



Florida State University Schools Elementary School

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Community

Tallahassee is located in Leon County, Florida, a rapidly growing community of 245,000 permanent residents and 65,000 college students. The economy is based primarily on state government, two major universities, a large community college, and a regional medical complex. As the state's capital, Tallahassee is the cultural and professional center of North Florida.

School

Established in 1851, Florida State University Schools began as the preparatory department for aspiring teachers attending Florida State University. In 1930, Florida High graduated its first senior class consisting of 11 students. Some 75 years later, 136 students received their diplomas as members of the 2005 Florida High graduating class. Throughout the years, the school has been established as a K-12 public school district under Florida Statute (229.591 f.s), a developmental research school (228.053 f.s), and a university charter school (228.056 f.s). Florida High is a regional school of choice located within the Education Village at SouthWood in southeast Tallahassee on a 50-acre site with 10 buildings, a state-of-the-art athletic complex, and an art gallery. Florida State University School is very proud to have received an "A" rating from the Department of Education for the past 5 years.

Faculty

The Elementary School has 37 faculty members providing instruction in mathematics, science, social studies, reading, writing, remedial reading, art, music, Spanish, and physical education.

Curriculum

Students are provided instruction in the core curriculum through different approaches. Students can be assigned to self-contained classrooms, team teaching classes (two teachers working together), three teachers working together, or a multi-age classroom. We have two different multi-age classes, one first and second grades and one third, fourth, and fifth grades. Students are placed in appropriate situations based on teacher input. A full – time Title I teacher works with struggling readers and an Exceptional Student Educator works with students who have individual education plans. We also employ a part-time gifted instructor who works with identified gifted students.

<u>Scale</u>	<u>Grading Scale</u> <u>Grade</u>
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
0-59	F

The FSUS Elementary School houses 502 students in grades K-5. As an A+ school for the past seven years, we are committed to fostering traditions that encourage students and staff to improve their academic, physical and emotional well-being. Teachers teach three grade levels in reading, math and science, or writing and social studies. The classrooms are open areas with interactive learning. Each permanent building houses four homeroom teachers, and four of our buildings contain a resource teacher. In addition to our permanent classrooms, we have two portable classrooms and one free standing classroom (for a total of 27 classrooms).

EXCELLENCE IS OUR STANDARD!



2007-2008 Enrollment Kindergarten – 72 3rd grade - 86
1st grade – 80 4th grade - 87
2nd grade – 80 5th grade - 96

Accreditation Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
A+ School for the past 5 years

School Year Nine-week grading periods
Two grading periods per semester
Two semesters

Academics

- Multicultural Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Honor Roll Recognition

Special Programs

- Math-A-Thon
- Tropicana 4-H Speech Contest
- Student Art Projects
- Daily Physical Education
- Awards Ceremonies
- Research Projects with Florida State University

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