



# Family Tree Private School

**Name:**

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Family Tree Ministries, Inc., 501 c 3 nonprofit organization

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Family Tree Private School (FTPS) opened in the fall of 1999 and is based in Madison County, Florida (formerly from Palm Beach County, Florida). FTPS provides opportunity for K-12 regular education students and students with disabilities statewide to receive one-on-one assistance and guidance as families and students take responsibility for their education.

FTPS has four diploma options and provides a multitude of course work, activities and curricula from well-respected researched based educational products and coordinates opportunities through collaborative efforts with other educational and community institutions to provide exceptional educational experiences. Annual standardized testing is required, and other testing options are available based upon students' needs and chosen diploma option.

**Credentials:**

Florida Department of Education (DOE) # 3292

National College Board Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) # 101-618

Florida Teaching Certificate # 542928 for 30 years

Florida Name Registration # G00236900044

Florida Non-profit Corp. # N00000005146

I.R.S. E.I.N. # 65-1030629

Family Tree Private School is a *branch* of Family Tree Ministries, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization

Director, Nancy Moral holds a Master Degree in Educational Technology and Research from FAU



## School Profile

Family Tree Private School has met all legal requirements for recognition within the state of Florida to meet all compulsory education laws. FTPS is eligible for dual enrollment and articulation privileges in all public schools and colleges as dictated by Florida Department of Education (DOE) policies. Dual enrollment opportunities and transfer to most private schools and colleges are also available providing requirements are met, e.g., residency, SAT scores, etc. Our students participate in Florida Virtual School online courses, state scholarship programs and all other public programs within the state which are available to every other private school (unless prohibited by law or DOE policy).

Graduates of Family Tree Private School have been accepted into several branches of the military, high security government jobs and scores of colleges to include state community colleges and upper-level colleges, such as Nova Southeastern University, Palm Beach State College, South University, University of South Florida, Lynn University, Florida Atlantic University, The University of New Mexico, Palm Beach Atlantic University, University of Florida, Baylor University, and South Eastern University and others.

FTPS chooses to affiliate with some groups, such as the Florida Parent Educator's Association (FPEA) yet will not list with other optional groups, such as sports organizations, scholastic fraternities or accrediting associations (which are not legally required). *Parents should check with a college or sports program they think their child may be interested in participating with while dually enrolled with, or as a graduate of FTPS before enrolling with FTPS to see if requirements can be met at FTPS. It may be required that the school become a "member" or be "listed" with them as a requirement for your student to be part of their program.*

### **Uniqueness:**

Family Tree Private School is unique in its collaboration with the homeschooling community. All "homeschooling" was conducted exclusively in private schools like FTPS before the mid 80's in Florida. In the mid 80's however, students were invited to register "publicly" with their district (county) as homeschoolers while others had the option to remain enrolled in private schools as they homeschooled. Students that remained in private schools continue to be considered *private school students* for all intents and purposes of the law though they are "homeschooled".



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Curricula offered and assigned by FTPS is high quality and researched based and includes; Accelerated Christian Education - School of Tomorrow "Paces", The American School, A Beka, Alpha & Omega - Switched on Schoolhouse, Rod & Staff, The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), Florida Virtual School, Internet4Classrooms courses and many others. Curriculum content contrary to Biblical truths and precepts, or content opposed to securing and protecting American ideals of individual liberty and American exceptionalism are not recommended - notwithstanding the necessity and benefit to receive information on diverging beliefs and customs to appreciate and respect others' choices.

FTPS offers 4 diploma options; Vocational, Standard, College Track and Honors with a minimum of 25 credits and 75 hours community service hours required for all graduates. One credit is equal to 150 instructional hours with 2 semesters per year on a 9-week quarterly schedule.

### **Grading and Ranking Procedures:**

Students are graded using an un-weighted, 4.0 grading scale for course work. A student's overall Grade Point Average (GPA) is determined by averaging grades and is verified by standardized testing used to support the GPA. The GPA is computed using quality points and can be affected by low standardized test scores. Beginning with grade 9, all subjects whether passed or failed are included in the computation. The school does not participate in a "ranking" schedule nor track percentages of post high school placement statistics.

### **Extracurricular Opportunities:**

Activities and opportunities whether private or public that have educational value can be chosen by parents and used to complement course work. Reference guides recommended for parents to use for educational planning are the Florida Department of Education Florida Course Code Directory and the Scope and Sequence material for their chosen curricula.

### **Program Quality:**

Family Tree Private School's program is superior in many ways to a standalone traditional teacher centered classroom model since this program provides real choices with quality controls and high standards. Teacher centered activities should be only a part of students' experiences. Family Tree Private School has been a leader in the non-traditional education movement and actually coined the terms "non-traditional" and "parent-directed" models referring to the homeschooling model when Director, Nancy Moral was invited to speak before a Florida senate sub-committee during



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negotiations for use of the McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities in FTSP. The use of the McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities in a non-traditional school setting was a very successful program in FTSP for 4 years where the students' allocated tax dollars followed them for special education services chosen by parents and vetted by the school. Our story of success ended after 4 years of success when legislation outlawed continued use of scholarship funds in our school model (without a building and direct physical instruction from a state certified teacher). Now though, our model is used nationwide! *We are very proud to pioneers of innovation and the impetus for this great change!*

FTSP is guided by principals of a Biblical foundation, sound educational practices and research. The school's unique and accountable learning program was designed by Nancy Moral, a highly qualified and highly trained and experienced education professional with a Master's degree in Educational Technology and Research, holding a Professional Educator Certification in Florida for over 30 years and serving as a board member for seven years in a K-12 school accrediting association ([FCCPSA](#)) specializing in non-traditional K-12 Schools; and for 2 years as an advisory board member of a statewide homeschooling organization ([FPEA](#)).

Thank you for your interest in Family Tree Private School.

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