreK-12 and by the COGNIA (formally known as AdvancED) in grades K-12.

ADMISSIONS

The admissions process is designed to ensure a student's readiness, potential, and academic placement so that he or she may have a rewarding experience at FBA. We also desire to confirm compatibility in Christian values, philosophy, and essential beliefs between parents and the school so that a strong partnership is forged between the Christian home and the school. Admission to FBA is made by the collaborative efforts and professional judgement of the administrators and student services department. The following may be used, but is not limited to, help determine student readiness and confirm compatibility: previous grades, standardized testing results, admissions screening tests, previous conduct and attendance records, interview with parents and students, academic and pastoral references, and observations made by faculty and staff during a student's tour, shadow visit and interview.

GPA CALCULATION

GPA's are calculated for high school students. Cumulative grade point average represents a mathematical average of the semester grades in all academic courses. Grade point averages are reported on the transcripts. Every high school student's weighted GPA is based on a 4 point grading scale. Semester grades represent earned credit and will be recorded on transcripts.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

Students in grades K5-9 take a MAP test three times a year to measure the students individual growth and provide the school with group normed data. Sophomores will take the Pre-ACT and the PSAT/NMSQT. Juniors also take the PSAT/NMSQT. All students are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT several times during the junior and senior years.

GRAD REQUIREMENTS -24 CREDITS

Bible	4 credits
English	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Sciences	3 credits
Social Sciences	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
HOPE	1 credit
Electives	1 credit

NATIONAL MERIT

Class of 2013

1- National Achievement Scholar

Class of 2015

1- National Merit Commended Scholar

Class of 2018

2- National Merit Commended Scholars

Class of 2019

1- National Merit Finalist

Class of 2020

1- National Merit Commended Scholar

1- National Merit Finalist

Class of 2022

1- National Merit Commended Scholar

1- National Merit Finalist

Class of 2024

1- National Merit Commended Scholar

1- National Merit Finalist

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATE STATISTICS

66	Number of Graduates
98.5%	College Acceptance
\$4.9	Million in Earned Scholarship
37%	Receiving Bright Futures Scholarship
94%	AP Percent of Exams with Scores of 3 or Higher
8,086	Community Service Hours
30	Number of Different Institutions CO 2025 will Attend
27%	Attending College/Universities Out of State

CLASS OF 2025 ACT & SAT Score Averages

	ACT Composite	SAT (EBRW+Math)
Collier County	18.6 (CO 2023)	958 (CO 2023)
FBA	21.8	1139
FBA Top 25%	28.6	1352

THE FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

LOWER SCHOOL ACADEMICS & ACTIVITIES

Grades PK3-K4

Every teacher in preschool has an aide in the classroom. FBA offers a full-day and half-day option for both the PK3 and K4 program. Preschool students will also participate in related arts and Chapel throughout the week.

Grades K5-5th

Students are taught a core curriculum based on standards and experience a variety of activities designed to meet individual academic needs. Core subjects include Bible, English Language Arts, Math, Creation Science, and Heritage Studies. To provide a well-rounded education, we also incorporate Related Arts classes such as Art, Technology, Music, Spanish, and Physical Education. After-school enrichment classes are available, featuring opportunities such as STEAM, Robotics, Lego Engineering, creative writing, crafts, sports, baking, and more. We invite you to join us and be a part of a Christ-centered school community where learning is engaging, fun, and full of opportunities for growth. Your involvement is not just welcomed but also valued and appreciated.

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMICS & ACTIVITIES

Grades 6-8

In addition to the core classes, students can participate in unique classes including: steel drum music, medical detectives, flight and space, drama, visual arts, band, strings, study or life skills, and more. Seventh and eighth graders can begin taking high school courses. Students can participate in class ministry projects, student government, service clubs, field trips, and athletic teams.

Grades 9-12

Students have the opportunity to take college prep, honors, dual enrollment and AP classes. Students have grade level requirements unique to FBA which include 9th grade - Computer Literacy & H.O.P.E, 10th grade - Critical Thinking & Speech, 11th grade - ACT/SAT Prep Courses & Financial Literacy, 12th grade - Career & College Connections. Students can participate in the following activities: Homecoming week, clubs, student government, field trips, senior trip, and pep rallies.

ATHLETICS

The FBA Athletic Department's purpose is to use athletics as a platform for Christ and to develop our student-athletes to have strong Christian-character. We seek individual and team excellence in a competitive athletic arena, while reaching our community for Christ. FBA offers athletic opportunities in grades 6-12.

CHAPEL

Every grade level participates in chapel. Chapel is weekly and includes student-led worship and age appropriate topics. Our middle and high school students participate in Refuel (Spiritual Emphasis Week) each year with multiple chapels throughout the week.

FINE ARTS

Our Visual and Performing Arts students excel through a variety of experiences; earning high commendation and invitations at the local, state, and national levels. Each year, FBA students in grades 3-12 are able to participate in school musicals.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The FBA student body has been represented by various countries including, Albania, Bahamas, Brazil, Croatia, China, Ghana, Lithuania, Mexico, Norway, Netherlands, New Zealand, and Russia. This provides an opportunity for students to learn about living in a global society.

J-TERM CAREER PREP

High school students have the opportunity to attend a unique offering of classes for a one-week period at the start of the second semester. Alternatively, these classes may be substituted with one of the offered mission/academic trips. Upon successful completion of the selected J-Term opportunity, students will earn a quarter credit. Previous J-Term opportunities have included Intro to Robotics, Future Physicians, Biblical Worldview in Culture, and trips to Washington DC, France, and Guatemala. Upperclassmen will be required to complete a one-week internship during J-Term in either Junior or Senior year.

STUDENT CLUBS

High School clubs at FBA are established out of student interest and commitment. As such, clubs will change from year to year. A small sampling of clubs at FBA have included The National Honor Society, mock trial club, drone club, economics club, speech & debate club and more.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

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Complete list available upon request

Abilene Christian University

AIB College of Business
Anderson University
Andrews Adventist Un.
Appalachian State Un.
Aquinas College
Asbury University
Ashford University
Auburn University
Ave Maria University
Barry University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Belmont Abbey College
Berry College
Bethel University
Biola University
Boston College
Boston University
Brescia University
Butler University
Brevard College
Campbell University
Cedarville University
Cerritos College
Champlain College
Charleston Southern Uni.
Clayton State University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Colgate University
Colorado State University
Columbia University
College of Charleston
College of the Ozarks
Commonwealth University
Concordia Uni. Chicago
Cornerstone University
Covenant College
David & Elkins College
Davidson College
DePaul University
DeSales University Digital
Media Arts College
Drake University
Eastern Kentucky Un.
Eastern Michigan Un.
Eastern Oregon University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautics Univ.
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida A & M
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Keys CC
Florida Institute of Tech
Florida International Uni.
Florida Polytechnic Uni.
Florida Southern College
Florida SW College
Florida State University
Fork Union Military Acad.
Franklin & Marshall Coll.
Full Sail University
Furman University

Gardner-Webb University
George Washington Un.
Georgia Institute of Tech
Grove City College
George Mason University
Grace College
Grand Canyon University
Hardin-Simmons University
Heidelberg University
Hillsborough Comm. College
High Point University
Hillsong Intern. College
Hofstra University
Hope College
Howard University
Illinois State University
Iowa Central Comm. College
Iowa Wesleyan University
Indiana University
Indiana University Indianapolis
Indiana Wesleyan University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas State University
Keiser College
Kennesaw St. University
Kings College, NY
Kings College, PA
Lake Sumter College
Lee University
LeTourneau University
Liberty University
Lincoln Memorial University
Lipscomb University
Long Island University
Lorenzo Walker TI
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Lynn University
Malone University
Manhattan College
Marietta College
Marshall University
Marquette University
Mary Baldwin University
Marymount University
Marywood University
Mercer University
Messiah College
Miami Dade College
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Millsaps College
Minnesota St. Univ.-Moorhead
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
Montreat College
Mt. St. Mary's University
Mt. Union University
Mt. Vernon Nazarene University
Newberry College
New York University
Northcentral University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University

Nova Southeastern Univ.
Oakwood University
Oklahoma State Un.
Oral Roberts University
Ohio State University
Ouachita Baptist University
Pace University
Palm Bch. Atlantic University
Palm Bch. State College
PennWest Clarion
Pensacola Christian College
Pepperdine University
Portland State University
Presbyterian College
Purdue University
Queens Un. Of Charlotte
Quinnipiac University
Reinhardt University
Rensselaer Poly. Institute
Rhodes College
Ringling College of Art
Rochester Institute of Tech.
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
San Diego State Un.
St. Leo University
St. Petersburg College
St. Thomas University
Samford University
Santa Fe College
Savannah Coll. A&D
Seton Hall University
Siena University
Snead State College
Southern Adventist Uni.
Southern Connecticut St. Un.
Southern Methodist Uni.
Southeastern University
Southern Wesleyan Uni.
Southwest Florida College
Spring Hill College
St. Anselm College
St. Johns University
St. Louis College
St. Norbert College
St. Thomas University
Stanford University
State College of Florida
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Tarleton State University
Taylor University
Texas Christian University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
The Citadel
The College at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
The College of the FL Keys
The Pennsylvania State Un.
The Master's University
Thomas More College
Trevecca Nazarene Uni.
Trinity Baptist College
Truman State University

Union University
Universidad Iberoamericana
US Military Academy
University of Alabama
Uni. of Alabama @ Birm.
Uni. of Central FL Burnett Hon.
University of Arizona
University of California Davis
University of California Irvine
University of California LA
Uni. of California San Diego
Uni. of California Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Dayton
University of Florida
University of Georgia
Un. of Health Sciences & Pharm
University of Kentucky
University of Illinois @ Chicago
University of Iowa
University of Maryland
University of Memphis
University of Miami
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of New Mexico
University of NC, Charlotte
University of North Dakota
University of No. Georgia
University of North Florida
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
University of S. Carolina
University of South Florida
University of St. Thomas
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas @ Austin
University of Tulsa
University of West Florida
Un. of Wisconsin (Madison)
University of Wyoming
University of Virginia
Valdosta State University
Valencia College
Valparaiso University
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Walden University
Walla Walla University
Washington State University
Western Carolina University
Wheaton College
Wingate University
Wittenberg University
WOL Bible Institute