**Mission**

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 nonsectarian public schools of choice that operate with freedom from many of the regulations that apply to traditional public schools. The "charter" establishing each such school is a performance contract detailing the school's mission, program, goals, students served, methods of assessment, and ways to measure success. The length of time for which charters are granted varies, but most are granted for 3-5 years. At the end of the term, the entity granting the charter may renew the school's contract. Charter schools are accountable to their sponsor-- usually a state or local school board-- to produce positive academic results and adhere to the charter contract. The basic concept of charter schools is that they exercise increased autonomy in return 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 religious organization.

A charter school is a “school of choice”; parent commitment is not only necessary but a requirement of our charter. Parents are required to attend monthly parent meetings 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 assigned to a school that is available to him/her. Legacy High School is a “school of choice”.

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Title VI: No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

504: No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall, solely by reason of her/his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Title IX: Prohibits all sex discrimination in federally funded education programs or activities, which includes all public schools, colleges and universities and most private schools, as well. The ban on sex discrimination includes sexual harassment and sexual assault. Title IX applies to students, school employees, or anyone present on campus regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, or disability status.
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. A registration form for each student must be completed and submitted to Legacy High School to begin the enrollment process.

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, Field Trips and Sports Programs are scheduled to enhance the current area of study.

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 also offers sweaters, sweatshirts and jackets, in approved colors, for cooler weather. A student/parent manual is available on our web site.

Legacy High School follows a Healthy Eating Plan. Lunches and snacks cannot contain cookies, candy, cake, soft drinks, etc. The basic guidelines are on our web site. In addition to a lunch, each student must bring a water bottle every day. The school has a catered lunch program available.

Regular School Hours are listed in our student/parent manual. 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 to notify parents of important issues and upcoming events at the school.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.HOPECHARTER.ORG