

Florida Academy of Excellence, Inc.
—General Information—
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Florida Academy of Excellence (8623) is a private school registered in Pasco County, Florida.

Philosophy of Education

Our goal at Florida Academy of Excellence (FAE) is to empower parents to educate their children. We believe that parents are the best decision makers for their children's education. Education in your child's best interest looks different for every family, and often it looks different for every child within every family. FAE desires to help you choose the best methods, curriculum, and mode of teaching and learning for each of your children so that each child will develop a love of learning, a desire to excel, and a determination to succeed in all areas of learning and life.

Authentic learning produces authentic results. For this reason, FAE does not participate in any type of standardized testing. However, you, as the decision maker for your child's education, may choose to participate in standardized testing outside of FAE as part of your education plan.

We do not have a building; rather, all teaching and learning occurs in the home or in the location of the families' choice. We do not prescribe a set curriculum, although we can make recommendations based on the families' goals for their children's education. Parents can choose to serve as their child's teacher or they may choose from an endless number of other options, such as: reading, writing, enrolling in virtual school classes, take classes part time or full time, participate in co-ops, occupational therapies, behavioral therapy, equine therapy and education, dance, fine arts, performing arts, sports, travel, religious education, or any other activity that the parents deem educational.

Attendance Reporting

Our school is year-round, from August 1st through July 31st each year. Attendance is required for a minimum of 180 days per year, and attendance reports will be electronically verified on a monthly or quarterly basis. Students may take vacation, sick, personal, etc. days off as they and their parents choose is best for them. However, in order to be within compliance of the state compulsory education laws, 180 days of attendance is required each year.

Health and Immunizations Reporting

The state of Florida requires that all students enrolled in school provide current (within one year) health and immunization forms OR to complete a religious exemption form. FAE is required to comply with this state mandate, so this documentation is required as part of the enrollment process.

Scholarships

FAE does not accept any state or government sponsored scholarships. The McKay, Step Up for Students and Gardiner Scholarship (formerly PLSA) programs require schools to participate in testing and other requirements that conflict with the overall philosophy of education of FAE, and therefore, we do not now nor do we have future plans to accept any of these scholarships. However, in some cases, these scholarship programs may provide families reimbursement for the services we provide. FAE does not coordinate these reimbursements, so this would need to be arranged by the family directly to the scholarship program.

Payment Arrangements

For students enrolled in the Basic, Standard, or Standard Family Program, payments may be divided over four installments of equal payments not to exceed 45 days apart. For example, a first payment received on September 1st would require a second payment no later than October 15th, a third payment not later than November 30th, and the fourth payment not later than January 15th.

Services, Tuition, and Fees

Annual Enrollment Fee

\$75 per student due on the first date of enrollment and anniversary date each year. This enrollment fee, along with required documentation, registers your child as a private school student in the state of Florida. Private school students are exempt from public school requirements and exempt from annual homeschool evaluation requirements.

Discounted Annual Family Enrollment Fee

\$275 per family of four students, each additional student \$25, due on the first date of enrollment and anniversary date each year. This enrollment fee, along with required documentation, registers your child as a private school student in the state of Florida. Private school students are exempt from public school requirements and exempt from annual homeschool evaluation requirements.

Portfolio Evaluation Fee

\$35 per student; this option is ONLY for students who are registered as homeschoolers in their local district. This option does NOT enroll the student as a student of Florida Academy of Excellence. This fee applies for portfolio evaluations as well as teacher certification of standardized test score reports.

Basic Program (recommended for grades K-5)— \$250 per calendar year

*Includes enrollment fee

*Quarterly curriculum and planning consultations (4 per year)

*Annual portfolio or grade level evaluation

Standard Program (recommended for grades 6-12)— \$495 per calendar year

*Includes enrollment fee

*Monthly curriculum and planning consultations (includes 10 per year)

- *College and career planning, advising, and preparation assistance
- *Annual portfolio or grade level evaluation
- *Transcript service

**Standard Family Program (includes 4 students, each additional student \$250)
— \$1750 per calendar year per family**

- *Includes enrollment fee
- *Biweekly curriculum and planning consultations (includes 20 per year per family)
- *College and career planning, advising, and preparation assistance
- *Annual portfolio or grade level evaluation
- *Transcript service

Curriculum and Planning Consultations

Consultation appointments are available for students not enrolled in a program at the rate of **\$45 per consultation**. These meetings may be utilized for grading, curriculum planning, planning for scholarship assistance, college and career planning, etc. Curriculum and Planning Consultations are **90 minutes each** and will be scheduled in advance.

Transcript Service

Transcript service is available for students not enrolled in a program at the rate of **\$75 annually, which includes 5 official copies per year**. Additional official transcripts may be obtained at the rate of **\$12 per copy**.

Grade 12 Graduation Option

— \$50 Diploma Fee; Additional Graduation Fees May Apply (TBA)