



*Invest
in a child...*

REAL CHILDREN... REAL SUCCESS.



Michael A 7th Grader

Academy Prep keeps me very busy with tough classes, band, chess, karate, and really fun Saturday field trips. My teachers tell me to strive to be my very best, and I know they care about me.

For instance, every day at morning convocation, our head of school says "Get the Little Things Right!" My school helps me mature and prepare for my future. I stay on the

honor roll. I am already researching the University of North Carolina to study medicine.

Emmanuel A Graduate

When I first came to Academy Prep, it was not so easy. I didn't like the long hours or staying for study hall — I was in there a lot. My history teacher told me, "You have to want it, Emmanuel, to really succeed." I realized that my teachers understood and cared for me.

My mind opened to new ways of looking at the world. Chess was not a boring game like I thought; it helped me focus in classes. Actually, I started winning! I discovered I loved science, and now I plan to become a surgeon. I was taught new skills in leadership, serving others, and teamwork. Our small class of boys challenged each other to do more. Best of all, Academy Prep introduced me to the finest high schools in the area, and I now attend Berkeley Preparatory School. *And* Academy Prep will help me find the right fit for college to reach my goals in life.

I have learned through my mom's sacrifice and from Academy Prep that to live a fulfilled life, I have to give back. When I grow up, I would like to join the Academy Prep Board of Trustees and increase the number of our schools. Academy Prep has changed my life — it is my family.



Norma A Mother

Growing up, what I learned about life, I learned mostly by myself. My mother, as a single-parent in the Bronx, struggled day-to-day supporting six children. No one ever told me about college. Even after a ten-year career on Wall Street, not one person encouraged me to attend college.

Married in my early 30s, I was blessed with two incredible children. A divorce followed, and the boys and I moved to Tampa to be close to family. As a single mom, I wondered if I would be able to prepare my children for life. I needed help to ensure great opportunities for my boys; especially one opportunity I did not have - college.

The moment I walked onto the Academy Prep Center campus, I found the help we needed! The individual

attention; tough academics; extensive community activities; involved families; and support for graduates through college show us the big picture of life. The boys are excelling! Now, I am not alone in raising my bright children. Believe me, for the rest of our lives, we will be a part of the Academy Prep family.



*Transform
Lives.*

Academy Prep and the Tampa Bay Community

Many **remarkable** young people, without means, dream of a real opportunity for success and fulfillment. These children are **talented, creative**, and have the **drive** to lead **productive** lives. They could become adults who **give back** to our communities.

These children live in some of the poorest communities in Tampa Bay. Their families struggle day to day to make ends meet. They know few people who have graduated from college, and they lack access to our community's rich learning opportunities. These are the students that Academy Prep serves and guides. With your help, we can introduce them to the larger world we all share.

Serving over 300 middle, high school and college students annually, Academy Prep relies on the support of Tampa Bay individuals, companies, foundations, and organizations

to operate our two education Centers in south St. Petersburg and Ybor City. We hope you will join us in transforming our students' lives and even your own.



More Than a School

We provide students an exemplary, preparatory middle school education combined with comprehensive life-skills training activities. To ensure success, our Graduate Support Program provides an array of services, following our graduates all the way through high school, college, and into their careers. This educational structure results in young adults who believe in their future and know how to achieve their dreams.



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Results That Matter

- ✦ **97%** of Academy Prep's graduates are succeeding in high school, college, or in their first careers.
- ✦ Our students hold one of the **highest attendance rates** for middle schools anywhere – public or private - **above 97.5%** each year!
- ✦ Students know the world of Shakespeare, Dali, Pasteur, and Gandhi; train in **leadership** and **teamwork**; work alongside community leaders; excel in art shows, baseball, karate, and chess; and provide service to our communities. They are learning to be our **future leaders**.



"The Academy Prep students are all different, but there is one common unity amongst us - the ability to work hard, focus, and notice that success is right around the corner. Academy Prep has molded us into responsible, mature, and educated young men and women."

Jorge, Valedictorian,
Class of 2007, freshman, Phillips Exeter, New Hampshire.

- ✦ Most students celebrate Academy Prep's commencement ceremony with test scores **two to four years ahead of grade level**. They proudly stride to excellent high schools and colleges, including:
 - > Admiral Farragut, Academy of the Holy Names, Berkeley Prep, Canterbury School, Culver Military Academy (IN), Jesuit High School, The Masters School (NY), Phillips Exeter (NH), Shorecrest Prep, St. Andrew's Schools (DE & TN), St. Petersburg Catholic, Tampa Prep, and public magnet programs.
 - > Assumption College, Bethune-Cookman College, Dickinson College, Eckerd College, Howard University, St. Petersburg College, and the Universities of Central Florida and South Florida.

the difference.

Academy Prep - Strategies That Work

Our educational strategies are implemented by a talented corps of highly experienced teachers and staff, along with an extensive array of community volunteers and partnering companies, who mentor and coach every child, every day.

- ✦ **Unique School Structure** — Provides 4 years of private, preparatory education for 5th through 8th grade students supported financially by the Tampa Bay community. Students attend up to **11 hours a day, 6 days a week, 11 months of the year**, in small, single gender classes with a maximum capacity of 120 students per school.
- ✦ **Demanding Academics Combined with Rigorous Skills Building Enrichment** — Challenges students, resulting in standardized test scores well above average grade levels. The afternoon and Saturday activities expand their horizons through visual arts, music, drama, sports, clubs, life-skills training and community service.

- ✦ **Our Unique Graduate Support Program** — delivers services beyond guidance...all the way through college. Graduate Support helps our AP graduates manage high school and college life, monitors their academics, and requires alumni to coach younger AP students. When tough personal or family times do occur, our team is there to ensure AP graduates stay "on track."

- ✦ **Families** — Commit over 6,000 hours of volunteer support each year. Academy Prep families reinforce their students' academic goals by attending school orientations and quarterly teacher-parent conferences, monitoring study hall, helping with school functions, and participating in all other aspects of our schools.



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Opportunities to Invest in a Child

Donors and volunteers enjoy getting to know students and their families, staff, and each other in our remarkable Academy Prep community that embraces our students.

Tuition Scholarship Fund: Participate in this dynamic approach by funding a full, annual tuition scholarship for one student at \$13,500 a year, or contribute a partial sponsorship of \$5,000. You can make a multi-year pledge to experience students' success during their entire Academy Prep tenure.


Programs: You may fund an academic program such as the science lab, art classes, or the daily enrichment activities. Programs vary in cost and purpose.

Annual Gift: All gifts matter - \$20 provides meals for one student a week, \$100 supports a Saturday activity, \$1,000 covers a drama production, or \$2,500 purchases class books. Recurring gifts can be donated at regular intervals of your choice.

Endowment Gifts: You can help sustain Academy Prep Centers as well as support our mission to operate more schools in the Tampa Bay region. Friends can leave a legacy donation through a major gift, stock transfer, estate bequest, or property.

Volunteer: Academy Prep's volunteers provide over 16,000 hours each year in every aspect of our operation. There is a perfect place for your involvement with our students.

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