

Arcadia First Baptist Christian School (AFBCS)

Santa Fe, TX

CHURCH:

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YEAR STARTED:

2012

CURRENT SIZE:

110 K-12 Students

HISTORY:

AFBC initially tried to partner with a church in a nearby town and branch off from their already-established school. That school helped advertise and send out flyers, but nobody came. AFBC later built a new building and tried again on its own. The school opened with 18 students and combined classes covering K-6, adding a grade each year until reaching K-12 status in 2019. After a few years, a nearby church and school closed, funneling those students to AFBCS and roughly doubling its size.

MODEL:

The school shares a space with the church, so classrooms are regularly used for Sunday School classes, church events, and more. Teachers set up and break down classroom items as needed.

KEY FACTOR FOR THE CHURCH:

People from the church who talk about the school regularly in Sunday School classes, small groups, and the community help build awareness for the school.

NOTABLE:

AFBCS is in a small, rural area where most parents work full-time, so investing in private education is a sacrifice for many families.

