



**Understand. Honor.**

**Achieve. Passion!**



## DEAR PARENTS,

Thank you for your interest in Tampa Day School! I am excited to share information about our dynamic, private school environment and our tailored approach to learning for students in grades 2-8. If you're reading this brochure, chances are you are the parent of a bright child who hasn't been able to reach his or her potential in a traditional school setting. That's where we come in!

If my office could talk, it would share decades of heartfelt stories from parents on the same journey to find the "best fit" school for their children. Countless families have arrived at TDS after years of frustration and have left feeling a newfound sense of hope and relief when they realize we "get it." What we "get" is that your child is bright and has many strengths, but has experienced challenges along the way. What we also "get" is that this means we must take a different approach to teaching.

**Established in 1970**, staying true to our mission has not only guided our actions and the evolution of our program, but more importantly, it has successfully transformed the lives of students and families. It is my 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, a friend, and a member of the community.

As Head of School, it is my great privilege, honor, and passion to lead Tampa Day School. **You have our commitment to Understand and Honor your child so they can Achieve, and we will do it with Passion!** That is our Mission - **UHA!** Our passion for students is contagious and inspiring. This is why I love to come to work every day!



I invite you to see for yourself what makes Tampa Day School nationally known as experts in the education of students seeking an innovative, highly effective approach to a private prep school experience.

Come experience our mission in action!



**Lois Delaney**  
*Head of School*



## SCHEDULE YOUR TOUR

*at Tampa Day School to explore the opportunities that await your child."*



# Tampa Day School at a Glance

Are you the parent of a bright child in grades 2-8 with ADHD, dyslexia, or anxiety?

Explore the benefits of Tampa Day School, where master teachers use proven brain-based and hands-on strategies to help students thrive.

  
**50+**  
YEARS  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE  
IN  
**TAMPA BAY**  
Est. 1970

**12:1**  
STUDENT  
TO  
TEACHER RATIO

## 5 COMPONENTS OF CURRICULUM



- ✓ COLLEGE PREP
- ✓ DIVERSE ELECTIVES
- ✓ EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING  
WASHINGTON, DC.  
BIZTOWN  
MANATEE SWIM
- ✓ HANDS-ON LEARNING
- ✓ 21ST-CENTURY TECHNOLOGY SKILLS AND 1:1 DEVICES



**7**  
SPORTS  
WITH  
**13**  
COMPETITIVE  
TEAMS

## 7 LEARNING STRATEGIES EMBEDDED IN CLASSES AND ASSIGNMENTS



- ✓ GOAL SETTING
- ✓ TIME MANAGEMENT
- ✓ ORGANIZATION
- ✓ SELF-REGULATION
- ✓ STUDY SKILLS
- ✓ CRITICAL THINKING
- ✓ PROBLEM-SOLVING

## 6 INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES



- ✓ DIFFERENTIATION
- ✓ COOPERATIVE LEARNING
- ✓ ENRICHMENT COURSES
- ✓ PROJECT-BASED LEARNING
- ✓ SPECIALIZED TUTORING SUPPORT
- ✓ 45 MINUTES OF DAILY HOMEWORK SUPPORT

## 22 ELECTIVES AND CLUBS



## ANNUAL FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

## PERFORMING ARTS

**99%** PARENT SATISFACTION RATE

RECENT PARENT SURVEY SHOWS:



MY CHILD EXPERIENCES ACADEMIC SUCCESS **97%**.



MY CHILD'S TEACHERS ARE COMMITTED TO HIS OR HER SUCCESS **100%**.



THE ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONSIVE **100%**.



**1,084** AVG. HRS.  
OF STAFF  
PROFESSIONAL  
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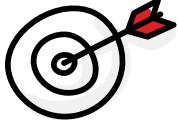
**6** TRANSPORTATION ROUTES



**ACCREDITED**

BY THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (SACS) AND THE FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (FCIS)

# Our Mission, Philosophy, and Values



## MISSION

Whatever the challenges, our mission is the same: **UHA!** to **Understand** each child's strengths and weaknesses, **Honor** their uniqueness, and help them **Achieve** academic, emotional and social success. All of this is done with **Passion (!)** thanks to a highly devoted, skillful and enthusiastic team of teachers and staff.



## PHILOSOPHY

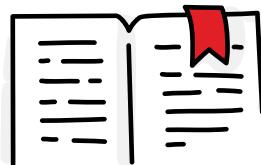
School is what kids do for a living; they need to experience success on the job.



## VALUES

- **Impactful Relationships:** TDS recognizes the importance of strong relationships between teachers and students, as well as relationships among peers. These connections foster self-esteem, improve motivation, and result in successful school experiences. In our close-knit community, children know they are surrounded by adults who will listen and never give up on them.
- **Continuing Collaboration:** Teachers and administrators partner with families to educate the whole child: socially, emotionally, and academically. Our forward-thinking approach instills in each child a growth mindset, which is a catalyst for continued growth long after they leave our campus.
- **Rigorous Curriculum:** High academic standards are set through a rigorous curriculum that both challenges and supports learning. Students are able to thrive academically because the material is presented in a way that is tailored to engage unique learning styles.
- **Intentional Decisions:** Every decision is highly intentional and aligned with our Mission (UHA!). We pride ourselves with evidence-based instructional strategies, ongoing professional development, and a student centered approach to learning.
- **Incomparable Approach:** Our approach to education maximizes each student's potential for success. This approach includes differentiated instruction, small class sizes, recognition of individual needs, and teachers who are both flexible in their approach and devoted to their students' learning outcomes.
- **Infinite Opportunities:** We value achievement beyond academic success, offering opportunities for students to succeed in the arts, technology, competitive sports, and extracurricular activities. This enables students to explore and soar.

# Curriculum



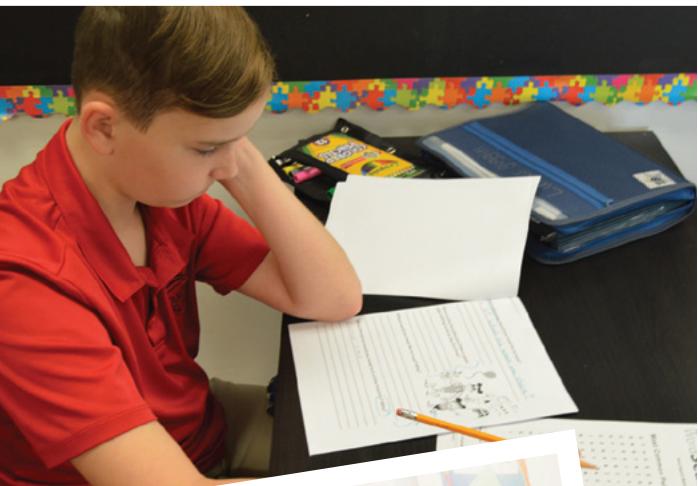
Parents often wonder how our school differs from public or private school options.

At Tampa Day School, students are presented with standards-based, grade level curriculum materials consistent with those found in traditional schools; however, the pacing and delivery of the materials more closely matches their individual learning styles. We believe all students can be successful with the right curriculum and support, small class sizes, and opportunities for choice in their learning. Our approach is founded on five decades of experience and expertise in successfully teaching students who learn differently.

## HOW *Tampa Day School's Curriculum Differs*

- 1 Maximum of 12 students per class
- 2 Highly informative assessment data is used to drive instructional goals
- 3 Lessons are differentiated to meet the needs of every student
- 4 Large assignments and instructional units are broken into “doable” steps
- 5 All projects are completed on campus to engage students in the process as well as the end product
- 6 Students demonstrate mastery of content through a variety of traditional and non-traditional assessments
- 7 Structures for maximizing student engagement are incorporated into activities
- 8 A high level of explicit instruction and modeling is utilized - “I do, we do, you do”
- 9 Enthusiastic classroom discussions and interactions happen regularly
- 10 Relevant hands-on learning activities are a part of the daily experience
- 11 Embedded opportunities for students to demonstrate strengths & experience success on a daily basis
- 12 Daily homework lab on campus avoids homework hassles at home

# Curriculum *Essentials*



## RIGOROUS ACADEMICS

Materials and technology resources are carefully researched, piloted, and adopted to ensure that students have access to the most up-to-date, evidence-based curriculum, technology, and assessment tools. A daily enrichment period is designed to provide academic advancement to challenge the most gifted of our students while also offering extra support to those who struggle academically. Students experience and demonstrate academic success through school-wide presentations which include poetry readings, STEM projects, art displays, annual theatrical/choral performances, and live presentations of historical figures.

## LEARNING STRATEGIES

Our teachers directly embed opportunities to practice Executive Functioning skills such as goal setting, time management, organization, self-regulation, and study skills throughout lessons and during the course of projects and long-term assignments. Critical thinking and problem-solving are embedded and practiced across the content areas. Classroom routines and schoolwide procedures promote organization, study habits and self-management.

## COOPERATIVE LEARNING

Teachers routinely use Kagan Cooperative Learning strategies to increase student engagement, build social skills needed for collaboration, and ensure equal participation. When you visit TDS, you'll see students out of their seats, mixing around the class and engaged in academic discussions. Students learn to give and take feedback, listen to others, and serve in different roles. When cooperative learning is coupled with direct instruction there is a profound impact on understanding, recall, and ultimately, student achievement.



## TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

All students utilize 1-1 devices for daily instruction to develop technology literacy skills and engage in the responsible use of technology. Students use technology to support academic instruction through research, publishing, communicating ideas, and creating mind maps. They regularly use Google Docs, Google Classroom, Seesaw, and other web-based programs to experience the world beyond the classroom.



## ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES

All students are assessed annually using nationally normed measures. To keep students on track for success along the way, classroom assessment strategies vary to include more than routine quizzes and tests. Mastery of content can be captured through observations, discussions, projects, and even quick “ticket out the door” post-it-notes of key learning concepts as students leave class each day. All projects, research papers and performance measures are completed at school to ensure that students understand the learning process is as important as the final product.



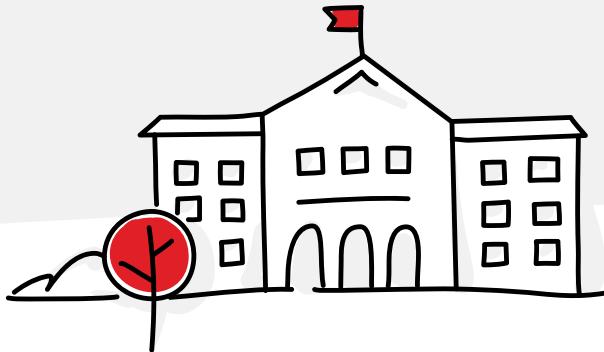
## HOMEWORK HELP

Families enjoy reduced homework stress with a daily required 40-minute homework lab for students in all grades. The ultimate goal of these sessions is to develop effective study habits, establish daily homework routines, and foster increased independent management of homework assignments. While students are on campus during homework lab they have access to support from their core content teachers.

## ONSITE SUPPORT

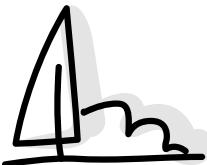
Whether the need is tutoring or speech and language therapy, on-site professionals work closely with the family and faculty to develop a coordinated intervention plan which can be woven into the daily routine.

# Campus *Life*



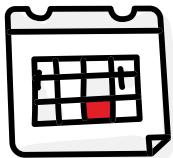
## ESSENTIAL ELECTIVES

All students in grades 2-6 are introduced to daily electives which include the fine arts, performing arts, technology, and physical education. Students in grade 7-8 are able to deepen their personal areas of interests by choosing from a myriad of courses ranging from fencing, team sports, photography, Improv, technical theatre, drama, sculpture, drawing and painting, 3-D printing, robotics, video game design, and others. Based on research and our TDS philosophy, daily recess remains an essential part of the program for all grades.



## ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

Each grade level offers unique experiential learning opportunities such as swimming with the manatees, Biztown, Nature's Classroom and trips to Boston and D.C. Field trips and themed days are incorporated to extend learning. In addition to experiences built into the school day, students may participate in a variety of leadership activities and service learning projects such as National Junior Honor Society and Student Government.



## ANNUAL TRADITIONS

TDS's 50-year history is rich with traditions designed to round out the student and family experience. Some of the traditions we celebrate together are Family Bowling, Fall Festival, Grandparent's Day, Dads and Donuts, Jingle Bell Jam, Family Picnic and Field Day.



## COMPETITIVE SPORTS PROGRAM

Tampa Day school is a small school with a large sports program competing with other local private schools through the Florida West Coast League (FWCL). We offer 13 competitive JV and Varsity teams in cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, track, flag football, street hockey. Students are able to develop their athletic abilities and learn important lessons in leadership and sportsmanship.



# Tutoring

## **TDS LEARNING SOLUTIONS\***

Learning Solutions is Tampa Day School's extensive offering of tutoring for both community and enrolled students. We offer tutoring during the school day, after school hours, on Saturdays, and during the summer months. Tutoring ranges from our "100 hours of reading remediation" program in the summer to after-school "coaching" a few times a week.

Our Learning Solutions program is nationally known for the progress we make with students who struggle with Dyslexia. Our tutors are trained in specialized, instructional methods and use a state-of-the-art approach tailored to each child's needs. For 50 years, our tutoring program has earned a reputation for its highly effective Dyslexia remediation program.

## **WHY LEARNING SOLUTIONS WORKS FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA**

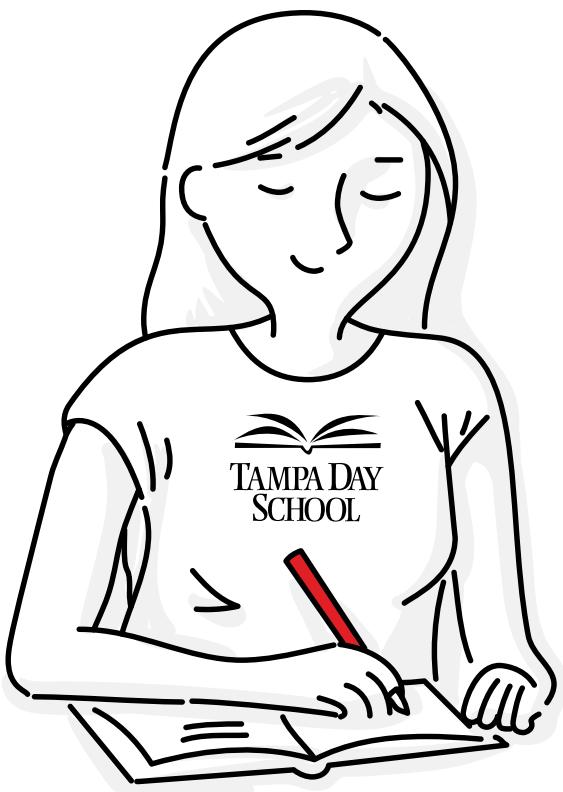
- A multi-sensory approach incorporates the learning styles for visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and tactile learners
- One-to-one sessions allow tutors to know their students well and provide highly individualized support
- A results-oriented approach tracks progress and ensures goals are achieved

\*Tutoring is offered during the school day, after school hours, on Saturdays, and during the summer months. Additional fees apply.



*In addition to specific Dyslexia tutoring, Learning Solutions' team of clinicians also offers tutoring in the following areas:*

- **Reading Remediation** – phonemic awareness/word attack skills, fluency, comprehension
- **Math Tutoring** – calculation/operations, math fact practice, applied problem solving
- **Writing Tutoring** – content, organization, editing
- **General Assistance** – completing assignments, long-term projects
- **Content Area Tutoring** – social studies, science, others
- **Study Skills Training and Practice** – note-taking, book reports, test preparation, outlining, etc.



# What Parents Say

## About Their Experience at TDS

“ I just wanted to relay a conversation that I had with my son on our car ride. I asked him how he liked it at Tampa Day School now that he has been there a while. His responses (abbreviated, but basically his words): ‘I am learning so much more - we actually do social studies and science. I can actually ask questions and get answers. We do lots of fun things and people are more relaxed. And think I am actually smart for the first time.’ I almost cried. Thank you so much for what you do from two very very grateful parents.

“ At my daughter’s old school, she was afraid to raise her hand if she had a question or didn’t understand a lesson. Here at Tampa Day, the teachers make the children feel very comfortable to ask any questions and they explain everything thoroughly!

“ Tampa Day School is a family-centric school, where everyone knows everyone. Class sizes are optimal, making learning for challenged kids amazing.

“ Tampa Day School provides an emotionally safe place for children to learn, and my daughter’s happiness and comfort in attending school has greatly increased since attending TDS. In addition, TDS offers individual attention to its students to help them achieve academic success that may not have been achieved in a traditional setting. My daughter’s reading and writing skills were below or at-level at a traditional public school, although we always knew she had the ability to achieve great success in those areas. After attending TDS, her reading and writing skills are some of her biggest strengths, and she often reads and writes at home just for the enjoyment of it.

“ You all turned my son’s life around so much! I don’t know where he would be without Tampa Day School! You are all gifts from God!”

“ The teachers keep the parents well informed, the administrative staff is approachable, and the school is tailored to meet each child’s needs.

# FAQs

## What kind of school are you – private, charter, public?

Tampa Day School is a private prep school accredited through the Florida Council for Independent Schools (FCIS) & SACS Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement.

## What is the profile of the Tampa Day School student?

Our school is designed to serve children from grades 2-8 with average to above-average academic abilities. We are celebrating over 50 years of successfully developing and delivering a rigorous educational program that meets the needs of students who might otherwise “fall through the cracks.” The types of children who benefit most from our program are:

- Students seeking a small class size experience with hands-on learning
- Students with weaknesses in organization, executive functioning, or study skills
- Students experiencing stress or anxiety in traditional classrooms
- Students with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Students with Dyslexia
- Students struggling with low self-esteem or underachievement

*We do not have the resources to serve students with major behavior disorders or significant communication disorders.*

## What are your class sizes?

Our maximum class size is a 1-to-12 teacher-to-student ratio, with 150 students in grades 2-8.

## What are the credentials of your teachers?

- We attract and retain excellent teachers who exude an undeniable enthusiasm to find what works for each and every student.
- Minimum of a bachelor's degree with an education focus (and many have a related master's degree)
- 5+ years of classroom experience
- Experience working with students with various learning styles
- Average tenure at TDS: 12 years

## What are your school hours?

Because school hours can change slightly from year to year, we suggest you call for current hours.

## Do you offer before and after school care?

We offer before care at 7:30 a.m. and aftercare until 6:00 p.m.

## Do you have extracurricular activities?

Competitive sports, JV and Varsity teams  
Clubs are offered after Homework Lab

## Do you accept the McKay Scholarship?

We do accept the McKay Scholarship for those students who qualify. Please understand that the McKay Scholarship only pays for a small portion of the tuition. Parents are responsible for the difference between the McKay and the balance of the tuition and fees.

## Transportation:

Multiple van routes to St. Pete, South Tampa, Clearwater/Westchase, Wesley Chapel, Trinity/Odessa

# Admissions Process

*Our admissions process is highly personalized to ensure Tampa Day School is the “best fit” for your child. There are five important steps to enrollment:*

1



## PHONE INTERVIEW/REVIEW OF RECORDS

- Contact our Admissions Director for a brief phone interview
- Submit records requested by the Admissions Director for team review (Psychoeducational Evaluation, Report Card, IEP/504, etc.)
- Onsite assessment, additional evaluations or contact with relevant professionals (tutor, counselor, etc.) may be recommended

2



## SCHOOL TOUR/PARENT MEETING

- Meet with the Head of School to discuss your child's needs/past experiences
- Tour and explore the campus and learning facilities at TDS

3



## SCHEDULE A STUDENT SHADOW DAY FOR YOUR CHILD

- Your child will be paired with a TDS student for an opportunity to explore all Tampa Day School has to offer
- Feedback is provided to parents during the shadow day

4



## COMMITTEE REVIEW & DECISION

- Admissions committee reviews evaluations and feedback from shadow day and determines whether admission would be appropriate
- Parent is contacted to discuss admission decision
- If your child is admitted, we will provide admissions paperwork, request a registration deposit to hold your child's seat, and provide a tuition contract
- Schedule your child's start date at TDS

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## ORIENTATION

- Parent orientation is offered a week before school begins in August and students join us for a “meet and greet.” For enrollment during the year, parent orientation is held on the first day of enrollment. You'll receive a parent handbook, curriculum overview, and have your questions answered.
- Student is given a daily schedule, a TDS planner, and binder on his or her first day
- Two to three weeks after admission, a parent conference is scheduled with the child's team of teachers





*Where* KIDS LOVE





# to Learn





# We look forward *to meeting you!*

Call today  
to speak to our Admissions Department  
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