

## School Profile School

**Name:**

Family Tree Private School

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 Broward and Palm Beach counties). FTPS provides the 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 testing options are available based upon students' needs and 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

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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 DOE policy and most private schools and colleges providing requirements are met, e.g., residency, SAT scores, etc. Our students participate in Florida Virtual School online courses and Florida state scholarship

programs and are eligible for 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 (none of these are legally required). Parents should check with a college or sports program they think their child may be interested in participating with (as a dually enrolled student) before joining FTPS to see if there is a requirement that FTPS must meet, such as becoming a "member" or being "listed" with them as a requirement for your student to be eligible for acceptance in that organization.

### **Uniqueness:**

Family Tree Private School is unique in its collaboration with the homeschooling community. Before the mid 80's in Florida, "homeschooling" was conducted exclusively in private schools like FTPS. Then, in the mid 80's students were invited to register "publicly" with the district as homeschoolers while others remained enrolled in private schools. Curriculum offered and assigned by FTPS is high quality and researched based and includes: The Accelerated Christian Education -School of Tomorrow, 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 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 graduation. One credit is equal to 150 instructional hours. The academic program is divided into 2 semesters per year, on a 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 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:**

All accessible activities and opportunities whether private or available to the public that have educational value which are chosen by parents can be used to complement course work. The guide and reference used for all courses is the Florida Department of Education Florida Course Code Directory.

### **Program Quality:**

Family Tree Private School’s program is superior 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 and is a leader in the non-traditional education movement and actually coined the phrase “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 negotiations for use of the McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities. The use of the McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities in a non-traditional school setting was a very successful program in FTPS where the students’ allocated tax dollars followed them for special education services chosen by the parent and vetted by the school.

FTPS is guided by principals of 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.

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