

# Legacy High School

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## MISSION

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The mission of Legacy High School is to prepare its students for the future by providing an academic program that will meet the needs of the individual students in attendance, as well as prepare them for leadership and life within the community. Legacy High School provides a regular diploma through Leadership Academy for students seeking a highly academic program, preparing them for further training and/or higher education. A special diploma is provided through Life Academy for ESE students seeking a program that will prepare them for life within the community by teaching life skills, academic skills and employment skills. Life Academy students inclusion opportunities with Leadership Academy students, and Leadership Academy students provide friendship and mentoring for Life Academy students. Legacy High School is committed to offering programs that allow each child to grow academically, socially, physically and emotionally. A variety of innovations are used to accomplish these goals.

## WHAT IS A CHARTER SCHOOL?

Charter schools are nonsec-  
tarian public schools of choice  
that operate with freedom  
from many of the regulations  
that apply to traditional public  
schools. The "charter" estab-  
lishing each such school is a  
performance contract detailing  
the school's mission, program,  
goals, students served, meth-  
ods of assessment, and ways  
to measure success. The  
length of time for which char-  
ters are granted varies, but  
most are granted for 3-5 years.  
At the end of the term, the en-  
tity granting the charter may  
renew the school's contract.  
Charter schools are accounta-

ble to their sponsor-- usually a  
state or local school board-- to  
produce positive academic re-  
sults and adhere to the charter  
contract. The basic concept of  
charter schools is that they exer-  
cise increased autonomy in re-  
turn for this accountability.  
They are accountable for both  
academic results and fiscal  
practices. For more information  
on charter schools in general,  
consult the web site for Orange  
County Public Schools  
(<http://www.ocps.k12.fl.us/>).  
Legacy High School is funded  
through Orange County and  
school fundraising activities. It

is not affiliated with any reli-  
gious organization.

A charter school is a  
"school of choice"; parent  
commitment is not only neces-  
sary but a requirement of our  
charter. Parents are required  
to attend monthly parent meet-  
ings and volunteer 20 hours  
per year or donate supplies to  
the school to receive 1 hour  
credit for every \$10.00 value.  
OCPS is required to provide  
free public education for each  
student, and your child is as-  
signed to a school that is avail-  
able to him/her. Legacy High  
School is a "school of choice".

The School Board of Orange County, Florida, does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, marital status, disability or any other reason prohibited by law.

## WHAT IS LEGACY'S ENROLLMENT PROCESS?

The **Enrollment Process** is governed by state requirements. Registrations can only be accepted for the next school year during Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment is held each year during the first week of March. It is not a first-come/first-served enrollment. At the end of the week, if more registration forms are received than there are openings in a class, all the registrations will be placed in a lottery. Every registration will be chosen and given a lottery number. After the open positions are filled, the remaining registrations will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which they were chosen through the lottery. When an opening occurs, the school will contact the first person on the waiting list. If that person does not accept the position, the school will continue to contact those on the waiting list until the position is filled. As additional registration forms are received, they will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. This enrollment process must be repeated each year. If the school is unable to accept someone on the waiting list for one year, that person must re-apply for the next year. Waiting lists do not carry over from one year to another.

When an applicant is offered a position, parents will be asked to meet with the Director to learn about the school's policies and be able to ask whatever questions they might have. Also, we want parents to understand the commitment which they are being asked to make in accepting the position. Unfortunately, we do not have the personnel available to offer individual tours to anyone unless we have an opening to offer them.

## WHAT ARE LEGACY'S ACADEMICS?

The Sunshine State Standards are used as a basis for development of the courses. Legacy High School's 9-week report is in part based on student proficiency in the Sunshine State Standards for each course. Programs will utilize Shurley Grammar and Writing, SRA Reading Labs, Pearson Learning Successmaker, and Saxon Math. Science and Social Studies will be developed in association with Sunshine State Standards. In addition, Leadership Academy students will be taught leadership skills, character development and personal organizational skills using the Franklin Covey materials. Also, each student will be involved in a community service program that will pair students with community opportunities based on interests, abilities and time available. Dual enrollment opportunities with Valencia Community College will be established for students academically ready for that challenge. FCAT testing will be administered. Life Academy students will be enrolled in courses approved to receive a special diploma. They will have their own homeroom which will serve as space for their Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science and Life Skills courses.

## DO YOU HAVE...?

**Outside School Activities** and **Field Trips** are scheduled to enhance the current area of study. While some of these are free of charge, others do require a fee. For example: each class visits the public library once a month as part of their English studies; this is a free trip. A field trip to the local fire station is free while a field trip to the Science Center requires a fee.

Students at Legacy High School are required to wear **Uniforms**. These uniforms consist of slacks, shorts, capris, skirts or skorts combined with a school-approved embroidered top. The bottoms must meet our handbook guidelines. Our supplier of embroidered tops is Photograph-X in Ocoee. They also offer sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets, in approved colors, for cooler weather. A detailed uniform guide is given to families after enrollment.

Legacy High School follows a **Healthy Eating Plan**. Lunches and snacks cannot contain cookies, candy, cake, soft drinks, etc. The basic guideline is that sugar cannot be among the first 3 ingredients in a product or exceed 6 grams per serving. In addition to a lunch and a snack, each student must bring a water bottle every day. The school has a catered lunch program available.

Regular **School Hours** are 7:30 a.m. to 2:31 p.m. every day. There is no early dismissal on Wednesday. Students are dropped off and picked up through a Car Circle system. Parents must sign-in late arriving students and sign-out early departing students. This is done through the office.

An **Extended Day Program** is offered for the convenience of those parents who are unable to drop-off or pick-up at school times. Students must be supervised at all times. Before-care begins at 7:00 a.m. and after-care extends until 6:00 p.m. The cost for extended day is charged on a weekly basis, regardless of the number of days used, and is payable in advance. Payment is due each Monday for that current week. Cost for the current school year is available at Meet-The-Teacher in August. Students who are not picked up within 15 minutes of dismissal will be placed in after-care and payment will be due.

As needed, **Alerts** are sent to parents via email, telephone or text (as determined when the parent signs up for the alert system) to discuss important issues and upcoming events at the school. Written communications are sent through student backpacks which parents should check every day.

A registration form for each student must be completed and submitted to Legacy High School to begin the enrollment process.