



**YOU
MATTER
HERE.**



Academy at the Lakes is a learning community of shared values dedicated to the success of each individual at school, in the community, and in the world.

We celebrate the love of learning and the joy in the journey.

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At Academy at the Lakes, our students know what it means when we say *You Matter Here*.

Each student knows that she has the power to make a positive impact in her community. Each student understands that he can shine in a school that offers big opportunities in a small setting. Each student realizes that she is part of something bigger than herself.

It's what we call *The Academy Difference*, and you will feel it the first time you step on our campus.



The Past

Academy was founded in 1992. Our first class of seniors graduated in 2002.

The Present

Academy serves approximately 475 students in PreK3 through grade 12.

Our two campuses include 12 buildings with more than 52,000 square feet on nine acres of lakefront property. We are located on both sides of Collier Parkway in Land O'Lakes, FL, in the northern suburbs of Tampa.

Academy is fully accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS); the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Academy is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

The Future

The school recently acquired 70 acres near its current campus to be used for future expansion.





Our Curriculum

It's About the Student

As a college-preparatory school, we guide our students, from the very beginning, to be prepared for what lies ahead. This means we offer a challenging, varied academic curriculum, as well as a wide array of “specials,” electives, and activities spanning arts, athletics, public speaking, technology, and more.

Our balanced approach focuses on the uniqueness of each individual. We have the faculty, staff, curriculum, and spaces to meet the academic, developmental, and social needs of each child.

Our goal is to ensure that your child is being appropriately challenged and supported.

Academy's curriculum and programs are centered around six core strengths (see graphic to the left) – strengths that help our students find success in the in the classroom, in the community, and in the world.



EXPERIENCES >>>>

Academy students participate in many activities as part of their school experience. These experiences help students develop their interests and leadership skills. They help create lasting friendships and relationships. They build confidence.



FINE ARTS

- Full stage productions and concerts throughout the year
- Instrumental music - strings and band
- Choral groups
- Visual art and graphic design
- Video production



CLUBS & TRIPS

- Numerous clubs and service groups including student government
- Class retreats for Grades 5 - 12
- Experiential learning trips
- Field trips



S.T.E.M.

- Hands-on science PreK3 - Grade 12
- Competitive robotics teams
- 1:1 tablet/laptop program Grades 3-12
- Pre-Med semester-long seminar
- Research trips to the Amazon and on our pontoon boat



ATHLETICS

- 13 sports for boys and girls and 40 teams at the Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels
- No-cut policy for all teams
- Middle School: 80% of students play one sport; 51% play two+
- High School: 76% of students play one sport; 43% play two+

WHY ACADEMY? >>>>

Each year we survey our families to measure our success - and their satisfaction. Here are a few of the results from our surveys.

TOP REASONS FAMILIES RE-ENROLL 5

- Academic Curriculum
- Quality Teachers
- Community / Relationships
- Child Loves School
- Extra-Curricular Experiences

100%
of our families
say they would
refer others to
Academy



STUDENT-TEACHER RATIO



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OUTCOMES >>>>

Academy graduates are accepted to the finest colleges and universities in North America. For a full list of acceptances, visit our College Acceptances web page at www.bit.ly/acceptances.

\$5 Million

THE AMOUNT OF
**SCHOLARSHIP
OFFERS**

EARNED BY THE 39 MEMBERS OF THE

CLASS OF 2020



SENIOR CLASS STATS

80%

of the Class of 2020 who
applied to UF were accepted.

OVER 30%

of the Class of 2020 earned full
4-year scholarships to college.

OVER 8500

The number of community
service hours provided by
our Upper Division students
last year.

- 100% of the seniors who apply to 4-year colleges earn at least one acceptance.
- 70% of the Class of 2019 were offered merit aid/scholarships
- Over the past eight years, 14% of Academy senior athletes were offered opportunities to play at the collegiate level.



Welcoming Caring Community

When we surveyed our parents and asked them to list three words that best describe Academy at the Lakes, these words rose to the top.



A School Community Unlike Any Other

We believe that, to truly unwrap the potential in each child, the school experience must encompass far more than grades and college acceptance letters. At Academy, we instill values such as compassion, responsibility, and respect.

A community like Academy at the Lakes doesn't happen by accident.

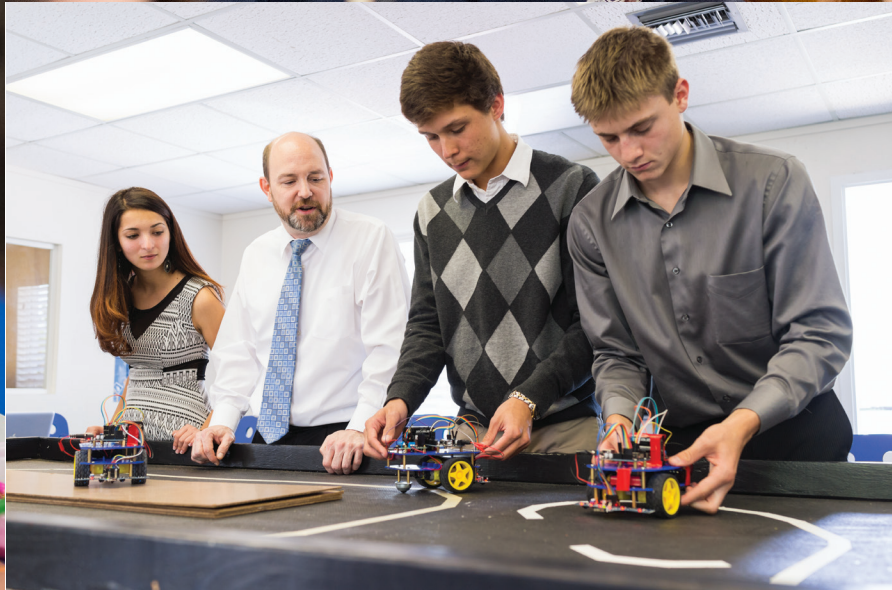
We are intentional about our school's culture – from the faculty we hire, to the students we enroll, to our advisory program, to the way our students, teachers, and administrators interact on a daily basis. A door held open, a firm handshake, eye contact, and a sincere “thank you” are the norm here, not the exception.





Small School, Big Opportunities

The list of opportunities at Academy is long, and that means each student is vitally important to the success of our arts, athletics, and club programs.



Athletics

Academy's athletic department offers sports for boys and girls, and fields teams in those sports at the Middle School, Junior Varsity, and Varsity levels. In keeping with its mission, the school has a no-cut policy for all athletic teams. Academy's athletic program consistently ranks among the top 10 schools in the state in our FHSA class, and usually finishes in the top 3 in academic performance of our student-athletes.



Off-Campus Adventures

Academy students have opportunities to travel their own state, the region, the U.S., and the world. While each grade level, 5-12, participates in an annual, local, overnight retreat to promote community and relationships, students also participate in a variety of annual extended trips. Through these trips students learn responsibility, citizenship, and collaboration, and of course, they have a whole lot of fun in the process.



Arts

If your child likes to paint, draw, sculpt, sing, act, or play, we have the classes and teachers to bring out his or her best. Students may choose from visual art, theater, choral and instrumental music, graphic design, and video production. Students in each division perform in several stage and concert productions throughout the year, and present a visual art show in the spring.



Clubs & Activities

Students in grades 5-12 may choose from numerous clubs including Key Club, Robotics, Chess, Science Olympiad, and National Honor Society. Our Lower Division students participate in the Giraffe Club, a community service club, and can register for a variety of after-school programs including sports, arts, and enrichment offerings.

Getting Started



Important Dates & Deadlines

September – Begin accepting applications

February – FAST (financial aid) application deadline for returning families

February – FAST application deadline for new families

February – Re-enrollment open

February – Re-enrollment closes

March – New student enrollment contracts and deposits due

Admissions Checklist



Schedule a Tour

We offer tours, Monday through Friday, throughout the year. You may schedule a tour on our website or email us at admissions@academyatthelakes.org.



Apply Online

The deadline for early consideration is in February. The application fee should be included with all applications. After this date, applications will be considered on a rolling basis subject to availability.



Request Information from Your Current School

Academy requires:

- Two years of transcripts
- Teacher recommendation form



Take an Assessment

All applicants for Grades 7 through 12 are required to take the Secondary Schools Admissions Test (SSAT). Test dates are offered monthly and can be found online at www.ssat.org. Lower Division applicants as well as Grades 5 and 6 applicants will take an assessment on their visit day.



Schedule a Visit Day

During a visit day, applicants will accompany a current student to experience Academy life. Middle and Upper Division applicants will also complete a brief interview with their respective Division Director.



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