



INSPIRATION ACADEMY

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2020/2021

CEEB Code: 102505

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 our 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

Administration



Eddie Speir
Superintendent



Sarinette Rivera
Principal



Marjorie Walther
Registrar



Robin Evans
*Director of Curriculum
& Instruction*



Matt Bowman
*Director of Guidance
& Athletics*



Academic Culture

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, Tennis & Golf 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.

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 including instruction in personal finance. 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.

Honors and Dual Enrollement

Inspiration Academy offers honors level coursework in core classes and also holds articulation agreements with Manatee Technical College, Southeastern University and State College of Florida Manatee/Sarasota 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.

Electives and Clubs

Inspiration begins here. To that end, students are surveyed each year to determine the clubs and electives that will be offered the following year. Administration partners with our community and staff to offer a wide variety of interesting topics taught by professionals and supported by parents.

2020 Electives & Clubs

Art	Film Production	Cheerleading
Gaming Club	National Honor Society	Flag Football
Drama	National Jr. Honor Society	Golf
Marketing & Social Media	STEM	Lacrosse
Industrial Arts	Student Government	Competitive Fishing
Home Economics	Yearbook	Softball
Missions	Basketball	Volleyball



Academic Standards

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-	

Standardized Testing

Inspiration Academy utilizes diagnostic testing and measures student progress for all students through the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth testing program that is conducted in three complete sessions per year. MAP Growth Testing provides teachers and administration with accurate and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students.

All Inspiration Academy students in grades 8-11 each year take the PSAT each year in order to receive adequate practice to prepare for the SAT. In addition to the PSAT, juniors also take an additional practice SAT and ACT during Junior Seminar and receive test prep, academic coaching on strategies, and are provided other study resources for both exams.

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.

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
 Four(4) credits in Electives
 Two(2) credits in Bible Exploration



College Acceptances

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
Dallas Baptist University
DeSales University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle University
Erskine College
Fashion Institute of Design
& Merchandising (FIDM)
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 Seminary
James Madison University
Johnson University
Keiser University
King's College
Lake Region State College
Liberty University
Manatee Technical College
Mary Baldwin University
McGill University
Mercer University
Mercyhurst North East
Miami Dade College
Michigan State University
Missouri Baptist University
New College of Florida
New York University
Nichols College
Nova Southeastern University
Ohio University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Pasco-Hernando State College
Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute
Seton Hall University
Southeastern University
St. Johns River State College
State College of Florida - Manatee-Sarasota
Stetson University
Southern Wesleyan
The Citadel
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 North Carolina – Asheville
University of South Florida
University of South Florida- Sarasota-Manatee
University of Tampa
Warner University
West Point – US Military Academy
West Virginia Tech