

# Church-School



**Things you need to know**

# **It Takes a Pastor with a Burden**

**While the pastor needs buy-in from the congregation, he is the deciding factor in its success or failure.**

# Great Commission Obedience

**18** And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

**19** Go therefore and ***make disciples*** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**20 *teaching*** them to observe ***all*** that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

# A Historic Opportunity

- When in the history of the world has a government refunded tax money to families for the purpose of education; education led by and facilitated by local churches?
- Florida has more students receiving vouchers to private schools than all other states combined.
- Florida is a leading a revolution in education.

# Do we need another christian school?

42,678 students

Marion County Public Schools is an above average, public school district with a student-teacher ratio of 21 to 1.

## SBC Church-Schools

Dunnellon Christian Academy-**232** students

Gracepointe Academy-**140** students

Building Bridges Academy-**54** students

# Hallway Conversations

- Begin vision casting to key church members long before you present a plan
- Determine who shares your burden
- Begin considering strengths in your membership
- Walk the classrooms with your people
- Assess what you already have

# Church Action

- Preach a series on disciple-making through a school—Go out on a limb
- Appoint an investigatory committee that reports to the church a school’s feasibility.
- Budget Expenses through stewardship committee
- Reappoint the same investigatory committee as a “school committee.”
  - Set a Schedule
  - Pastor to lead

# Start Small

- 15 months to plan, promote and comply—One person to spearhead
- Identify your community's need
- One grade or combination
- One teacher





# Qualifying to receive Vouchers

1. **Register** with the Department of Education. Fill out a the non-public school annual survey form online. [Annual Survey \(fldoe.org\)](https://fldoe.org/annual-survey)
2. **Requirements checklist** [Requirements for Participating in State Scholarship Programs \(fldoe.org\)](https://fldoe.org/requirements)

Rezoning your Church  
Fire inspection  
Water Inspection (wells)  
Health Inspection  
Proof of Bond

Website with anti-discrimination policy  
Background checks, trained in Falcon  
Teacher files  
Radon test

# Partners

- **Marion County zoning department**
- **D.O.E.**
- **Step Up for students**
- **Sister church-school**

# Integrating Church and School

- Do you already have teachers?
- Volunteer secretarial work?
- Someone who can design promotional materials?
- School Board
- Clubs
  - Baking, crochet, sewing, fishing, board games, journalism, reading, puppets, band, etc.
- Always have items church members can supply. i.e. School supplies, scholarships, snacks etc.
- Prayer Cards

# Things to Avoid

- Us vs. Them mentality
- Creating a Cash Cow
- Laxing standards on hiring
- Taking good ideas from wherever
- Being afraid to charge people
- Being afraid of letting disruptive students go
- Being afraid to shoot straight with church leaders
- Being afraid to be blamed if it fails

# Expect Growth

## **2021-2022**

1 FT Teacher, 2 PT Teachers

13 students

2 students dismissed first year

## **2022-2023**

3 FT teachers, 1 FT principal, 2 PT teachers

33 students

Dismissed four students

## **2023-2024**

3 FT Teachers, 1 FT Principal, 4 PT Teachers

1 FT Property Manager

56 Students

Accredited through CJACS

# Financial Blessing to Churches

At Ocklawaha Bridge Baptist Church...

- 10% Occupancy
  - 5% Funds our Missions budget
  - 5% Funds a Building Fund
- \$1,000 Monthly Utilities
- Fully-funded Property Manager

# Growth

- Wednesday Youth ministry is almost all BBA students
- Many Sunday morning attendees
- 1 Family joined
- 2 Baptisms