



First Baptist Academy

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

High School

First Baptist Academy is proud to provide a high school program. The biblical and philosophical goal of First Baptist Academy is to develop students into mature, Christlike individuals who will be able to exhibit a Christlike life. Of necessity, this involves the school's understanding and belief of what qualities or characteristics exemplify a Christlike life. Even though parents may personally believe differently, while enrolled at FBA, all students are expected to exhibit the qualities of a Christlike life espoused and taught by the school and to refrain from certain activities or behavior. Thus, First Baptist Academy High School retains the right to refuse enrollment to or to expel any student who engages in sexual activity before marriage, (Galatians 5:19, I Corinthians 6:18). Homosexuality/bisexual immorality is likewise denounced which means any student who professes to be homosexual/bisexual or is a practicing homosexual/bisexual, as well as any student who condones, supports, or otherwise promotes such practices. (Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:27) Practically, this means that the Academy teaches sexual abstinence until marriage and repudiates any homosexual life style.

First Baptist Academy expects students to maintain high standards of moral purity and remain accountable to their parents or guardians. Married students are classified by law as adults and are no longer subject to the will of their parents. FBA educates only students who are responsible to parents or guardians. Married students will not be permitted to enroll and enrollment will be terminated should a student get married while attending FBA.

In addition, the Academy limits acceptance of those students who it believes can meet the following criteria.

1. All high school students must have declared that Jesus Christ is their personal Lord and Savior. First Baptist Academy seeks to educate young Christians in the knowledge of God's Word and its application to their daily lives.
2. Parents must be highly committed to Christian principles accepting the Bible as the revealed Word of God. It is imperative that both the home and the school share the same Biblical philosophy taught in God's Word concerning the instruction of their youth.
3. Students must express a desire to attend First Baptist Academy. A student's attitude determines the motivation to take advantage of everything God has to offer him/her while participating in our programs.
4. Every student and parent must read, sign, and commit to the Student Code of Conduct.
5. New students must provide a letter of reference from the student's pastor as well as one from their former teacher or administrator. (forms are available)
6. New students must also provide current health records.
7. Students are required to wear school uniforms. Uniforms are required in order that proper emphasis is placed upon the character of the student as well as modesty, personal neatness and cleanliness. The uniform dispenses with competition due to outward appearance and affluence, thus emphasizing the development of the inner person.

8. Every new student is required to have a placement exam or have a Stanine level of 4 or above of any national exam. Academic records must also be presented at time of testing.
9. New students must have a 2.00 grade point average or better and have a good attendance record.
10. No student who has ever had any serious discipline problems, been suspended or expelled from school will be accepted for admission. If later, a student is discovered to have any serious behavioral problems, he/she will be dismissed without financial reimbursements.
10. Both parents and student must interview with the school administrator.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students to First Baptist Academy will provide a transcript of grades, health records and recommendations from their present school. Entrance requirements for transferring students are the following:

1. A 2.00 grade point average or better from an accredited high school.
2. A good disciplinary record
3. A good attendance record
4. May not have been expelled or in the process of expulsion from their present school

Prospective parents of students are expected to be forthright in explaining any difficulties with the law requiring involvement in the Juvenile Court System. Withholding this information will lead to immediate dismissal of the students.

Those students coming from a home-school, non-traditional and/or non-accredited school environment may be required to take a Credit By Exam (CBE) test for all major academic areas. The results of those exams will be used to determine placement in grade level classes. Information is available from Texas Tech Extended Studies – 800-692-6877 / www.dce.ttu.edu, or the University of Texas Education Center – 888-232-4723 / www.utk16educationcenter.org.

When a student transfers to First Baptist Academy during a grading period (9 week quarter) the withdrawal grades from the previous school in courses equivalent to FBA courses will be averaged with the grades the student earns during the completion of the quarter at FBA. Attendance day percentages from the two schools will be used when averaging these grades. *Example:* a student who attends Public High School 2 weeks and FBA 7 weeks of a 9 week quarter will have 2/9's of the math grade at PHS combined with 7/9's of the math grade at FBA to determine the 9 week average. For this reason, it is important that a student maintain his/her grades at the school even when a transfer is anticipated.

The application will be reviewed once all information is compiled. Notification of status of admission is given shortly after the family interviews with the Administrator.

Transfer students will be placed on academic probation for one semester following their acceptance.

The Academy does not offer programs during the school day for students with special needs, academically or emotionally, which would require individual supervision and the teacher to depart from the regular curriculum and/or structure programs.

As a ministry of First Baptist Church the Academy is exempt from the requirements imposed by the Americans with Disability Act. Due to the size and limitations of our school facilities and equipment, we are unable to provide a modified classroom setting and individual supervision for students with special physical needs. Example: deaf students, students in wheelchairs, students with immune deficient diseases.

If a student is taking any medication for behavior modification, explanation must be given prior to assessment.

ALL new students including those coming from a school with similar standards or curricula will automatically be considered on one semester probation. Students are automatically removed from probation at this time unless notified otherwise by the administration.

I have read the above information and choose to begin the enrollment process.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

It is the policy of First Baptist Academy in the admission of students not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin.