

PREPARATORY ACADEMY

We are committed to supporting young men and women in honing their athletic skills while maintaining a strong academic foundation. Our academy offers students and parents the flexibility to design an educational curriculum that aligns with their unique lifestyle. We provide a comprehensive high school program totaling 24 credits, incorporating essential post-secondary educational requirements, including:

- 4 Language Arts
- 4 Mathematics
- 3 Sciences Virtual
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 World Languages
- General Electives, which include Physical Education (credit earned through varsity sport participation)
- NO State Assessment Requirement

ABF Academy operates as a traditional brick-and-mortar educational program, complying with the attendance standards established by the Florida State Board of Education. Our academic calendar follows the Miami-Dade County Public Schools schedule, running from August to June. The school year is divided into four 9-week quarters.



We work with Edgenuity, a leading provider of online and blended learning solutions for grades K-12. Edgenuity offers over 300 courses, including core, elective, credit recovery, intervention, and test preparation courses. Edgenuity courses are aligned with state and national standards, and feature interactive tools, videos, animations, and simulations to enhance student learning. Edgenuity courses are also customizable to fit the needs and preferences of our students and teachers.

# COLLEGE PLACEMENT SERVICES

ABF Academy is committed to the success of its graduates, offering FREE college placement services to help students take the next step in their education.

We understand that graduation is just the beginning, and ongoing support is essential for a smooth transition to higher education. That's why we proudly assist graduates and their families with every aspect of the college search, selection, application, and financial aid (FAFSA) process—at no cost.

Our support extends to graduates enrolling in public or private regionally accredited colleges and universities, ensuring they have the guidance needed to achieve their academic and career goals.

#### ATTENDANCE

All students must complete the minimum compulsory attendance requirement of 180 school days and meet the minimum of 900 net instructional hours per school year.

Preparatory Academy Schedule

• Regular Term Schedule: Classes run Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

#### **Summer School**

**Summer Attendance:** Students who did not complete the required course within the regular 10month school period or would like to attend an enrichment course for additional credit. **Summer Schedule:** 

- Summer Schedule: June through July, 9:30 AM 1:30 PM
- Summer Fees: Based on academic program.





# NCAA APPROVED HIGH SCHOOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

At ABF Academy, students have the freedom to learn at their own pace, anytime and anywhere, with the guidance of certified teachers and counselors. If you're seeking a flexible, personalized learning experience that combines a rigorous and engaging curriculum with athletic pursuits, ABF Academy is the perfect choice. Contact us today to contact an admissions counselor and explore how we can support your academic success.



ABF Academy is an <u>NCAA approved high school and offers approved courses</u> that meet the rigorous standards of quality and effectiveness set by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the largest community of education professionals in the world. Our courses are also aligned with the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards and the Common Core State Standards.





# DIPLOMA COMPLETION PROGRAM

#### WHAT IS THE COMPLETION PROGRAM?

ABF Academy's Diploma Completion Program provides the opportunity for individuals ages 16 years and older who completed school with a Certificate of Completion to earn a standard high school diploma from an accredited school.

Normally a high school diploma signifies that a student has met all the full requirements for graduating from high school. When the student fails to meet all the requirements to graduate from high school, they either drop out or receive a certificate of completion. A certificate of completion signifies that a student has completed high school but did not meet some of the requirements for graduation normally in the form of failing their high school exit examinations. The Completion Program offers students the opportunity to complete their high school experience by taking courses that substitute their High School exit examinations and graduate based on their merits.

#### If you're a high school-aged student looking to finish your diploma at a non-traditional school, you can earn your High School Diploma on your personal schedule! The program is available online ONLY.

Each year, ABF helps students stay or get back on track to earning a high school diploma. Regardless of the reason they attend, 100% of high school students successfully complete their enrollment at ABF Academy and receive their high school diploma.

#### Feel Valued, Respected, Confident, Independent, And Successful.

- Take pride in your achievements and look forward to a bright future.
- Gain a second chance to succeed in high school, setting the foundation for success beyond graduation.
- ABF Academy's alternative learning, credit recovery, and dropout recovery programs provide students with the opportunity to get back on track, graduate, and make informed decisions about college and their future.

#### STATE MANDATED GRADUATION

In Florida, there are no statutory requirements for student assessment. The owners of private elementary and secondary schools in Florida are solely responsible for all aspects of their educational programs, including student assessment. S. 1002.42(2)(h), F.S.

To ensure that all students can graduate with a high school diploma, ABF Academy strives to maintain the highest standards in education through the attainment of an elite accreditation. Accreditation is meant to protect students, schools, and employers and ensure academic quality. It ensures that a school is teaching its students at a State and nationally acceptable level and provides programs that are found to have value and substance.



**CREDIT RECOVERY** 

ABF Academy offers a specialized online Credit Recovery Program that enables students to earn high school credits for courses they either missed or did not complete with a passing grade. This program is also available to full-time students enrolled in public or private high schools, allowing them to take the necessary credits to fulfill their school's graduation requirements. Our credit recovery courses include pretests, giving students the opportunity to test out of units where they have already demonstrated mastery. At ABF Academy, we recognize and reward students for their dedication and hard work.

### WHEN SHOULD STUDENTS CONSIDER CREDIT RECOVERY COURSES?

ABF Academy's online credit recovery courses offer a flexible and effective way for students to earn high school credits for classes they did not pass initially. This proven program provides the support students need to overcome various academic challenges, including:

- Falling behind in credits
- Suspension or expulsion
- Failing grades
- Health-related absences

Additionally, credit recovery courses are a great option for students looking to:

- Graduate early
- Take extra courses as part of extracurricular activities
- Enroll in courses not offered at their current school

With ABF Academy's flexible credit recovery program, students can stay on track toward graduation while maintaining control over their learning journey.

# **ENROLLMENT AND FEES**

#### **Open Online Enrollment!**

Students can now apply to enroll in credit recovery courses using our online application form.

• Credit recovery course curriculums are provided online for home-based studies.

All courses completed through Credit Recovery will be designated as "CR" on the student transcript.

Before Completing the Online Application Form...

ABF Academy requires an official or school counselor sign a <u>credit recovery authorization</u> form that guarantees the successful credit transfer of the makeup courses to the student's official student record before enrollment. This requirement provides confirmation for students and their family that the classes will transfer back to their home school.

• There is a one-time \$80 student registration fee upon enrollment

Full Credit Course:\$200.00 per course.Half-Credit course:\$95.00 per course.

- All course materials are provided online.
  - The enrollment period for a full (1) credit course is 6 months from the date of access to course materials.
  - The enrollment period for a half (0.5) credit course is 3 months from the date of access to course materials.





# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS (ELL) PROGRAMS

Our English Language Learners programs are structured to accelerate your learning with optimal time in the classroom. These programs help students significantly improve their English skills, and fully prepare them for business, university study in the USA or abroad, and or for personal achievement.

#### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

- The English Program curriculum includes 30 lessons per week of classroom instruction and practice in all key language skills: speaking, listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, reading, and writing.
- Students practice conversation skills and other essential speaking skills using practical, real-world English, write with accuracy and effectiveness, develop strategic listening skills, and improve their use of grammar.
- **Skills Enhancement Classes** allow students to customize their program to suit individual interests. Sample classes include American Idioms, American Film, Current Events, and American Culture.
- In our **Language Technology Center**, students work on their individual language skills and objectives through technology supported learning.
- We provide students with regular opportunities to meet and speak with Americans, visit and observe school courses, listen to guest lecturers, and participate in local excursions.
- Academic advising is included in the program for students who are considering further study at an American university, college, technical or vocational school.

## LEVEL PLACEMENT, EVALUATION & ADVANCEMENT

#### **Level Placement**

The curriculum organizes your English learning into 12 levels of proficiency. Each level can be completed in a four-week session in an Intensive English Program.

Levels may be grouped into: Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced to allow students of similar abilities and interests to study together. When levels are combined, each student is tracked and evaluated according to his/her specific level in the program.

A student's level is determined through placement testing upon admission. The placement test is made up of three parts: an oral interview, a writing sample, and a multiple-choice exam which tests listening, reading, vocabulary, and grammar.

#### **EVALUATION & ADVANCEMENT**

At the end of each 4-week session, students are evaluated for advancement to the next level based on their objectives.

Criteria used for this evaluation include but are not limited to:

- Demonstration of skills during class.
- Quizzes and tests.
- Homework assignments.
- Standardized Level Tests (final examinations).



# DUAL ENROLLMENT HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE CREDIT MIAMI DADE COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

### Earn High School & College Credit at The Same Time!

As a Dual Enrollment partner with the **University of South Florida (USF)** and **Miami Dade College (MDC)**, ABF Academy students can enroll in college courses while completing their high school diploma.

Through Dual Enrollment, students can take college-level courses at USF or MDC, earning credits that count toward high school graduation and can also be applied to a college degree or certificate.

Benefits of Dual Enrollment:

- Accelerated Path to a College Degree or Certificate: Earn transferable college credits while still in high school, reducing the time needed to complete a degree.
- **Expanded Course Selection:** Access a broader range of courses beyond the standard high school curriculum, providing more academic and career opportunities.

ABF Academy's Dual Enrollment program empowers students to get ahead in their education and prepare for a successful future.



#### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

- A minimum 3.0 high school unweighted grade point average (GPA)
- <u>Demonstrated readiness for college coursework</u> through the assessment of communication and computation skills (as established in State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.0315) \*.
- Students must have an understanding that the amount of work necessary to succeed in dual enrollment courses will be greater than in high school courses
- Students participating in dual enrollment must earn a grade of "C" or higher in their college-level courses and maintain a 3.0 GPA in high school to continue participation. Students whose college GPA falls below 2.0 are ineligible to continue dual enrollment.
- Students may lose eligibility if they are disruptive to the learning process.

- All Dual Enrollment courses must be approved by their secondary school counselors.
- Courses taken in Dual Enrollment will be used to meet the students' high school graduation requirements.
- College-Credit dual enrollment [includes college credit certificates, Associate in Science (AS) degrees or Associate in Arts (AA) degrees].
- Middle School students must meet the 3.0 GPA requirement and pass all 3 sections of the college placement examination.

\*High school dual enrollment students who do not meet the statutory eligibility requirements (mandated GPA, test scores, and alternate methods) may be eligible to take courses from a select list. Students should contact their high school counselors for more information.



#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Dual Enrollment is a part-time program, available to qualified students throughout their high school years. Students may take 1-3 USF classes a semester, conducted on any of their campuses, online, or at selected high schools.

What Are the Requirements?

- The high school counselors at a public or private school institution (charter schools or homeschool parent administrator) are the designated counselors of the students who determine dual enrollment eligibility, monitor course selections with approval forms, and student performance.
- Students should always work through their school counselors / administrator for courses to be
  approved. The counselors / administrators know best which high school graduation requirements are
  needed to receive a diploma and which classes are equivalent in dual enrollment to meet that
  requirement.

