



This document must be signed by the parent and Head of School and submitted with the enrollment contract.

A Partnership

When you join The Academy of Arts & Sciences, you become a member of a partnership in delivering a quality education for your child. Key stakeholders in this partnership are parents, faculty, staff, administration, and board members.

Together, we are committed to providing an excellent educational opportunity in South Baldwin County to families who choose an independent education for their child. In order to do this, parents must be actively involved and committed to the school. Being a parent at the Academy is to subscribe to the multiple opportunities to support and be involved in the life of the school and to take responsibility for its future growth and success.

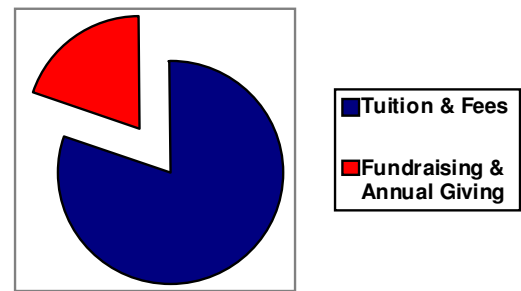
Specifically, this partnership is based on 4 major functions:

1. Financial Commitment and Obligation;
2. Volunteer Support;
3. Promotion of the School; and
4. Advocacy for all Children.

Financial Commitment & Obligation

The Academy of Arts & Sciences is a non-profit, independent school which relies completely upon tuition revenues, fundraising proceeds, and Annual Giving contributions by families to meet the school's operating expenses.

- Tuition revenues (including fees) support approximately 80% of the operating budget.*
- Fundraising proceeds and Annual Giving contributions support approximately 20% of the remaining operating budget.*



By design, tuition and fees do not cover the operating expenses of the school. Annual Giving, conducted in October, provides our parents a tax-deductible incentive to give to the school. In addition to regular school fundraisers, all parents, faculty, and board members are expected to participate in Annual Giving to the extent in which they are able. Your gift is an investment – in your child and in the school. Periodically, specifically-targeted campaigns may be conducted to improve facilities, add programs, and increase student scholarships. This provides, again, a tax-deductible opportunity to help create our school's legacy.

While external sources of funding are pursued, it is imperative for us to demonstrate to the foundations that all Academy families participate in Annual Giving. Our mission starts with the key stakeholders.

Volunteer Support

Parent volunteers are essential to many activities on campus, and it saves the school unnecessary costs. Parent volunteers provide great services which include driving on field trips, organizing special events at the school and fund-

raising activities. Most important is that volunteering creates a stronger bond between family and school. Our parents feel needed, and this makes their commitment stronger. Volunteering demonstrates to our students the importance of social responsibility and community service.

The Parents' Association (PA) provides a venue for parents to become leaders in coordinating many of the volunteer activities and contributing to important decisions which impact the school. The PA President serves on the Board of Directors. With so many options, parents must determine in what way they will be able to volunteer and help the school.

Promotion of Our School

At The Academy of Arts and Sciences, you join other parents and their talented, motivated children to form a unique educational community. The faculty, staff, and administration work diligently to earn and retain the confidence of its parent community as we seek to nurture, develop, and educate your child. We believe strongly in helping students develop the basic human values of kindness, respect, integrity, and self-worth.

“Word of Mouth” is the most important recruitment tool for our school. Parents can attest to the educational experiences that their children have had, the quality of the faculty members, and the integrated enrichment programs available in Art, Music, Spanish, Technology, and Physical Education. We encourage our parents to share their experiences, advocate for our school, and encourage others to pursue our educational experience for their children.

Ultimately, we seek students who are motivated to learn, able to excel in their program of learning, and supported by their family in this great venture. The school depends upon parents to take the opportunity to share the story of The Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Advocacy of Children

Children learn best when they are challenged, encouraged and guided in age-appropriate ways in a guided and consistent atmosphere. Teachers and parents are primarily responsible for creating and maintaining such an environment, and they are dependent upon each other. Teachers are knowledgeable in their curriculum, have experience with many children over time, and continually educate themselves about a variety of professional concerns. Parents are our partners in meeting the needs of their child – socially, emotionally, developmentally, and academically.

Parents are expected to attend or actively participate in school-sponsored events throughout the year, parent-teacher conferences, and open, frequent communication with all staff and faculty.



I have read and understand the role of “Parent as Participant” at The Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Parent / Guardian

Date

Head of School

Date