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Fort Worth Academy

2023-2024
YEAR IN REVIEW

FWA
FWACADEMY

Message from the Head of School

Dr. Shannon R. Elders

Dear Fort Worth Academy Community,

As we reflect on the last school year, 2023-24, we are filled with pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together.

One of our most significant collective achievements was earning accreditation from the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS). This recognition affirms the strength of our educational program, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the vibrant learning environment we cultivate.

This year, we also had the extraordinary opportunity to witness the solar eclipse together as a family. In addition to the viewing experience, our campus enjoyed special visits by experts in the space field leading up to the event.

Another shining moment was when our own Lauren Parker was one of just eight middle school teachers from across the United States selected to participate in a parabolic flight aboard the ZERO-G G-Force One Aircraft. Mrs. Parker's students developed a series of research projects tailored for the Zero-G experience. This extraordinary opportunity not only underscored Mrs. Parker's commitment to innovative education, but it also highlighted the ingenuity and creativity of our students.

In the 2023-2024 school year the fourth grade students founded "Swingles", an initiative to bring swings to FWA. They have demonstrated the power of initiative and collaboration with their strategic fundraising efforts that will ultimately bring swings to our playground.

There is so much to be proud of here at Fort Worth Academy! Your support and commitment are what make FWA such a special place and enable us to provide the very best for our students. As we look to the future, we are excited about the opportunities that await and the shared experiences that will continue to shape FWA.

Warmly,

Shannon R. Elders



Fort Worth Academy

Our Mission

Fort Worth Academy empowers young people to think critically, lead with empathy, and collaborate effectively, to become the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow. Our students become self-aware, self-driven, courageous, confident, and creative Trailblazers.



Fast Facts...

about Fort Worth Academy

1982
year
founded

42%
diversity

4
middle school
class trips
a year

10
collaborative
learning
spaces

20
beautiful
gated
acres

7:1
student
to teacher
ratio

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8
competitive
athletics
teams

33%
FWA is proud to award
33% of families
financial
assistance

100%
debt free

Fort Worth Academy

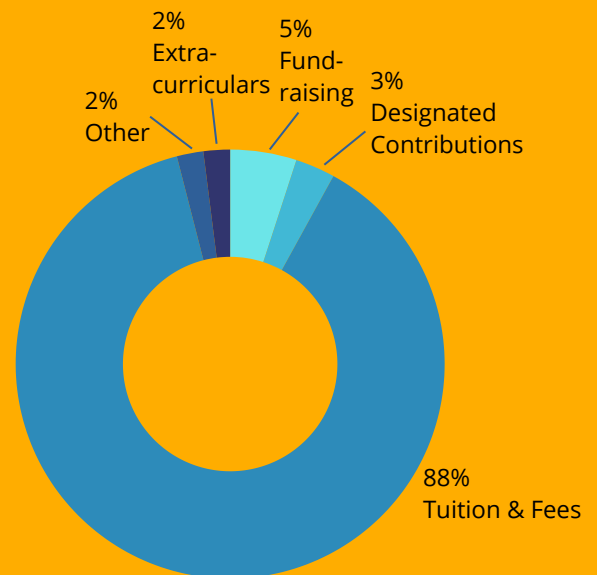
2023 - 2024 Financials

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Fort Worth Academy's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30

Revenues

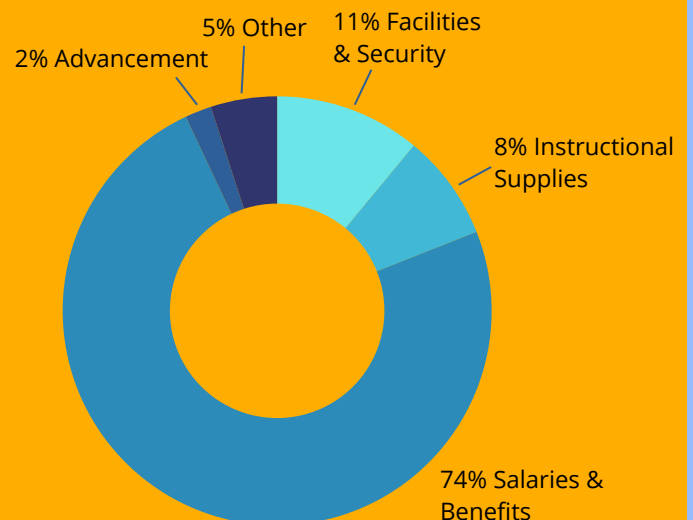
Tuition & Fees	88%
Fundraising	5%
Extracurricular Activities	2%
Designated Contributions ..	3%
Other	2%



Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	74%
Instructional Supplies & Student Events	8%
Facilities & Security	11%
Advancement	2%
Other Expenses*	5%

*Includes: Cafeteria, Yearbook, Parents' Club, Postage, etc.



The above figures are unaudited.

Student-Centric Expenditures

FWA's budgeting reflects our core values

collaboration



project-based learning



inclusion



excellence



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curiosity



innovation



empathy



resilience and grit



2023-2024 Highlighted Achievements



Accreditation Attained

In 2024 Fort Worth Academy completed a two year accreditation process and became an esteemed member of the Independent School Association of the Southwest.

Student Experiments go to Space

FWA's own Lauren Parker, a Limitless Space Educator and recipient of the ISS National Lab Tony So Excellence in Education Award, was one of eight middle school teachers from across the U.S. selected to participate in a parabolic flight aboard the ZERO-G G-Force One Aircraft. During this unique experience, she conducted research experiments designed and developed by her students while experiencing the weightlessness of space. Each project aligned with NASA's research priorities and provided our students with a year-long hands-on learning opportunity.

Solar Eclipse

In 2024, we all experienced the solar eclipse together, and students were visited by Lisa Hubbard, former NASA Einstein Fellow and Teacher in Residence for Sally Ride Science, and Dr. Jeffrey Bennett, astronomer and author of a beloved series of children's books.



Influencer Series

During the 2023-2024 school year, FWA celebrated the individuality of every student, faculty,

++ and staff member by highlighting them as
++ influencers in our weekly newsletter.
++ Through thoughtful questions, this project
++ showcased what makes each person
unique, fostering a deeper sense of
connection and appreciation within the
FWAfamily.



The Swingles

Fort Worth Academy fourth graders brought to life a journey and commitment to add swings to the FWA campus. This endeavor has not only highlighted their creativity, leadership, and determination but it has also demonstrated the *spirit of giving* that is at the heart of the FWA community. The Swingles were even able to pitch their plan to Mrs. Quisenberry from the Ninnie L. Baird Foundation, resulting in a \$5,000 grant towards their project. Their fundraising efforts are ongoing today and will leave a lasting legacy for students to enjoy.



Congratulations to our donors!

'Why does 'Blazer Giving matter?

'Blazer Giving is the one time of the year where we unite to share our support Fort Worth Academy. Your generous contributions support our students, teachers, and overall operational excellence, ensuring that FWA thrives.

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193

'Blazer Giving
donations
made!

\$112k

critical funds
raised!

94%

'Blazer Giving
participation
in 23-24!

Extravaganza 2024

Boots & Blazers

Extravaganza is the largest parent event of the year! All funds raised go directly towards supporting Fort Worth Academy's innovation, academic excellence, and superior student experience.

The 2024 event raised over \$160,000 for FWA students and teachers!



Your Impact

Because of our donors...



Upgraded security remains a priority

Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, FWA is proud to maintain a full-time security guard, ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

New golf cart realized

Thanks to the generosity of our Extravaganza Paddles Up donors, FWA was able to enhance our campus resources by upgrading the golf cart, benefiting both athletics programs and campus patrol.



Sunshades replaced

The funds raised during Extravaganza also allowed for the much needed replacement of four sunshades located throughout Talbott Fields.



Your Impact

Because of our donors...

Exceptional student support programming

In 2022, FWA proudly introduced three key student support positions: a Nurse, a School Counselor, and a Librarian. Your generosity allows us to continue prioritizing the addition of dedicated experts who truly understand our students as individuals while fostering meaningful relationships that nurture growth and well-being.

ELITE Speaker Series expanded

The E.L.I. Initiative is a large part of the FWA experience. One way we incorporate it is through our ELITE (Entrepreneurs, Leaders, and Innovators Talking about their Experiences) Speaker Series. During the 23-24 school year, Fort Worth Academy brought in more ELITE speakers than ever. These talented experts enhance our students' exposure to real world careers, the abundance of opportunity, and the vast diversity of leadership.



Why do you give?

Family Testimony

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We choose to support Fort Worth Academy because it has reignited our son's love for learning. The personalized attention, project-based approach, and supportive community transformed his experience from disengaged to thriving. FWA isn't just a school; it's where curiosity, creativity, and growth truly come alive.

FWA Parent

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'Blazer Giving 2023-2024

THANK YOU DONORS!

LOYALTY DONORS (\$1,199 - \$1)

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THANK YOU DONORS!

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Remy Zingale

A Culture of Philanthropy

Following our students' lead,
Fort Worth Academy promotes
a culture of philanthropy.

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8th Grade Art of Philanthropy



4th Grade Swingles



International day of peace

Support FWA!

MAKE AN IMPACT FOR 2024-2025

Parents, grandparents and friends— ‘Blazer Giving is Fort Worth Academy's annual fund campaign that directly impacts our greatest assets - our students and our teachers! All ‘Blazer Giving funds immediately go towards elevating the FWA experience this school year.

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