

"School is what kids do for a living; they need to experience success on the job."

- LOIS DELANEY, HEAD OF SCHOOL

### Searching for a "right fit" school? Established in 1970, Tampa Day School

is known as the premier school for children who learn differently. Our focus on individual attention within the context of a small classroom environment, TDS provides for the academic, social and personal growth of each student. We use research-based strategies to maximize achievement, student engagement, and motivate your child to once again love school. **We "get"** What we "get" is that your child has strengths, talent,

and intelligence, but has also experienced challenges along the way. What we also "get" is that this means we must take a different approach to teaching. It is our hope that every family whose child attends Tampa Day School has the experience of seeing their child grow in competence and confidence, as a student, as a friend, and as a member of the community.





Our mission is to Understand, Honor and provide the environment for our diverse learners to Achieve... and we do it with Passion!

## **TDS** ...at a glance

## WHAT IS THE PROFILE OF THE TDS STUDENT?

Our school is designed to serve children with average to above average cognitive abilities without major behavior disorders or significant communication disorders.



The types of children we best serve are:

- Students with mild learning disabilities including Dyslexia
- Attention Deficit Disorder, with or without Hyperactivity (ADHD)
- Students experiencing stress or anxiety in traditional classrooms
- Students struggling with low self-esteem or underachievement



#### **SCHOOL FACTS:**

- Established 1970
- Private, college prep curriculum
- Low Teacher-student ratio (maximum
   12 students in core classes)

#### **ENROLLMENT:**

Approximately 150 students
 2nd - 8th Grade



#### **ACCREDITATIONS:**

 Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Florida Council for Independent Schools (FCIS).



# WHAT MAKES OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAM UNIQUE?



Foundational to the development of our curriculum is the belief that bright children with learning disabilities, dyslexia, attentional difficulties and/or executive functioning weaknesses can be highly successful students. With small class sizes, teachers have the opportunity to work

closely with each student to gain a better understanding of how they learn and to provide students with choices about how to best demonstrate mastery. Throughout this process, highly informative assessment data is used to drive educational goals. Regarding instruction, lessons are differentiated. large assignments



and instructional units are broken into "doable" steps, and structures for maximizing student engagement are incorporated into activities. As you walk through the hallways, it is not uncommon to witness a high level of explicit instruction and modeling, enthusiastic discussion and interaction, and relevant hands-on learning activities throughout the school day. Daily homework lab immediately after school eliminates homework hassles at home.





#### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:**

- All students are involved in fine arts, performing arts and physical education to explore interests and potential talents. After school, students have the option of joining on-site activities such as soccer, fencing, martial arts, ceramics, basketball and Lego engineering clubs.
- Co-ed intramural sports include basketball, flag football, cheerleading, soccer, cross country, and volleyball.

#### **PARENT SATISFACTION:**

#### Our recent parent survey revealed these results:

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<ul> <li>My child's teachers at TDS are commit to my child's success</li> </ul>	ted <b>95</b> %
<ul> <li>My child's teachers at TDS are engagir in the classroom</li> </ul>	ng <b>95</b> %
<ul> <li>As a parent, I feel welcome at TDS</li> </ul>	97%
<ul> <li>I would recommend TDS to a friend or colleague</li> </ul>	96%
<ul> <li>My child has friends at TDS</li> </ul>	95%

The Administration at TDS is approachable 100%





#### **OUR STUDENTS COME FROM:**

TDS is located in the northwest area of Tampa, but our students come from many areas in Pasco, Hillsborough, and Pinellas counties. We have had students commute from Lakeland and Sarasota. Several families have moved to Tampa so their children would be able to attend TDS from out of state and even from out of the country.

### THESE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS EMBODY A CUSTOMIZED APPROACH THAT WE USE WITH EACH CHILD:

- Brain-based research guides our adoption of best practices
- 2. Rigorous, evidenced-based curriculum promotes high academic standards
- Executive function strategy training and study skills are integrated into our program
- 4. Faculty are highly qualified, passionate and maintain a growth orientation
- Homework assignments are relevant and our homework lab is available to reduce struggles
- Management of the learning environment (NOT the child) is emphasized



- Routine progress monitoring and evaluation procedures are utilized at each grade level
- 8. Development of social competency and resiliency increase confidence and motivation
- 9. Relationships between teachers and students are believed to be critical to student success
- 10. Partnerships with parents and professionals are fostered to promote positive student outcomes



## **TDS** ...where Learning Solutions exist

Learning Solutions is Tampa Day School's extensive offering of tutoring solutions for both community and enrolled students. Learning Solutions at Tampa Day School has

a proven track record of over 45 years of expertise providing effective instruction to students with a wide range of learning profiles. We deliver research based, multi sensory tutoring designed to meet each student's needs.



#### OUR LEARNING SOLUTIONS TUTORING SERVICES INCLUDE:

#### **READING REMEDIATION**

- Decoding
- Oral Reading
- Comprehension
- Finding Main Idea
- Fluency
- Summarizing
- Spelling
- Note Taking
- Sight Words
- Organizing Thoughts
- Vocabulary
- Critical Reading Strategies

#### SUBJECT AREA TUTORING

- Math calculation/fact practice, applied problem-solving, test preparation
- Science and History homework support, general tutoring, test preparation
- Writing organization, mechanics, grammar, and revision skills



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