



# THE VANGUARD SCHOOL

Lake Wales, Florida

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## School Profile

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## ATHLETICS

Cross Country, Track and Field,  
Archery, Basketball, Swim, Golf,  
Tennis, Weightlifting

## CLUBS

Chess, Board gaming, Reading,  
Movies, Anime, Leadership, Pep  
Squad, Fishing, Pride, and more

## The School and Community

The Vanguard School is an inclusive preparatory boarding and day school dedicated to empowering neurodiverse learners. We specialize in providing an individualized environment for learners to connect to learning, find a community, build confidence, and seek to identify value in themselves and others. We strive to produce adults with the grit and skills to pursue personal interests and goals.

Our school was first established in Pennsylvania as a day school in 1960. In 1966, The Vanguard School began serving students in central Florida and continues to operate as a residential boarding school governed by a Board of Trustees, serving a diverse community of students from 15 states and 15 countries each academic year.

## Academics

The Vanguard School welcomes learners by meeting them at their social/emotional and academic skill level and provides strategy and skill support at their individualized learning pace.

While offering small class size, assistive technology, social pragmatic support, and learning accommodations to all students, success in and out of the classroom is met to increase confidence and connection to academic pursuit.

The Vanguard School follows Florida state standards as all graduates receive a standard academic diploma based on a minimum of 24 credits. Skill-based testing is completed each spring to inform development, re-enrollment placement and student plan updates. GPA is weighted based on honors (0.5 quality point) classes, and the GPA is cumulative for grades 9-12.

• A	100-90%	4 (Reg. Points)	4.5 (Honors Points)
• B	89-80%	3	3.5
• C	79-70%	2	2.5
• D	69-60%	1	1.5
• F	59-0%	0	0

Core academics include mathematics, reading, science, language arts, and history. Electives include physical education, studio arts, culinary arts, journalism, Spanish, graphics/technology, woodworking, and metals.

The Dual Enrollment program is an acceleration program that allows high school students to simultaneously earn credit toward high school completion and a career certificate, an associate, or baccalaureate degree at a Florida public institution. Qualifying high school level students can participate in the Dual Enrollment Program at Vanguard's partner Institutions, Polk State College, Webber University, and/or Ridge Technical College. The Vanguard School provides guidance, tutoring, and transportation for these students as they build college credits and applicable experience.



## Community Demographics

### Academic Schedule

Monday-Friday  
7 academic classes  
Study Hall

### Academic Calendar

2 Semesters (4 Terms)  
August - December  
January - May

Summer Camp (Optional)  
July (4 Weeks)

### Accreditation



**8:1**  
Student to Faculty

**20%**  
International

**Asian**  
**Black**  
**Caucasian**  
**Latinx/Hispanic**  
**Multi-Cultural**  
**Native American**

**2:1**  
Male to Female  
**70%**  
Boarding

## Core Values

At The Vanguard School, our core values provide the framework for each student's guided development in personal growth. Students learn to understand the importance of Integrity for using and appreciating the truth of themselves and others. Integrity builds trust and, in turn, develops relationships and deeper connections. With trust and honesty, students build Empathy for themselves and others. Students strive to learn how everyone can grow and understand themselves and others. Together, these values create a Community that accepts and welcomes everyone. Students build respect and support for each other and value what their individual skills, talents, and perspectives can bring to their families, friendships, classes, and broader communities. Healthy confidence grows, and healthy opportunities become a reality. These connections and realizations build Resilience in our students, resulting in self-development and peer-to-peer Leadership across the student community.

## College Acceptances 2016-2022

Aurora University  
Barry University  
Beacon College  
Brevard College  
Bryant University  
Cazenovia College  
College Living Experience  
College Living Experience (CLE)  
College of Central Florida  
Colorado Northwestern  
Eckerd College  
Embry Riddle University  
Five Towns College  
Flagler College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida Southwestern State College  
Full Sail University  
Grand Canyon University  
Harding University  
High Point University  
Hillsborough Community College  
Hofstra University  
Indian River State College  
Johnson and Wales University  
Johnson University

Lander University  
Landmark College  
Lesley University (Threshold)  
Lipscomb University  
Loyola University  
Lynn University  
Miami Dade College  
Minnesota Life College  
Mt. Saint Vincent University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Options Program at Brehm  
Polk State College  
Quinnipiac University  
Ridge Technical College  
Rollins College  
Santa Fe College  
SCAD (Savannah College of  
Art and Design)  
Simon Fraser University  
South Georgia State College  
South West Texas Junior College  
Southeastern University  
Southern Methodist University  
St. Johns College  
St. Leo University  
St. Petersburg College  
Stetson University

Towson University  
University of Alberta  
University of Arizona  
University of British Columbia  
University of California  
University of California-Davis  
University of Central Florida  
University of Central Florida (IES)  
University of Guelph  
University Of Maine  
University of Maryland  
University of Nebraska  
University of Nevada Las Vegas  
University of North Florida  
University of South Florida  
University of Tampa  
University of the Ozarks  
University of Toronto  
University of West Alabama  
University of West Florida  
Valencia College  
Warner University  
Webber University  
Western Oklahoma State  
York College