

Legacy Future Scholars Academy respectfully seeks county approval to operate at 510 Orange Avenue, bringing to the community a values-driven, innovative, and sustainable private school option for families in St. Lucie county, specifically those in the Fort Pierce community.

Families across the region have expressed a growing desire for high-quality educational alternatives that blend academic rigor with a strong moral foundation. Legacy Future Scholars Academy answers this call by offering a hands-on, multisensory learning environment designed to develop core competencies in reading and mathematics, while instilling lifelong values of leadership, gratitude, service, and excellence. The school will serve PreK through 8th grade students, with capacity for up to 200 students, providing much-needed educational seats in an accessible location.

The Legacy Team

The school is guided by a diverse and highly accomplished leadership team uniquely equipped to ensure both operational stability and academic excellence. At the helm of its financial operations is a seasoned business leader who has successfully run a thriving company in the St. Lucie area for over ten years, bringing unmatched expertise in financial projections, budget management, and sustainable growth. Complementing this perspective is a dedicated parent advocate with hands-on experience in homeschooling and strong community ties, providing an authentic voice for parental choice and individualized learning. The academic leadership is driven by a former principal and academic director with extensive experience as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, and principal. Holding a graduate degree in educational leadership and actively pursuing doctoral research in school improvement and transformation, this leader brings a proven track record of elevating student achievement, driving school turnaround initiatives, and cultivating cultures of academic rigor and continuous improvement. Rounding out the team is a facilities manager with over 25 years of expertise in construction, maintenance, and safety oversight, ensuring the learning environment remains safe, secure, and efficient. Together, this leadership team combines business acumen, educational expertise, community advocacy, and operational excellence to guarantee that the school will be financially stable, academically rigorous, and deeply connected to the community it serves.

Facility and Community Partnerships

The proposed building at 510 Orange Avenue is well suited for the Academy's facility requirements—spanning classrooms, administrative space, a multipurpose room, and a designated play area. In addition to these core spaces, the school has secured strategic community partnerships to ensure safe and effective operations:

Shared Playground: First United Methodist Church has agreed to allow shared use of its playground for students, expanding opportunities for physical activity and recreation.

Shared Parking: The neighboring property at 500 Orange Avenue has agreed to shared parking access. The school will repave both the lot at 510 Orange Avenue and the area connecting to 500 Orange Avenue, ensuring smooth traffic flow and safe pedestrian pathways during arrival and dismissal. The United Methodist Church, has also agreed to a shared parking agreement, where the school can use their parking lot for both arrival and dismissal.

Arrival and Dismissal Plan

To further minimize congestion along Orange Avenue, the school will stagger student start and dismissal times:

Start Times/Arrival Times:

- Preschool-8:00 a.m.
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade – 8:30 a.m.
- 2nd through 5th Grade – 8:00 a.m.
- 6th through 8th Grade –8:45 a.m.

- Dismissal Times:

- Preschool-12:30 p.m.
- Kindergarten & 1st Grade – 1:50 p.m.
- 2nd through 5th Grade – 3:00 p.m.
- Middle School (6th–8th) – 3:30 p.m.

This staggered schedule ensures smooth traffic management, limits overlap between groups, and reduces the impact on local roads during peak hours.

The United Methodist Church, has agreed to share their parking area with the school for arrival and dismissal. We have an agreement in place for shared playground space as well and will be using the area between their parking and our parking in order to facilitate arrival and dismissal. Parents will drop students off, of Avenue A, which is a multi lane road. The parents will enter the United Methodist church parking lot, from the first entrance off of Avenue A, students will be dropped off in the church parking lot, and school staff, a security guard, and a crossing guard will provide supervision, and assist with students who are crossing from the parking lot and through the sidewalk into the arrival doors, closest to the sidewalk. Student safety and security is our first priority and as such the school will have dedicated staff, to ensure a safe arrival for all students. Similarly the same process will be used for dismissal. Parents will pick students up from the same car line that will be used for dismissal. Students will be ready and waiting inside the gymnasium area for parent pick up to expedite the dismissal process. Dedicated staff, will walk students to their cars, and verify car tags to ensure students are being safely dismissed to the correct vehicles. This will ensure, a swift, and safe arrival and dismissal.

Enrollment Projections

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
PreK	20	20	20	20	20
Kindergarten	18	18	18	18	18
1 st Grade	18	18	18	18	18
2 nd Grade	18	18	18	18	18
3 rd Grade	18	18	18	18	18
4 th Grade	20	20	20	20	20
5 th Grade	22	22	22	22	22
6 th Grade		22	22	22	22
7 th Grade			22	22	22
8 th Grade				22	22
Total	134	156	178	200	200

*** Enrollment projections will depend on the facility available and the student-ready space in each grade level. This may lead to fluctuations, with certain grade levels experiencing increases or decreases in enrollment as actual registrations are confirmed. As such, the team is prepared to share financial projections at 50%, 75% and 100% enrollment.**

Renovations and Safety Enhancements

The school plans to undergo thoughtful improvements throughout the building, that will be designed to reflect the heart of the community and meet the highest standards of safety and aesthetics:

- Installation of prominent school signage, identifying the building as Legacy Future Scholars Academy “Home of the Peacocks”
- Window coverings for enhanced security and visual appeal.
- Landscaping upgrades to beautify the site and create a welcoming presence.
- Repaving of the parking lot and improved lighting for greater safety and accessibility.

These upgrades will transform the property into a modern, safe, and community-centered hub for learning.

Educational Model and Student Impact

Legacy Future Scholars Academy is designed to go beyond traditional instruction. Its Florida Standards-aligned curriculum will be delivered through inquiry, exploration, and problem-solving, supported by:

- A 1:1 student-to-device ratio.
- Smart boards and modern instructional tools in every classroom.
- Frequent progress monitoring with targeted interventions to ensure growth for every student.

As a school, our goal is to set and uphold high standards for student achievement. We aim for 90% of students in the early grades to reach proficiency in reading and mathematics, while ensuring that all students demonstrate measurable growth in higher-order thinking, STEM skills, and college and career readiness by the end of grade 8.

The school plans to take full advantage of our proximity to the Fort Pierce Inlet and the St. Lucie County Aquarium by incorporating marine science into our academic program. Students will have the unique opportunity to engage in hands-on, place-based learning experiences that connect classroom instruction with the rich natural and scientific resources of our community. By integrating marine science into our curriculum, we will spark curiosity, promote environmental stewardship, and prepare students for future studies and careers in STEM fields closely tied to the economic and ecological life of Fort Pierce.

Family and Community Engagement

Legacy Future Scholars Academy is built on the principle that schools and families must be partners. Parents will be expected to participate in conferences, family nights, and at least 65% of school-wide involvement activities. Partnerships with local businesses, organizations, and higher education institutions will extend learning opportunities, reinforce workforce readiness, and further embed the school within the county's fabric.

Legacy Future Scholars Academy's vision is to be an integral part of the community and participate in all community events and initiatives.

As a school, our vision centers on offering families a meaningful parental choice—a distinct alternative to existing educational models that emphasizes personalized learning, moral values, and academic excellence. To ensure this choice is accessible to all families, we intend to participate fully in Florida's Step Up For Students scholarship programs. These state-funded initiatives provide a wide array of opportunities for students to attend private schools without financial barriers. The Florida Tax Credit and Family Empowerment Scholarship for Educational Options provide tuition support of approximately \$8,000 annually for a broad range of students, regardless of income. The Personalized Education Program offers families an Education Savings Account to cover tuition, curriculum, tutoring, and instructional

materials. Additionally, the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Unique Abilities provides an average of \$10,000 per student to support not only tuition but also therapies and other individualized services for students with special needs. By aligning with these programs, our school will ensure that families—regardless of income or learning needs—can access a values-driven, academically rigorous education that reflects parental choice.

Conclusion

At its core, Legacy Future Scholars Academy is more than a school—it is a promise to the children and families of Fort Pierce. It is a commitment to provide a safe, welcoming, and academically rigorous environment where students can thrive and families feel supported. By blending tradition with innovation, we will prepare students not only for success in the classroom but also for meaningful contributions to their community and beyond. With the county’s approval, we are ready to transform 510 Orange Avenue into a vibrant center of learning, leadership, and opportunity. Together, we can ensure that every child who walks through our doors is empowered to honor the past, embrace the present, and shape a brighter tomorrow.

The opening of Legacy Future Scholars Academy at 510 Orange Avenue will serve as a catalyst for revitalizing a key downtown property, transforming it into a vibrant center of learning and community pride. Beyond its educational mission, the school will contribute directly to the local economy by creating teaching, administrative, and support staff positions, as well as engaging local contractors and service providers for renovations, maintenance, and ongoing operations. With enrollment projected at 200 students, at its peak the school will bring in at least 150 families who will be part of the Fort Pierce downtown community on a daily basis. This consistent presence will provide an economic boost to nearby restaurants, shops, and businesses, while fostering stronger ties between families and the neighborhood. In this way, the school not only addresses the educational needs of children but also strengthens the social and economic fabric of downtown Fort Pierce.