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Ascension Leadership Academy

Ascension Leadership Academy was established, as a component of Hope Academy, in the spring of 2016. Ascension Leadership Academy was the name given to the educational program for grades K-8 of Hope Academy, the AdvancED accredited school in Presbyterian Home for Children Educational System. The original purpose for adding the Ascension Leadership name to the K-8 educational program was to promote leadership, responsibility, and community involvement into the accredited academic program of Hope Academy. Since many of the students entering the 2018-2019 academic year had participated in this leadership approach to the academic program, the Board of Trustees voted in May of 2018 to replace the name of Hope Academy and unify all grades in the leadership component of the educational program and have all grades under one name. Ascension Leadership Academy is the name for all grades since the fall semester of the 2018-2019 academic year. There have been no changes to the AdvancED accredited academic program except the addition of activities to promote leadership, responsibility and community involvement. Ascension Leadership Academy is governed by the Presbyterian Home for Children's Board of Trustees. Ascension Leadership Academy's facility is provided through a partnership with the First Presbyterian Church of Talladega. The Director of Education oversees all school services in the Presbyterian Home Educational System. Since all components of Hope Academy's accredited educational program were maintained and only components to further strengthen the academic program were added, the name change did not change the accredited status for Ascension Leadership Academy. All programs within the Presbyterian Home for Children Educational System were AdvancED Accredited through the year 2020 and by being a school in good standing, received an extended accreditation through Cognia until June 30, 2024. Our purpose is to recognize the potential of each student and to convince each student that the only limiting factor to their achievement is their willingness and dedication to excel.

Major advantages for students attending Ascension Leadership Academy include:

- ◆ small class size
- ◆ personalized attention allows students and teacher to perform as a team
- ◆ exposure to a learning environment based on a high standard of excellence
- ◆ instructors with a high expectation for academic achievement
- ◆ close communication between parent, instructor, and child regarding all aspects of the child's development and education
- ◆ opportunities for development of leadership skills

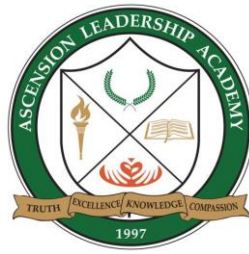
Additional Educational Information

History: The Presbyterian Home for Children Educational System opened its first school in 1997 to serve the residents of the Presbyterian Home for Children, a Christian caring community for children and families. Their first school, Hope Academy, received its accredited status in December of 2005 through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. That accreditation has continued under the accrediting authority of AdvancED recently renamed Cognia. Children and their families receive services regardless of race, color, creed, gender, national origin, religious affiliation, or disability.

Qualified teachers provide instruction utilizing curriculum aligned with Alabama Course of Study requirements and the Alabama Department of Education's Plan.

The Presbyterian Home for Children Educational System's graduates have demonstrated their educational interest and success through their acceptance to post-secondary schools and their pursuit of post-secondary degrees. Our graduates attend the University of Alabama, University of Alabama in Birmingham, Auburn University, Jacksonville State University, the University of Montevallo, Central Alabama Community College, Gadsden State Community College and various post-secondary technical schools. Upon successful completion of their college or technical school programs, students desiring to further their academic studies, have been accepted to and completed graduate degree programs.

Pre-admission requirements: Before being admitted to Ascension Leadership Academy, each student will be reviewed in the areas of aptitude, achievement, and discipline. The review is designed to determine exactly where the student ranks in the many different areas of learning and will provide valuable information in the development of a customized instructional approach that will be utilized. Payment of a \$100.00 non-refundable application fee per child will be required prior to pre-admission review. Student tuition is \$4,000.00 for the academic year, or payable in ten monthly installments of \$400.00. Tuition payments begin in August and continue through May. Discounts are available for multiple-child families.



APPLICATION PROCESS

For a student to be considered for admission to ASCENSION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, the following are required:

- ◆ Completed application with a \$100 non-refundable processing fee returned to the Admission Team
- ◆ Return recent transcript including grades from current school year to the Admission Team
- ◆ Three reference letters (with contact information)
- ◆ Schedule and complete a parent and student interview with the Admission Team (A campus visit is recommended)

Please follow the directions below concerning the application. You may request that the school report and transcript be given to you in a sealed envelope to forward to us, or you may have the information mailed directly to the Admissions Office. If you have questions concerning the application process, feel free to call the Director's office at 256.362.4314.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please fill out this part of the application and send it to the Admission Team as soon as possible. We ask that we receive the main application before you come for the campus visit and conversation.

School Report and Transcript

Please give the *School Report and Transcript Request* form to your Principal or Guidance Counselor, providing him or her with our envelope addressed to the attention of the Admission Team. The transcript should include all grades, state assessment information, attendance, tardy, and disciplinary information. Please mail the transcript

and school report to the attention of the Admission Team. You may request that the school mail this information directly to the Admission Team. Students already in high school should provide a transcript with all courses and grades taken for high school credit.

STUDENT ADMISSION PROCESS

Admission decisions on student applications for grades K-12 are typically made by the Admission Team.

Please mail the *Application for Admission, School Report and Transcript Request*, and other relevant information to the Admission Team.

When application information is complete, the Admission Team will make recommendations to accept or not accept the application. Once accepted, families have 10 days to return their enrollment agreement and non-refundable first month tuition deposit to reserve their place at Ascension Leadership Academy.

NOTE:

Decisions are made on a weekly basis while spaces are available. Interviews and campus visits can be scheduled by appointment. For further information, please contact the Admission Team at 256.362.4314 or 256.375.4245. Fax 256.268.8856.

Email: ascension.academy@plfsc.org

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION - CONTINUED



PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Address: _____

(If different from student)

(If different from student)

City/State/ZIP: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____ Cellular Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Student lives with: * Mother * Father * Mother and Father * Other _____

Person Responsible for Payment of Tuition: _____

Has the student ever undergone psychological or educational testing and evaluation? If yes, please describe: _____

As a parent, what are your expectations of Ascension Leadership Academy? _____

What do you consider to be the student's strengths? _____

What do you consider to be the student's weaknesses? _____

What are the student's academic strengths? _____

What are the student's academic weaknesses? _____

Is there anything else that you believe is important for us to know about your child to best meet his or her needs? _____

Has the student ever been dismissed or withdrawn from school for illness, misconduct, academic failure or the use of drugs? * Yes * No If yes, please explain: _____

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ **Date:** _____

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SCHOOL REPORT AND TRANSCRIPT REQUEST



Please complete this form, attach the requested information, and return all documents to:
Ascension Leadership Academy, Admission Team, 130 E. North Street, Suite C, Talladega, AL 35160

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Please enclose:
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1. An official transcript
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2. Record of student's standardized testing results
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3. 504 or special education records (if applicable)
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GENERAL INFORMATION:

_____ has been enrolled in _____
(Student's Name) (Name of Present School)

from _____ 20_____, to _____ School Phone: _____
(Month) (Year) (Month/Year)

Principal or Records Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

If attendance and tardy records are not included on your school's transcript, please indicate numbers here:

Current Year: _____ Tardy _____ Absent _____ Previous Year: _____ Tardy _____ Absent _____

Average grades earned in the last grading period (attach grade report): _____

If this student has been in disciplinary trouble at your school, please describe: _____

Additional comments that you feel will be helpful to us as we evaluate the appropriateness of this student for admission into our educational program: _____

Name and location of previous school: _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Does the student currently qualify for 504 services? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please include the 504 Plan.

Does the student qualify for special education services? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please list exceptionality _____. Attach the IEP and special education documentation required for provision of services.

If the student does not currently receive special education services, is there a record of referral for special education services? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please provide documentation of referral and referral decision.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

We appreciate the time and effort required to complete this report. Your data and comments will help us make appropriate decisions relative to the student.

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FEE SCHEDULE



Ascension Leadership Academy offers a reasonably priced, quality educational facility in which the students work closely with their instructors to recognize and maximize the student's potential for learning.

All students attending Ascension Leadership Academy are required to wear school uniforms. For simplicity and better affordability, uniforms are fitted, ordered and purchased through the Academy's office prior to the beginning of each academic year.

TUITION:

Student: \$4,000.00* Due August 1, or \$400.00 per month/10 months payable by check or cash at the school office. A 5% discount is given for tuition paid in one annual payment. (Tuition includes costs for books)

ADDITIONAL FEES:

Application Processing Fee:	\$100.00 per applicant (non-refundable)
Average cost of uniforms:	\$200.00
Personal Chromebook (Grades 5-12)	\$250.00 (or less) 3.0 processor and other specification recommendations available

ACTIVITIES:

Most Academy sponsored field trips are free of charge. Other extra-curricular items such as school pictures and activities, which require the purchase of tickets and/or travel arrangements, will be announced well in advance and accompanied by cost per participant information.

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STUDENT INFORMATION:



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Name: _____
Last First Middle Preference

Social Security # _____

Home Address: _____ * Male * Female

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Immunization History*: _____

***Must submit Immunization Form with Enrollment Form**

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Family Contact: _____ Phone: _____ Alternate: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Regular Physician**: _____ Phone: _____

Regular Dentist**: _____ Phone: _____

Regular Eye Care Professional**: _____ Phone: _____

****Must submit a release statement signed by the Parent or Guardian authorizing emergency medical, dental or eye treatment.**

FAMILY INFORMATION

Mother: _____ Father: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Address: _____

(If different from student)

(If different from student)

City/State/ZIP: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cellular Phone: _____ Cellular Phone: _____

Fax: _____) Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____ E-Mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Student resides with: * Mother ___ * Father ___ * Mother and Father ___ * Other _____

Names and ages of other children in family: _____

List of persons authorized to transport student: _____

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STUDENT INFORMATION:



All students attending Ascension Leadership Academy are required to wear school uniforms

To comply with the dress code, all clothing items worn during the school day and at Academy sponsored events must display the appropriate embroidered emblems and logos which distinguish the items as authorized attire.

◆ Required for **BOTH** boys and girls:

Academy **Dress** Shirts:

Style: White button-down collar or non-button-down collar/short or long sleeve

Academy **Casual** Shirts: Golf type shirt with school crest

Ascension Ties Style: Tie representing student's house

Ascension Academy Vests:

Style: V-neck Pullover with house crest Color: Black
sleeveless or long sleeve

Ascension Academy Outerwear:

Style: Wind shirt with crest Color: Black
Style: Fleece jacket with crest Color: Black
Style: Sweatshirt-hoodie with crest Color: Black

◆ Slacks for **BOYS**:

Style: Casual pants Color: Khaki
Bermuda shorts

◆ **GIRLS**:

Style: Skort Color: Khaki
Skirt or Jumper (requires black leggings)
Bermuda shorts
Casual pants
Capri pants

SHOES: Students may wear open-toe shoes but consideration must be given to appropriateness for field trips that require a walking tour. Students wearing open-toe shoes to school will need closed-toe shoes for the playground and gym shoes must be provided for students taking physical education classes.