

FIRST HOPE

*A program at The Classical School of The First Academy
"A Christian alternative to special needs education"*

First Hope, a program for special needs children is a unique approach to teach children with disabilities about Jesus and give them a 1:2 ratio of support to achieve all they were meant to achieve. Our vision is to create an environment of learning and development for special needs children in a Christ-centered program.

The program is structured around both Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) goals and educational inclusion opportunities. With a 1:2 teacher to student ratio, the objective is to fully integrate each student into regular classes as each child is uniquely able.

This program is available to children grades K-12 who are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, PDD, Asperger's Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Language Delays, Fragile-X Syndrome, Sensory Processing Disorder, Developmental Delay, Severe Learning Disability and other developmental disabilities.

OUR UNIQUE PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- We address behavioral, social, motor deficits, sensory needs and educational goals uniquely created for each individual child.
- Small classrooms with a maximum of 10 students in the First Hope class rooms, inclusion classrooms average 12 students.
- Children in regular education classrooms will be supported by an inclusion aide from the First Hope classroom.
- Classes for First Hope are Monday to Friday with early release on Wednesdays.
- Specially adapted Bible Curriculum is used weekly and teaches basic Biblical concepts taught for special needs children.
- Parent/Teacher conferences held each quarter.

Visit our website: www.thefirstacademy.org

For more information about this program regarding donations or teaching positions contact Paty Myers, Program Director at firsthope@thefirstacademy.org or (407)-206-8801.



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
- Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV)*