

St. Francis Academy

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

2023-2024 school year

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Please know that your information will be kept confidential. Please send any questions and the completed application to info@saintfrancis.academy.

A Community of Faith

- Parents should be active members of a local Protestant, Catholic, or Orthodox parish.
 - SFA families take seriously their duty to train their children in the way of Christ. We expect SFA parents and teachers to respect denominational differences, and while never hiding the treasures of the tradition they have chosen, seek primarily to embrace common ground in Christ.
 - SFA families adhere to a Biblical, orthodox, and traditional understanding of the family, marriage, gender, and race.
- Parents should be practicing Christians and profess the Nicene Creed (with or without the filioque).
- Parents should be actively participating in the ongoing Christian formation of their children at home.
- Parents who enroll their children happily submit to the authority of and decisions made by the St. Francis Academy Board and agree that while at school, their children are under the loving guidance and authority of the headmaster and teachers.

Providing a Living Education

St. Francis Academy preserves and promotes the classical liberal arts philosophy of education as articulated by Charlotte Mason. That is, children are whole persons, created by God in His image and endowed with the innate ability to relate to and thoughtfully appreciate His creation. This rich education is offered through an abundant feast of the arts, exposure to God's creation, living literature, inspiration through noble ideas, and the formation of personal discipline (good habits). Families who apply to SFA commit to learning and applying Charlotte Mason's philosophy of education in their home schools. As with all aspects of parenting, consistency in the application of any educational philosophy is vital; if the child is following one method of learning at home and another at school, it leads to confusion and frustration. Therefore, any family interested in SFA should carefully consider the commitment of adopting (or continuing) the Mason philosophy and methodology of education, particularly if they have been following a different philosophy for some time. We offer resources and advice to parents so that they feel prepared for this. All except for a monthly book study and annual parent-teacher training are optional.

Living in Right Relationship to the Child

Recognizing that God has given to parents the responsibility of childrearing and discipline (Ephesians 6:1-4; Proverbs 22:6, Colossians 3:20-21), St. Francis Academy does not see as its purpose the task of bringing under control children who are in rebellion against their parents. Therefore, children must be under parental control before applying to the Academy. While at school, their children are under the loving guidance and authority of the headmaster and teachers.

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Due to facility constraints and our desire to maintain a small teacher to student ratio, membership is limited. We consider both how SFA can serve specific families, and how each family can uniquely serve the academy.

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

St. Francis Academy takes seriously the roles of parents as authority figures and examples of Christ for our children. For families who apply to the Academy, the primary teaching parent is required to complete the following:

- Written Application
- Read One of the following before the start of Fall Term:
 - Volume 6 of Charlotte Mason’s educational philosophy, “Towards a Philosophy of Education”
 - “When Children Love to Learn” by Elaine Cooper.
 - “For the Children’s Sake” by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
 - “A Charlotte Mason Education” by Catherine Levison
- Commit to pursuing a Charlotte Mason education in your home school, understanding that our Director and teachers are available to support, encourage and advise you regarding curriculum, philosophy and methodology. This ensures that your child(ren) will enjoy the consistency that comes when home-educating parents and school teachers are working hand-in-hand to develop lifelong learners.
- Conversation of intent with members of the board.

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I. Children Applying for Admission

Full Name	Preferred Name	Date of Birth	Gender
_____	_____	_____	M/F
_____	_____	_____	M/F
_____	_____	_____	M/F
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II. Parent Information

Father's Name Father's Cell # Father's Work # Father's E-mail

Mother's Name Mother's Cell # Mother's Work # Mother's E-mail

Street Address

City State Zip

III. Emergency Contact Information (local person other than parent)

Name Rel. to child Cell # Work # E-mail

IV. Allergy Information

Child's Name Allergy (use additional pages if needed)

V. Educational Philosophy (use additional pages if needed)

A. What types of schooling have your children received (public, private, homeschooled, unschooled)? If homeschooled, please describe.

B. Why do you want your child(ren) to attend St. Francis Academy?

VI. Below, please indicate which of the subjects you would be interested in or willing to teach. Feel free to rank them. If you would be happy to be a secondary teacher in a certain subject (support with class management and be the substitute when necessary) but not a primary teacher, please mark an "S." SFA provides curricula for these classes.

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| Math Fun (games and songs) ____ | Art ____ |
| Language Arts (Forms I, II) ____ | Handicrafts ____ |
| 3-5s "Five in a Row" (picture books and activities) ____ | Physical Education ____ |
| Geography/Map Making ____ | Culinary Arts ____ |
| Science Experiments ____ | Gardening ____ |
| Nature Study ____ | Outside work ____ |
| Spanish ____ | 3-5s phonics ____ |
| Latin ____ | Folk Dancing ____ |
| Nursery (0-3) ____ | Music ____ |
| | Other _____ |