



# Flying Trees Academy Application for the 2024-2025 School Year

Dear parent(s) or guardian(s),

Thank you for considering Flying Trees Academy for your child's educational and personal development. In order to apply,\* mail the completed application form, relevant paperwork as requested below, and a nonrefundable application fee of \$35 to us at Flying Trees Academy, Poland Presbyterian Church, 2 Poland Manor, Poland OH 44514. Your application will be processed once we have received everything. At that time, we will contact you to discuss the next steps, which include having you and your child visit the classroom and having your child participate in individualized achievement testing. Your application fee includes the cost of testing. You will receive a formal report of your child's achievement levels in the core academic subjects of reading and math after testing is complete. After that time, we will follow up with you to discuss our decision regarding your child's application for enrollment.

Priority applications are due by February 16, 2024. Then, a rolling admissions period will last through April 15, 2024. After the admissions period is over, we may accept applications on a rolling basis if space permits. If you want to inquire about current enrollment availability before applying, please email, text, or call us.

Thank you for your interest in Flying Trees Academy. We look forward to reviewing your application and potentially enrolling your child in our academy.

Sincerely Dr. Jaelyn Farris, Director

\*Parents and children are welcome to schedule classroom visits prior to applying, but testing and consideration of applications will not occur until all materials and the application fee have been received.

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## **Admissions Statement**

Children are selected for admission to Flying Trees Academy (FTA) on the basis of developmental maturity, readiness, and suitability for our unique and innovative program. In all cases, Flying Trees Academy retains the right to determine, at its sole discretion, whether or not to select a child for admission or to re-enroll a child. The Director has ultimate authority and sole discretion in decisions regarding whether or not to admit or re-enroll a child. Typically, those decisions are based upon multiple criteria which include but are not limited to the child's academic readiness, socioemotional maturity, and behavioral fit with the program; diversity and gender balance; and the appropriateness of the match between the family and Flying Trees Academy Academy. Flying Trees Academy admits children of any sex, gender identity, race, color, religion, or national or ethnic origin, or any other personal or cultural characteristic in the administration of its educational policies, admissions, or other FTA-administered program. All persons are encouraged to apply.

## **Applicant Information**

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	thdate (mm/dd/yyyy					
Child's Ag	e as of September 30,	2024:				
Child's Gra	ade Level as of the 202	23-202	24 School Year (cu	rrent s	school year):	
Child's Gra	ade Level as of the 202	24-202	25 School Year (up	comin	ng school year):	
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Child's Gender Identity:       □       Female       □       Male         □       Other (describe):						
<b>Child's Citizenship:</b> Is your child a citizen of the United States?						
Child's Ra	ce/Ethnicity (check a	ull tha	t apply):			
	White		Black		Latino/Latina/Latinx	
	Asian American				Native American	
	Other (describe):					
	Asian American		Middle Eastern		Native American	



### Why do we ask about gender, citizenship, and race/ethnicity?

Characteristics such as gender identity, citizenship, race, and ethnicity are aspects of a person's culture. Flying Trees Academy values cultural diversity and believes that exposing children to various cultures aids in their development as a well-rounded human being. We pride ourselves in being a safe, welcoming place for students of all cultures, we actively teach our students about issues related to culture and social justice, and we want to include children from a variety of cultures in our program. Your response will not have a bearing on your child's acceptance to FTA; this question is for informational purposes only.

#### Statement of Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion

It is important to us that Flying Trees Academy feels like a welcoming space for all children and families who enroll in our program. We want all children to feel comfortable and supported in being who they are. We want all children to feel like they belong here. Just as diversity in nature creates a stronger ecosystem, diversity in our program creates a stronger organization. We also believe that our inclusive environment instills in our students basic attitudes of kindness and open-mindedness that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. All persons are encouraged to apply.

Do you feel that your child might experience any hurdles to enrollment due to factors beyond their control (such as cultural or religious differences, being a person of color, having a unique family structure, being gender expansive, having language barriers, etc.)?

 $\Box$  Yes  $\Box$  No

If yes, please describe:

#### Past School Experiences

The following questions are designed to ensure that we are able to provide any accommodations your child may need if they attend Flying Trees Academy. This is delicate information that we will treat with sensitivity. Failure to disclose this information could affect your child's continued enrollment if they are accepted to FTA. Include a copy of all reports and documents related to any special needs your child has upon submission of this application.

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Tell us about your child's past school experiences (e.g., did they attend a public or private school, did you homeschool or unschool them, did you do something different in the last few years due to the pandemic?): \_\_\_\_\_\_

	Flying Trees Academy Helping Children Develop Their Roots and Wings	
	wer been tested or assessed for any special needs (such as education of the second sec	ional
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# Parent/Guardian Information

#### Parent/Guardian 1

Please tell us who should be our primary contact for this child. The primary contact is generally the person who is also fiscally responsible for tuition unless otherwise indicated in writing.

Name (first, middle, last): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Place of Employment & Job Title:

Preferred Phone Number:

Preferred Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2

If applicable, tell us who should be our secondary contact for this child.

Name (first, middle, last):

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Place of Employment & Job Title:

Preferred Phone Number:

<b>Preferred Email Address:</b>	

#### **Custody Information**

It is essential that we are able to keep all children safe. Does your child have any custody or family situations that would challenge our ability to ensure your child's safety? For example, is your family going through a difficult divorce and custody situation in which a noncustodial parent may attempt to pick up the child from the program when they are not authorized to do so?

- ☐ Yes, my child is experiencing a challenging situation like this.
- □ No, my child is not experiencing a challenging situation like this.

#### If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Statement of Interest and Fit

We understand that a variety of factors are at play when considering educational options for your child. Flying Trees Academy offers an innovative approach that is unlike anything else in our area and is very different from the traditional schooling model. In order to create a sense of community and also allow us to study and scale this approach, it is essential that our enrolled families agree with the innovative academic approach that is being used at FTA, are willing to let their child be educated in the classroom using this approach, and will aim to create a home learning environment that is consistent with what we're doing at FTA. With this in mind, describe why you are interested in sending your child to Flying Trees Academy. Include in your description the ways in which your goals for your child's education align with our approach at Flying Trees Academy. You may attach another page if needed. (Before completing this section, please review our website to find more information about our mission, values, and academic approach to ensure that your goals for your child's education and development are a good fit with our program.)

#### Covid-19 and Other Communicable Disease Protocols

Flying Trees Academy is a health-conscious program. We followed strict Covid-19 protocols in prior years, and may resume those in the future if/when warranted for Covid-19 and/or other communicable diseases. These protocols may involve practices including but not limited to wearing face masks, practicing social distancing, limiting the number of people in the classroom, and adhering to stringent protective / preventive procedures based on guidance from the CDC and local health departments as well as best practices from ongoing scientific research. Although children enrolled in FTA are not yet required to have the Covid vaccine, they are required to be current on all other routine childhood immunizations. (See <a href="http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS01305/pdf/">http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS01305/pdf/</a> for a list of required vaccines.) Your submission of this application indicates that you understand and agree to abide by these protocols if your child attends FTA.

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### Consent for Review of Application

Your signature indicates that: (1) all information on this form is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge, (2) you provide consent for us to talk with your child during their classroom visit and for your child to participate in relevant testing for which you may be present, (3) you provide consent for us to use your child's de-identified data for research, marketing, and related purposes, and (4) you understand that your submission of this application and the nonrefundable application fee do not guarantee that your child will be admitted to Flying Trees Academy.

### Parent/Guardian #1:

Name (print legibly)	Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian #2 (optional):		
Name (print legibly)	Signature	Date

You may add names/signatures/dates below if there are more than two legal parents/guardians.