

New _____

Returning _____

Grade _____



First Baptist Academy of Jacksonville

Application for Admission 2011-2012

Vision

*A Biblically integrated college preparatory school
committed to spiritual and academic excellence*

Mission

*To prepare students to become
the next generation of Christian leaders:
developing our students spiritually, intellectually,
socially, and physically;
partnering with Christian families; and providing a
Biblically integrated education of academic excellence*

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First Baptist Academy of Jacksonville

APPLICATION PROCESS

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

1. First Baptist Academy is a covenant school. Therefore, we require that at least one parent/guardian has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as his/her Savior and be a member of a Bible-believing church. You will have an opportunity to share your testimony at the mandatory family conference. (See Statement of Beliefs)
2. For admission, students should score in the 60th percentile or above on SAT10, or 4 or above on the FCAT for students who are attending public school.
3. First Baptist Academy expects exemplary behavior and attendance from its students. Applicants must have commendable behavioral and attendance records to be considered for admission.
4. Families should be in good financial standing with other schools before being admitted to FBA.

STEP 1: APPLICATION

Turn in the following to the Registrar:

- _____ Completed Student Application
- _____ Application Fee (\$100)—Non-refundable
- _____ Affirmation of Agreement (signatures required)
- _____ Copy of previous year and most recent report cards (Kindergarten exempt-*new applicants only*)
- _____ Copy of most recent standardized test scores (*new applicants only*)
- _____ Copy of Birth Certificate (Kindergarten—must be an original-*new applicants only*)
- _____ Church Reference Form
- _____ Teacher Reference Form(s)
- _____ Immunization Record on HRS-680 form
- _____ Physical on HRS-3040 form (must be within 12 months of the first day of school)

Please note that the Registrar must receive the above information before the family conference is scheduled.

Do you plan to apply for a state scholarship? Yes No

STEP 2: ADMISSIONS TESTING & FAMILY CONFERENCE

(All items in Step 1 must be completed.)

If standardized test scores are not available, the Administration will administer entrance testing prior to your admission to assist in determining if First Baptist Academy can meet the academic needs of your child. (Students entering FBA may be re-tested at the Headmaster's discretion prior to admission.)

The purpose of the family conference is to explain the mission and expectations of the school and allow parents the opportunity to share their expectations and personal walk with Jesus Christ.

STEP 3: ADMISSIONS

- The Administrative Staff will prayerfully consider your child's application.
- Students may be refused admission for various reasons including, but not limited to, unavailability of classroom space, poor scholastic performance, ongoing disciplinary problems, or poor attendance. Admission cannot be granted until all necessary records have been turned in to the school office and the personal interview completed.
- Continued enrollment is contingent upon proper attitudes, conduct, and academic progress.
- You will be notified in writing of the admission decision. Upon acceptance, a \$300 enrollment deposit is required to hold a place for the student. This deposit will be applied toward the annual tuition.

STEP 4: ENROLLMENT

Upon acceptance to First Baptist Academy, the following information must be completed and received in the office before your student is officially enrolled:

- _____ Enrollment deposit of \$300 per student (to be applied to tuition)
- _____ Signed First Baptist Academy Dispute Resolution Policy Agreement
- _____ Signed First Baptist Academy Waiver Agreement
- _____ Transcript Release Form (except for Kindergarten)
- _____ Student Medical Information Form
- _____ Check Out Authorization Form

Once your student has been accepted to First Baptist Academy, the final step in the enrollment process is attendance at Meet the Teacher/Parent Orientation.

A WORD ABOUT KINDERGARTEN AT FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY:

Prospective students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st to apply to the Kindergarten program at First Baptist Academy. Each applicant will be tested for development and readiness before being admitted.

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	PREFERRED NAME
STREET		APARTMENT #	
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
DATE OF BIRTH	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	___ MALE ___ FEMALE	

Race or Ethnic Race or Ethnic Origin:

Specific ethnic options are for the purpose of a statistical report. Please choose one option only. (Question is optional.)

___ African-American ___ Hispanic ___ Caucasian ___ Asian or Pacific Islander
___ American Indian/Eskimo ___ Middle Eastern/Indian ___ Other _____

Applicant lives with (check all that apply):

___ Mother ___ Father ___ Legal Guardian
___ Stepmother ___ Stepfather ___ Other _____

Applicant's parent(s): ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced ___ Deceased

If divorced, which spouse holds legal responsibility for school decisions? _____
(Please submit copies of all court documents regarding custody and educational decisions along with the application.)

FATHER'S INFORMATION

___ Dr. ___ Mr. ___ Other _____ Relationship to Applicant: ___ Father ___ Stepfather ___ Legal Guardian

Parent/Guardian _____
LAST FIRST MI PREFERRED NAME

Home Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Business Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Place of Employment _____ Position _____

Business Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

MOTHER'S INFORMATION

Dr. Mrs./Ms. Other _____ Relationship to Applicant: Mother Stepmother Legal Guardian

Parent/Guardian _____
LAST FIRST MI PREFERRED NAME

Home Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Business Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Place of Employment _____ Position _____

Business Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

	FATHER	MOTHER	STUDENT
Current Church:	_____	_____	_____
Attendance is:	_____ Frequent/Infrequent	_____ Frequent/Infrequent	_____ Frequent/Infrequent

Check either that apply: FBC Member FBC Staff

In order to fulfill the Academy's mission, it is essential that at least one parent know the Lord Jesus Christ as his or her personal Savior. Please describe your salvation experience. (Please attach additional page, if needed.) (*new applicants only*)

FATHER _____

MOTHER _____

APPLICANT _____

Other Children in family:

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE	SCHOOL
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NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE	SCHOOL
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Athletics/Activities in which applicant has participated or is interested: *(new applicants only)*

Art Choir Service Projects Student Government
 Band Missions Projects/Trips Sports Other _____

Applicant's current school and other school(s) applicant has attended: *(new applicants only)*

NAME OF SCHOOL	LOCATION	GRADES	DATE
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(new applicants only)

Is this applicant eligible to return his/her current school? Yes No

Has your child ever been suspended from any school or asked to leave? Yes No

Is yes, please explain: _____

Has the applicant received special help for reading or learning difficulty? Yes No

Has the applicant ever been retained? Yes No

I/We hereby authorize FBA to obtain all scholastic information and files from all previous schools. *(new applicants only)*

Describe any illness, disease, or physical disabilities that either have affected, or may affect, your child's general health, school work, or participation in the school's athletic programs. Are there currently any behavioral, psychological, or educational evaluations, treatments, or interventions? *(new applicants only)*

Please indicate your parental perspective on your child. Include your child's strengths and abilities, special interests, areas of concern, and his/her relationship with God. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to know your child better. (If you need additional space, please attach an additional page.) *(new applicants only)*

Please attach a family photograph with your application.

Statement of Faith

- There is one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who subsist as co-equals in unity, and also as three separate, distinct Persons. Jesus Christ is God's Son. He was born of a virgin as both God and man, lived a sinless life, died to atone for the sins of human beings, was buried, arose from the grave, ascended into Heaven where He will continually minister as our Great High Priest and Advocate.
- We believe in the literal, bodily return of Jesus Christ to this earth.
- The Holy Spirit is the Divine Helper, Assistant, Counselor and Instructor; and His work is to reveal Christ, convict of sin, lead to repentance, guide believers, comfort, strengthen, and sanctify the soul.
- The Bible is God's Holy Word, without error, and is the sole authority for life.
- Human beings are the special creations of God, made in His image, and through the sin of the first man, Adam, have inherited a sinful nature, and thus are in need of salvation.
- Salvation is a gift through faith in Jesus Christ. Every person who is truly saved is eternally secure in the Lord Jesus Christ and will spend eternity in Heaven, while those who die without salvation in Jesus Christ will spend eternity in Hell.
- Each believer has, by prayer, direct access to God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The church is a local body of believers with the Lord Jesus Christ as the head.
- Believers are to live in accordance to God's commandment and to proclaim the Gospel to all the world.

This application must be completed in its entirety on behalf of all students seeking admission to First Baptist Academy. It should be submitted, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$100 to the Registrar at FBA:

First Baptist Academy
124 West Ashley Street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Please read the following statements. If there is any statement you cannot personally support, please initial it and discuss it with us in your family conference.

1. We have received and read the Statement of Beliefs of the school. We are willing to have our children educated in accordance with them and we will attend a Christ centered church regularly. We will actively participate in the spiritual formation process of our child(ren) and realize that success in this area begins with the home and continues with the church and school.
2. We agree to support to the best of our ability, the school's entire program through prayer, time, and financial contributions to the Annual Fund, understanding that we are partners in the educational process.
3. We will fully cooperate in the educational activities of First Baptist Academy by doing our best to make Christian education effective in the lives of our children.
4. We will require our children to support the spiritual activities of the school. (Chapel, Bible classes, scripture memory, etc.)
5. We will pay all of our financial obligations to First Baptist Academy on or before the date due. If we are ever unable to do so, we will notify the Registrar, giving a reasonable explanation for the delay and stating when payment will be made.
6. I have read the Parent/Student Handbook in its entirety and agree without reservation that the school has my support in both the interpretation and enforcement of the policies as it relates to my child. I have carefully reviewed the Honor Code found in the above mentioned handbook and support such without reservation.
7. The school reserves the right to place our children at the appropriate grade level and designate the appropriate teacher(s).
8. The school reserves the right to dismiss any student when either the parents/guardians or the student does not cooperate with the policies of the school.
9. We will be faithful to attend all parent functions at First Baptist Academy as best as we can. These include Open House, Parent Conference requests, Information Nights, etc.
10. If we become dissatisfied with First Baptist Academy in any way we will resolve the matter with the person(s) involved as outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook rather than spreading criticism and negativism. (Matt. 18:15-17; 5:23-24). We agree to follow the process of resolving conflicts as outlined in the First Baptist Academy Dispute Resolution Policy.
11. First Baptist Academy's biblical role is to work in conjunction with the church and home to mold students to be Christlike. Understanding our role in the parent-school partnership, we agree to abstain from sexual immorality, including homosexual orientation (I Thess. 4:3-8, Lev. 20:13, Rom. 1:27). We understand that First Baptist Academy reserves the right to refuse the admission of an applicant, or to discontinue enrollment of a student.
12. We will seek to support and advance First Baptist Academy in every area possible—spiritually, academically, physically, and financially.

COVENANT

A covenant is a binding agreement between two parties. It signifies a solemn oath and sincere pledge of mutual respect and cooperation. First Baptist Academy commits to provide the best it can for your children in the way of facilities, curriculum, faculty, athletics, social functions, and instruction. We further pledge to support your home in growing every student in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. As the legal parents (guardians) of our children, we support First Baptist Academy in its efforts at Christian education. We agree that it is our responsibility to strive diligently toward the observance of the Parents' Statement of Support as God enables us by the power of the Holy Spirit. If for some reason we become dissatisfied, we promise to handle the matter as privately and lovingly as possible. If support or resolution cannot be reached, we recognize it is our responsibility to leave First Baptist Academy and seek a school in alignment with our personal convictions. Together, as a school and as parents (guardians), we pledge to submit our lives to one another and to the final authority of the Word of God.

AFFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT

By signing below, we the parents or guardians of this student, affirm that we have given completely truthful information herein; and that we have received, read, understand, and will abide by the policies and agreements in the Statement of Beliefs and the Parents'/Guardians' Statement of Support, Dispute Resolution, Waiver Policy, and will sign all other documents required by FBA upon acceptance for enrollment.

Application does not ensure enrollment. The administration evaluates each applicant, and decisions are based on the ability of First Baptist Academy to meet the needs of each child.

FATHER/GUARDIAN

DATE

MOTHER/GUARDIAN

DATE

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

First Baptist Academy admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, athletic, and other school-administered programs.

2011-2012 TUITION SCHEDULE

New Applicant	New Applicant (FBCJ Member)	Returning Students	Returning Students (FBCJ Member)
\$6,500	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$5,000

Sibling Discount: \$250

APPLICATION FEE:

A non-refundable fee of \$100 per student must accompany each application.

(This fee will be applied toward tuition if received with completed application by April 30, 2011).

DEPOSIT:

Upon acceptance, a non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required to reserve placement.

This deposit will be applied toward tuition.

TUITION ASSISTANCE:

State scholarships are available. Please visit www.stepupforstudents.org for more information.

TUITION POLICY:

- Our parents understand that tuition and other fees are necessary in order for First Baptist Academy to successfully fulfill its mission.
- They commit themselves to promptly meet their financial obligations in accordance with Biblical stewardship.