
Sacred Heart Academy

Our mission is to educate students who will integrate themselves into society as responsible Christians and will use their heritage to make the world a better place.

Sacred Heart Academy is the school ministry of Sacred Heart Church, a Franciscan parish with a rich 100-year history. The school, founded in 1931, is comprised of:

- **Early Childhood (ages 3 through 4),**
- **Elementary (Kindergarten - Grade 5) and**
- **Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)**

At Sacred Heart Academy, we instill in our students a keen awareness of social issues and a deep sense of community and civic responsibility. Above all else, the school community strives to grow as a model Christian community through worship and service, where all are sensitive to, show a concern for, and respond to the needs of others.

The Academy is led by concerned, nurturing faculty and staff who strive to maximize each student's spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical development. We seek to help our students to mature into responsible adults through worship and service as well as strong academics.

Since learning is a lifelong process, students need to experience the connections between what they learn in school and life outside the classroom. Our emphasis is on the moral, social, and cognitive because these are all interrelated in the process of learning. As a Catholic school, we see these elements of the learning process as being enhanced by the integrating framework of creation, giftedness, and love.

Early Childhood (EC 3 – EC 4)

Sacred Heart Academy's early childhood philosophy is based on the "developmental interaction approach." Each child is encouraged to grow and explore naturally, working at an appropriate pace to develop his or her own potential. The focus of our early childhood program is to not only establish a concrete academic foundation that will make all formal education more effective, but also a happy environment where each child can experience success, thrive in an atmosphere of love and attention, and develop a growing self-confidence in his or her ability to master more challenging tasks.

- Full-time teaching assistants
- Hands-on center approach to learning
- Physical education program
- Spanish, Music, Art, Library

Elementary School (Kindergarten - Grade 5)

SHA's elementary school program emphasizes the interaction between the learning child and his/her social and physical environment. First and second grades integrate the academic curricula, constantly building and reinforcing basic concepts in reading, math and language arts. Beginning in third grade, teachers begin preparation for middle school. Organizational skills, study skills, and a more challenging curriculum is the focus of development for the intermediate grade level. Faculty works with students to develop and strengthen study habits and self-development in areas of moral responsibility, cooperation and self-discipline.

- Full-time teaching assistants – K – 2nd grades
- Academic and cultural field trips
- Physical education includes athletics and fitness
- Service projects

Middle School (Grades 6 – 8)

A strong emphasis on higher-level academics, critical thinking and independent study prepare students for secondary and post-secondary learning. SHA's middle school curriculum is based not only on the benchmarks of the Diocese, but goes beyond to ensure our students are thoroughly prepared with the foundation needed for high school. Students are taught by teachers who specialize in their subject areas. The faculty concentrates on preparing each student to be well rounded including their social, emotional, faith, and academic needs.

- 100% acceptance rate to Catholic high school of choice
- National Junior Honor Society
- Franciscan led religion classes
- Community service projects and character building programs
- Fully equipped science lab
- Special interest clubs
- Social activities and events
- After school activities including yearbook, drama, and sports
- Student Council – 4th -8th grade
- Inter-parochial sports including Varsity and Jr. Varsity volleyball, basketball, track, softball
- Students mentoring students – schoolwide "Big Buddy/Little Buddy" program
- Computer Lab and classroom computers

Sacred Heart Academy welcomes all children and parents to visit our school. Our ten-acre campus is located at 3515 North Florida Avenue in Tampa, one and a half miles north of downtown. **For an appointment and further information, please call (813) 229-0618.**

A strong tradition...

- Founded in 1931
- Serve Grades EC3 – 8th Grade
- Ministry of Sacred Heart Church, a Franciscan parish
- Fully accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference

Small Class Settings

- Small class sizes
- Full-time teaching assistants – EC3 – 2nd Grade

High Academic Standards

- ITBS test scores in the upper 25% of the nation
- National Junior Honor Society
- Over 50% of faculty hold Advanced Degrees

Enriched Curriculum (all grade levels)

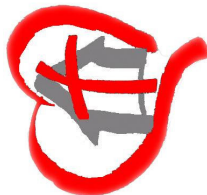
- Core curriculum (reading, language arts, math, science, social studies and physical education)
- Creative arts (including art, music, and drama)
- Spanish incorporated into most grade levels
- Religious education, weekly school masses
- Computer lab and classroom computers
- Library research computer center
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Guidance Counselor
- Inter-parochial sports programs
- Scout Troops

Nurturing Environment

- Ecumenical spirit
 - Community service projects
 - Secure, 10 acre campus
 - Convenient location – 1.5 miles north of Downtown Tampa
 - Diverse student body
 - Small, family-oriented school environment
 - Strong parental involvement
 - Catered lunch program
 - On-site after school program
(also offers summer and holiday programs)
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