



# INSPIRATION ACADEMY

Inspire • Innovate • Mentor

## 2017/18 School Profile

### CEEB CODE

102505

### OUR LEADERSHIP

**Claire Speir**  
President/  
Head of School

**Suzie Wong**  
Assistant to  
Head of School/  
Registrar

**Kimber Jimenez**  
Director of Admissions

**Matt Bowman**  
College Counselor/  
Athletic Director

**Robin Evans**  
Lead Teacher

### OUR SCHOOL

Inspiration Academy is a private Christian school located in the suburban gulf coast community of Bradenton, Florida, 45 miles south of Tampa and minutes from downtown Sarasota. Opened in 2013, Inspiration Academy serves the needs of local, national and international students in grades 6-12, and offers a Post Graduate program. Inspiration Academy offers a host family boarding program for out-of-state and international student population.

### OUR PHILOSOPHY

We are a community of believers called to follow Jesus individually and collectively. This requires faith. Faith in God transforms lives. Inspiration Academy is a transformational school that works from the inside out to produce winning habits of selfless, disciplined, authentic care for others. Our success is measured by transformational development of a student's mind, body and spirit. Grades and transcripts are just part of the peaceable fruit produced by a transformed life.

### OUR MISSION

We cultivate, nourish and inspire students, using a mentorship model to develop an integrated life of faith from the inside out, in an environment of family, care and love.

### OUR VISION

To provide an innovative educational community that inspires students to be creative sources of cultural change in the fields where they are called.

### ACCREDITATION

Inspiration Academy is fully accredited by the following organizations:

- Accreditation International
- Association of Christian Teachers and Schools
- National Council for Private School Accreditation
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

### HONORS & DUAL ENROLLMENT

Inspiration Academy offers honors level coursework in core classes and also holds articulation agreements with Cincinnati Christian University, Manatee Technical College, Southeastern University and St. Petersburg College to offer dual enrollment coursework in which students can simultaneously earn both high school and college/vocational credit. Students must meet school-specific criteria and be recommended by faculty and administration to qualify to take honors and dual enrollment level classes.



## GRADING

Inspiration Academy calculates both a weighted and unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA). A student's GPA is calculated using all courses taken during the academic school year. The weighted GPA is calculated as follows: +1 for all AP, honors, and dual enrollment courses. Inspiration Academy does not rank its students to remain in alignment with its educational philosophy.

### Grading Scale

98-100	A+	88-89	B+	78-79	C+	68-69	D+	0-59	F
93-97	A	83-87	B	73-77	C	63-67	D		
90-92	A-	80-82	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-		

## ACADEMIC & EXTRACURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Mentorship

All students at Inspiration Academy participate in our unique mentorship program that is designed to connect students with faculty and staff in a way that encourages conversations about life, faith, and growth from the inside-out. We believe that mentorship and discipleship include three ingredients: information, imitation, and innovation. This program fosters character development through equipping students with Godly teachings to transform their lives through building of the mentor-mentee relationship.

### Athletics

Inspiration Academy offers elite sports training and professional placement through its specialized Baseball and Tennis Academies as well as other sport options at the club level that allows for students of all ability levels to participate in a competitive environment. Our vision is to offer a setting that promotes a culture of community building and teaches the importance of sportsmanship.

### Visual & Performing Arts

A variety of performing and fine arts opportunities are offered to help develop the next generation of artists and cultural influencers by providing them with innovative problem-solving skills and a wide range of creative experiences to build the foundation for deeper understanding within various media. Using a fusion of technology, critical thinking, and both cutting edge and time-honored techniques, our students are trained to impact the world through their God-given talents and artistic gifts.

### Junior & Senior Seminar

The College & Career Counseling department at Inspiration Academy provides highly individualized junior and senior seminar courses that assist students with comprehensive college and career planning and preparation. Students also participate in various workshops that strengthens academic and personal life skills. Students explore different occupations through internships, career mentorships, mock interviews, and participate in different Q&A sessions with visiting colleges and scholarship foundations.

### Other Clubs & Activities

Art	Yearbook
Creative Team	Flag Football
Drama	Competitive Cheerleading
Media Design	Golf
Missions	Lacrosse
National Honor Society	Basketball
National Junior Honor Society	Soccer
Student Government Association	Volleyball
Worship Team	Softball



## COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

1 Peter 4:10 states:

*"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."*

Considering this conviction, Inspiration Academy has developed a Community Service program that seeks to recognize the need within the community (church) and then fill that need thereby serving one another. While serving one another within the "church" as Peter states, Inspiration Academy will seek to serve locally & globally. This approach seeks to instill in our students a recognition of the need both at home and abroad. Upon graduation, Inspiration Academy students will have served a minimum of 100 hours of community service. All service hours must be approved by the College Counselor.

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

### 24 credits are needed:

Four(4) credits in English Language Arts

Four(4) credits in Mathematics

(Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II)

Three(3) credits in Science

(two with lab components required)

Three(3) credits in Social Science

Two(2) credits in Foreign Language

One(1) credit in Performing/Fine Arts

One(1) credit in Physical Education / Health

Six(6) credits for Electives

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2014-2018

Argosy University

Arizona State University

Auburn University

Ave Maria University

Azusa Pacific University

Bayside College

Belmont University

Campbell University

Cincinnati Christian University

Clemson University

College of Central Florida

Colorado State University

Concordia University

Covenant College

Eckerd College

Embry-Riddle University

Flagler College

Florida Atlantic University

Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida Southern College

Florida State University

Gordon College

Grand Canyon University

Hawaii Pacific University

International Theological Seminar

James Madison University

Johnson University

Keiser University

King's College

Lake Region State College

Liberty University

Manatee Technical College

McGill University

Mercer University

Miami Dade College

Michigan State University

Missouri Baptist University

New College of Florida

New York University

Nichols College

Palm Beach Atlantic University

Pasco-Hernando State College

Seton Hall University

Southeastern University

St. Johns River State College

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota

Stetson University

Trinity Baptist College

United States Naval Academy

University of Alabama

University of Central Florida

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Florida

University of Miami

University of South Florida

University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee

University of Tampa

Warner University

West Point – United States Military Academy