



## *Answers to Some of the Most Frequently Asked Questions*

### **Q: What do I need to bring with me at the time of registration?**

A: Please bring the following: registration fee that is due at the time of registration, new student fee, birth certificate, immunization and physical records, grade cards, test scores, and registration application completely filled out. At the time of registration, a financial agreement is completed and signed by the responsible party.

### **Q: Tuition question: what are the options on payment plans?**

A: You have the option of one payment, two payments, 11 payments or 12 payments. Look closely into the pricing of the different plans. The annual or semi-annual payment is less than the 11 or 12 month option.

### **Q: Is financial assistance available if I cannot afford the tuition?**

A: Yes, you have two opportunities for financial help. First, FMCS accepts Florida P.R.I.D.E. Scholarships. You can log on to [www.floridapride.org](http://www.floridapride.org) and find out more information. Second, each year financial assistance is available to help families meet the costs of tuition. Applicants should request a Financial Assistance Packet. Assistance is based on need. We utilize the *Family Financial Needs Assessment* (FFNA) company to help with evaluation. See our registration packet which includes more information. Please note only 1 of the 2 awards can be used.

### **Q: Do you have a “book fee”?**

A: There is no book fee! The cost for books is covered in the tuition fee.

### **Q: Do you have limits on class sizes? If so, what are they?**

A: Coming up for the next school year, our class size limits are:  
PK3 & PK4 – 15, K and 1<sup>st</sup> – 20, and 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> – 22 each class.

### **Q: What are your requirements for the educational background of your teachers?**

A: We follow the requirements laid out by our accrediting institution: The Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS). Other local schools accredited through FCIS are Canterbury School, Naples Community School and Seacrest Country Day School of Naples. Kindergarten through eighth grade teachers must have a bachelor’s degree or a foreign equivalent if they teach an academic field. All faculty members must also be professionally certified or certifiable by the State of Florida Education Department.

### **Q: What discipline plan do we use?**

A: Elementary: Grades K-5<sup>th</sup> will be using the “HOW I ACT” – Blessings and Reminders system of behavior management. Blessings are given as rewards for appropriate and positive behavior choices. These can include verbal praise, treats, trips to the treasure box and stickers. Reminder strips will be given to students to help improve and curb inappropriate behavior choices. Consequences will be given to students who receive a specific number of reminder strips. Children usually have better behavior and work more productively when they have a clear understanding of behavioral guidelines

Middle School: We follow the model of the Assertive Discipline Plan introduced by Lee Cantor. Every child has a right to learn and every teacher has the right to teach. This plan allows for the teacher to maintain instructional momentum while dealing with negative behavior. Teachers are also able to reward students for positive behavior.