



The Flint Academy

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City of Grand Prairie
Specific Use Permit
Project Narrative

Flint Academy has been in operation since 2006. We were previously located in Dalworthington Gardens. We are operating as a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. We are a PK3-12th grade academy. We currently have 126 students and a staff of 29. We will be using the existing classrooms at The Oaks Baptist Church without any additions or modifications.

Our classes are limited to 12 students with a teacher and a teaching assistant from PK3-5th Grade; 13 students and a teacher in 6th-8th Grade; and 15 students and a teacher in 9th-12th grade. We have a nursery of 4 that is provided to our staff only. They do not pay for their infants to be in the nursery, it is a perk that allows them to be with their children while they are working at Flint Academy.

We operate Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:30, school hours are 9:30-3:30. We start school the day after Labor Day each year and end school the Thursday before Memorial Day each year. We do not serve lunch to students; they all bring their lunch from home.

We currently have 25 paid staff members and 29 total staff members: administration, teachers and support staff. We do not require state certification from our teachers, most of our staff have been with us for 5 years or longer. We do not do background checks; however, we check references. We do have a certified daycare worker on staff.

Currently, we have a staff member that is on our security detail, John Flint. He is licensed to carry in the State of Texas. We also keep all doors locked during school hours and utilize one set of doors (at the portico) for entering and exiting the building. We have an administrative staff member seated at the door to monitor those who enter and exit the building. Everyone must sign in and out, show IDs if we do not know them, and wear a visitor badge while in the building.

The following is our mission statement:

WE WELCOME AND EDUCATE ALL CHILDREN, IN AN INCLUSIVE-MODEL SCHOOL. WE PROVIDE A CLASSICAL CHARLOTTE MASON EDUCATION, WITHIN A CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT, AND UTILIZE RESEARCH-BASED, SPECIALIZED EDUCATION TECHNIQUES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ADVANCED STUDENTS, TYPICALLY DEVELOPING STUDENTS, AND STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

We are very different from any other school out there. Some of our differences include:

4-day school week - Monday through Thursday

Later start time - 9:30-3:30

Small Class Sizes - 12 per class - Grammar School has a Teacher and Teacher's Assistance in all classrooms

Mastery vs. Grades in Grammar School

No homework in the Grammar School

Reading is taught with phonics-based curriculum

Latin as foreign language taught from 3rd grade through 12th grade - it is the foundation of all language

Strong focus in Fine Arts including Music, Drama, and Visual Arts

Classical literature and writing

Christian studies in all classes from PK3-12th grade

Christian curriculum for all core classes

Barton Dyslexia Remediation program is given 1 on 1 to students with dyslexia

Individualized education for all students so that we meet each student's learning style and level

Dual Credit program with McMurray University

College Prep and Honors classes

All students make the team and participate on all sports teams. We currently have flag football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track.

If you need any additional information about our operations, please advise.