



The Rock Academy School Profile

School Contact Information

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FLDOE	#1700



School Overview

History The Rock Academy (TRA) was born out of the heart of The Rock of Central Florida Church founded in Sanford in 1999 by Steve and Kim Parker. The non-denominational Christian school opened in 2009 under the direction of Liz Darnell with a calling to partner with parents to equip their children to walk in their unique purpose and calling. Children were given to parents, not institutions, and TRA honors that family relationship as being essential to spiritual maturity and academic excellence. Living a genuine life in the Kingdom and knowing who we are in Christ—generation to generation -- are central to changing the earth.

TRA and Kidz Rock ELC (pre-school) are at capacity in the current location. As of fall 2024, The Rock Church is in a building program to provide the room for the ministry outreach to continue to grow.

School Type The Rock Academy is a Christian private school with physical classrooms, and on-site teachers for Kindergarten through 12th grade. The academy is funded by tuition, fundraisers, and participation in the Step-Up-For Students Scholarship Program for Florida private schools.

Location TRA is located on the property of The Rock of Central Florida Church about 2.4 miles west of I-4 on State Route 46.

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Student Body The Rock Academy serves students from Kindergarten through 12th grade. The Lower School (grades K-4) have a capacity of 16 per class and the Upper School (grades 5-12) are capped at 18. There are exceptions such as music and theater which can go up to 25.

Students come from Seminole, Volusia, Lake, and Orange counties.

The Lower School averages 10-14 per class for a total of 50-70 students, the middle school averages 9-12 per class and a total of 36-48, and the high school averages 9-12 per class with a total of 36-48. TRA graduates 6-10 students annually.

It is our foundational belief that every child is designed by God and has an eternal purpose, and therefore a wide variety of educational opportunities are available to students in both traditional and non-traditional formats. See Academic Programs.

School Vision Partnering with parents to provide educational opportunities for students to fulfill their unique purpose.

At the heart of TRA is the understanding that God gave children to parents, not institutions. He has designed in each one a purpose that is under the direction and guidance of their parent/guardian first. TRA partners with parents to guide, mentor, teach, and train students to embrace this purpose and find a rich life in the Kingdom of God.

School Mission

- To bring parents into the planning portion of the academic program
- To create an individual plan that fits the student and not the masses
- To be a place where students can dream big, work hard and walk in their unique purpose

While TRA customizes much of its educational program to the students, it is not a 'student-centric' program. The school program does not cater to students' whims, but rather plans carefully with parent, student, and administration the track that will equip students to walk in their purpose, glorify God, and change the earth.

Philosophy of Education We believe that parents are responsible for the academic, moral, and spiritual training of their children. This does not mean that every parent will home school. Parents may choose to partner with public, private, or home-based institutions to reach their goals concerning their children.

We believe in Deuteronomy 6:6-9 *"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

In other words, the statutes of the Lord are to be a part of our lives, and we are to impart them to our children during our daily lives.



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We believe that the instruction of children occurs within the relationships that begin at home. We also believe that a child's first and best teachers are his/her parents.

We believe the reason we are educated is to fulfill our purpose in the earth through the vocation the Lord has planned for us. There are many 'pulpits', from church platforms to medicine, to truck driving, and our Father has need of skilled Kingdom people in all of them. TRA strives to challenge each student to meet the appropriate benchmarks in each subject, to accomplish the highest academic level possible and to prepare them for college and/or career.

Code of Conduct Our code of conduct, or WHAT we do, is an external outpouring of WHO we are. The goal is to have the law of Christ written on our hearts, where the letter of the law is not necessary. Until that level of maturity is reached, we have rules and guidelines based on principles that help us as we grow. We understand that everyone is at a different part of this journey and that it is a life-long endeavor. We strive to build strong relationships that encourage our growth in Christ, and we desire to avoid being 'policy driven' or having rules for 'rule's sake'.

TRA follows a Statement of Faith and Family as well as a Code of Conduct and requires families, students, and faculty to abide within its principles.

Academic Programs

1. Full Enrollment (University Model) 5th – 12th Grades

Classes: Monday -Friday 8:30 – 3:30

- Classes are offered in 2-hour blocks on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - Qualified teachers provide lectures, projects, assignments, and assessments all in a small classroom setting. Students can complete the practical (assigned work that leads to mastery of content) at home under the direction of their parents.
- Guided Study is an additional education service made available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for those students who need to work with a teacher for the completion of all practical work, assessments, and projects.
 - Guided Study provides the opportunity to be on campus 3, 4, or all 5 days. Space is limited.
- Parents may opt to have their children take courses other than those offered on campus, including courses taught at home, tutored courses, virtual courses, and apprenticeship opportunities. With approved curriculum and documentation of content mastery and grades, these courses can be listed on a student's transcript and become part of their academic record.
- Students who receive state scholarships are required to be on campus all 5 days. In most cases, scholarship dollars cannot be used to pay for off-campus courses.
- Parents are responsible for purchasing the textbooks and materials.
- After care is available.

2. Traditional On-Campus Elementary (5 days) Kindergarten - 4th

Classes: Monday -Friday 8:30 – 3:30



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- Incoming Kindergarten students must show Kindergarten readiness through Pre-School records or placement testing.
- All students must have immunizations or an exemption, school entry physical, and birth certificate.
- All students, first grade through 4th, must pass their previous grade in order to be eligible for enrollment or promotion to the next grade.
All curriculum is included in the tuition price.
- After care is available.

3. Guest Student Grades 5th – 12th

- Students who are enrolled with the county as homeschoolers or who are enrolled with other institutions, are still eligible to take individual classes with TRA as Guest Students.
- All on-campus classes are eligible for Guest Students when there is space available. Students are provided with a grade card at the close of each semester and for high school credits, a transcript is provided documenting the course(s).
- TRA does accept the PEP scholarship for homeschoolers.

4. Quest Program

TRA offers the Quest Program for families that are looking for a private school option where they can do their coursework completely at home.

- TRA will be their school of record and according to state law, students will be considered enrolled in a private school.
- Students must meet all qualifications for enrollment and adhere to the TRA Code of Conduct.
- Academic Plans/Courses must be approved by the TRA Guidance Department.
- All curricula must be approved prior to beginning courses. All materials must meet minimum standards and be administered as to uphold the high academic standards of TRA.
- Quarterly reviews of schoolwork will be scheduled, and all work and credits will be verified by TRA before being added to the transcript.
- Students 3rd grade and up will be tested using the BASI standardized test annually.
- All policies concerning academic honesty, timely progression through courses, and academic minimum standards must be adhered to.
- **Students who receive state scholarships cannot participate in the Quest Program.**



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- TRA operates on a 36-week school calendar from August through May.
- Classes primarily use textbooks, lecture, hands-on projects, and digital resources.
- Students have access to computers for research and assignments, but personal electronics are not permitted on campus. (Exceptions would be for students who are dual enrolling an on-line class.)
- K-6th grade curriculum: Bob Jones English, Saxon Math, Apologia Science, Mystery of History
- 7th -12th grade curriculum: Bob Jones, LLATL, Apologia Science, Saxon Math, Notgrass History, Mystery of History.
- Full time students take 4-5 core classes and 1-2 electives annually.
- Progress Reports are issued in Quarters 1 and 3.
- Grade Cards are issued in Quarters 2 and 4.
- TRA uses the web-based Student Information System (SIS): Renweb (through FACTS)
- All grades and assignments can be accessed through FACTS 24/7.
- Enrollment, Re-enrollment, the school data base, gradebooks, and all communication are accessible through FACTS.

Diplomas TRA offers a College Preparatory Diploma, Standard Diploma, and a Career Path Diploma.

Intervention Opportunities Many of these services have additional costs that may or may not be covered by current scholarships. Parents are responsible for all costs incurred that are not covered by scholarships.

Learning Intervention

- TRA has a Learning Interventionist on staff who works with autistic, dyslexic, and ADHD students
- They meet several times a week to work on assignments and learn new skills

Social, Emotional Education/ Dealing with Trauma

- TRA's Learning Interventionist also works with students every week who need training and support in these non-academic areas.

Learning Challenges—Testing, Wilson Reading, Behavior Therapies

- TRA employs an Wilson Reading Specialist who works one-on-one with dyslexic students.
- The Reading Specialist also provides testing for struggling students, and helps to direct them to available resources, services, and/or specialists.

Local RBT's, Speech Therapists, etc.

- TRA provides space for local therapists to come in and work with specific students.
- Parents set this up in cooperation with the TRA academic program.

Tutoring

- Private tutoring in all subjects is available and can be short term and specific, or long term and multi-subject

Faculty All faculty meet the Florida Standards for teaching achieving at least one of the following:



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- Bachelor's degree or higher
- A current Florida teaching certificate
- 3 years minimum teaching experience
- An area of expertise that qualifies them to teach the subject(s)

TRA Faculty are required to:

- be believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and be a demonstration of the Kingdom,
- uphold and demonstrate the vision and mission of TRA,
- receive a minimum of 20 hours of professional development annually,
- pass 2 formal evaluations, and
- be in good standing with The Rock Academy.

TRA employs a Faculty Coach to oversee regular training and evaluation throughout the year,

In addition to the requirements for employment, TRA faculty are open to working with parents as partners in education and providing a warm safe classroom environment that encourages exploration and learning.

Fine Arts Opportunities

K-12th Grade: (Not included with tuition)

- Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, and Jazz dance lesson after school weekly provided by a local studio
- Piano lessons during school weekly provided by a local professional

5th -12th Grades

- Vocal Ensemble/Choir performs throughout the first semester and holiday seasons
- Theater Department performs a fully staged musical every spring (auditions required)

Enrollment

Interested families should begin the enrollment process by scheduling a tour.

Appointments can be made by going to the [TRA website](#) or to the [TRA Setmore Appointment Site](#).