



# St. Johns Classical Academy

K-12 Classical Liberal Arts Education  
Tuition-Free Public School  
Opening August, 2017



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# Concerns and Questions from the Capacity Interview

Held September 8, 2016



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### 1. Educational Program Design Concerns,

*See attached documentation:*

- ✓ Grade 3 alignment of CCSS with CK
- ✓ Grades 3 & 7 Core Knowledge Sequence
- ✓ Barney Classical School Initiative  
Grades 9-12 program guide.
- ✓ Enhanced graduation requirement chart.





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### 2. Remediation & interventions

- ✓ Intensive reading remediation 30minutes/day 5 days per week. *See sample schedule.*

### 3. Curriculum & strategies, fiction vs non-fiction

- ✓ *See attached* Grade 3 ELA, Math & Science Core Knowledge sequence and CC alignment.
- ✓ *See attached* SJCA Scope and sequence, the non-fiction reading will be in the study of science and history.



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### 4. Detailed Curriculum Plan for 9-12.

- ✓ This was sent to the district immediately after the interview. *See Tab 1*

### 5. 6. 7. Goals & objectives specific information regarding baseline assessments & accountability

- ✓ The goal is to exceed District average scores.  
See Pineapple Cove Assessments.
- ✓ SJCA BOD will propose to the director the use of Performance Matters or the FAIR assessment for grades 9-12





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8. Civics course to prepare students for the state required EOC for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students.

- ✓ Core Knowledge has Civics in 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and the Hillsdale curriculum has a stand alone course in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. However, Hillsdale has an 8<sup>th</sup> grade course that can be repurposed for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Mason Classical Academy's 15-16 scores on the EOC Civics exam was top in the Collier County District and in the top 10 for the state of Florida.



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9. How will the school address 504 students and their individual needs.

✓ This was addressed in the application on pages 42-45 as well as in the interview. In summary, the Core Knowledge sequence as a tool does not progress the student until there is mastery at each level of the sequence. This sequencing of mastery is inherent in the classical model. Additionally, any reasonable accommodations that a child may need will be granted.



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10. Information regarding gifted student eligibility criteria or what constitutes services for gifted students.

- ✓ Page 45 of the application provides a response to questions about serving gifted students. The question in the application did not ask how gifted students would be identified. However, SJCA will use the same eligibility requirements as the District.





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11. Staffing plan viability for additional resource teachers.

- ✓ School Financial Services was present at the interview and has since amended the budget to accommodate the resource teacher staffing.



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12. Budgetary projections as reflected in the facilities plan.

- ✓ To secure a facility, SJCA has engaged a national facility provider that specializes in charter school facility construction funding. They will ensure that our facility meets educational as well as building code requirements.



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*Bringing a classical model of education with proven results.*

- ✓ An affiliation with Hillsdale College with a proven record of success.
- ✓ SJCA will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hillsdale affiliate Classical school in Florida, joining two premier schools with outstanding performance.
- ✓ Engaged SFS, a school financial accounting firm for quality accounting practices and budget control.
- ✓ Partnering with a school facility provider that specializes in charter school construction.





**THANK YOU!**

