

# Foundation Academy

Winter Garden, FL

## CHURCH:

First Baptist  
Church of Winter  
Garden (FBCWG)

## YEAR STARTED:

2002

## CURRENT SIZE:

1,200 Students

## HISTORY:

Foundation Academy reached K-12 status in 2002 but began as a preschool in 1958. The school has grown from 565 students in 2014 to nearly 1,200 students.

## MODEL:

Foundation Academy is comprised of three campuses, one of which is at a church that was planted out of FBCWG three decades ago. They have 156 full-time employees and a virtual learning component.

## KEY FACTOR FOR THE CHURCH:

The church must act like a parent who takes a loving yet firm leadership role when conflict arises over resources, spaces, and priorities. A vision and passion for Christian education and communication are key to a strong church-school partnership.

## NOTABLE:

The school has a spiritual formations director who is employed by the school but guided by the pastor to help extend the evangelical arm of the church deeper into the spiritual mission of the school.

