



FMCS Mission Statement

Fort Myers Christian School works with the home and the church to academically train and spiritually nurture students to become productive citizens in society and impact others for Jesus Christ.

Program Overview

In the FMCS Learning Resource Program, we will work diligently to prepare your child to achieve his or her highest academic level, develop appropriate social skills, and form good character qualities through the integration of faith and learning in all of our classroom learning activities.

We understand that children have different learning styles, strengths, and weaknesses that can impede their best efforts to succeed academically. The Learning Resource Program is a place where students can get specific help in math, reading, spelling, grammar, writing, and study skills, as well as address certain processing problems that may block optimum achievement through explicit, systematic, and research-based teaching strategies and materials.

McKay Scholarship

The McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities Program expanded throughout Florida the School Choice program originally created in 1999 as a pilot program. Scholarships are available to help eligible students with disabilities attend an eligible public or private school of their choice. For more information on eligibility requirements, please visit www.floridaschool-choice.org.

The Learning Resource Program Coordinator is Mrs. Myra Stewart, who holds a Florida teaching certificate and is certified in both Elementary Education (1-6) and Learning Disabilities (K-12).

She has taught at Fort Myers Christian School since 1979 in PreK-4, 1st grade and the Learning Resource Program. Mrs. Stewart has experience teaching students with various learning disabilities, including dyslexia, using a multi-sensory Orton- Gillingham approach.



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The Learning Resource Program 2021-2022



**All children
can learn.**

**All children learn
differently.**

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The Learning Resource Program at Fort Myers Christian School is designed to assist students in Kindergarten through 8th grade that struggle academically. Teachers work as a team to provide academic support for students who have been professionally diagnosed, have an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan), or 504 Plan for the following:

- Mild Learning Disabilities
- Dyslexia
- ADD/ADHD with academic difficulties

IMPORTANT: We are not equipped to serve students identified as EBD or with profound intellectual needs.

Students enrolled in the Learning Resource Program can receive primary instruction in the academic areas of language arts (reading, spelling, writing, grammar) and math, depending on their level. Materials are chosen to address the ability level of the student.

Both individual and small group instruction is available. The goal of instruction is to strengthen academic skills along with building visual and auditory processing skills, memory strategies, study skills, foundational skills and essential knowledge. The student's ability level is taken into account in grading for courses taught in the LRP. General education classroom tests can be administered through the Learning Resources Program which provides reading assistance and extended time as indicated on the student's educational/ accommodation plan.

Required for all middle school students in the LRP: Guided Study Hall. During that time, study skills, test-taking skills and learning strategies are addressed and applied along with individual support for homework, re-teaching and clarification of content.

To enroll in the Learning Resource Program:

- Complete FMCS Application online & pay an additional \$50.00 for LR program.
- A student must have an IEP/ 504 plan, or current psychological testing and be identified with a mild learning disability, ADD/ADHD or dyslexia.
- Teacher Reference Form completed
- Most recent copy of report card & school-wide standardized test
- Filed online intent to utilize McKay Scholarship

To enroll as a current student:

- Parent and/or teacher must refer student to coordinator based on learning needs observed.
- Coordinator gathers data, observations, assessments to determine need and strategies.
- The team with parent determines the accommodation/ educational plan and choose a level.

LEVELS OF SERVICE AND FEES

(space is limited)

Level One: (\$675 per school year)

This is the minimum level required for all students enrolled with the McKay Scholarship:

- IEP (individualized Educational Plan)/ 504
- Staffing meeting to inform classroom teachers of student's academic need and accommodations in the regular classroom
- No primary academic instruction in the Learning Resource Program
- Consultation with the classroom teacher regarding accommodations for student's individualized needs
- Test accommodations allowed on classroom tests, semester exams, and/or standardized tests

Level Two: (\$1,375 per school year)

Same requirements, including the IEP/504 and staffing meeting, as Level One with the following additions:

- Elementary: Intensive Instruction 30-60 minutes daily to reinforce/reteach/practice classroom concepts/ support organizational and study skills
- Middle school: Guided Study Hall 1-4 times per week to reinforce classroom concepts, provide re-teaching, homework help, and to support organization and study skills.

Level Three: (\$2,365 per school year)

Same requirements, including the IEP/504 and staffing meeting, as Level One with the following additions:

- Primary academic instruction by Learning Resource teacher in MATHEMATICS
- Quarterly grades issued from the Learning Resource Program for math
- Test accommodations allowed on classroom tests, semester exams and/or standardized tests
- Guided Study Hall to reinforce classroom concepts, provide re-teaching, homework help, and to support organization and study skills



Level Four: (\$2,950 per school year)

Same requirements, including the IEP/504 and staffing meeting, as Level One with the following additions:

- Primary academic instruction by Learning Resource teacher in LANGUAGE ARTS
- Quarterly grades issued from the Learning Resource Program for language, reading and spelling
- Test accommodations allowed on classroom tests, semester exams and/or standardized tests
- Guided Study Hall to reinforce classroom concepts, provide re-teaching, homework help, and to support organization and study skills

Level Five: (\$3,740 per school year)

Same requirements, including the IEP/504 and staffing meeting, as Level One with the following additions:

- Primary academic instruction by Learning Resource teacher in LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS
- Quarterly grades issued from the Learning Resource Program for language, reading, spelling and math
- Test accommodations allowed on classroom tests, semester exams and/or standardized tests
- Guided Study Hall to reinforce classroom concepts, provide re-teaching, homework help, and to support organization and study skills

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