



The Bridge Sarasota / Suncoast Academy Classes 2025/2026 REGISTRATION HANDBOOK

It is a privilege to serve the home school community through quality faith based educational classes; however, The Bridge Academy Classes are more than just a collection of classes for our children. While this is an important part of our purpose for gathering, it is not the overarching goal. The goal is to build relationships with one another and develop authentic community.

Through The Bridge Academy Classes, God has given us a gift of friendships and support as we travel this path of homeschooling. We see moms sitting at tables with other moms talking and laughing or praying and seeking help. In every classroom, teachers share their passions from the arts to sciences, mathematics to literature, while also sharing the salvation message and giving opportunity for prayer. Real life occurs in our midst and real answers are given through Jesus in our midst. This handbook will assist you in discovering the opportunities waiting for your family through The Bridge Academy Classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us! We look forward to seeing you!!

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www.thebridgesarasota.com

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The Bridge Academy Classes 2025- 2026 School Year Important Calendar Events

May 2025

8 Academy class registration starts online for existing families.

May 2025

12 Academy class registration starts for new families via telephone or email: shelby@learningpad.io or 484-868-1173

May 2025

29 Academy class registration in person.

August 2025

28 Family Orientation: 10:00am – 12:00pm *We will begin with an assembly in the sanctuary, then families will meet teachers, collect important class information, pay class fees, and become familiar with the facility.*

September 2025

4 First Day of Fall Academy Classes

November 2025

24 - 28 Thanksgiving Break (Staff off too)

December 2025

24 – Jan 2 Christmas Break (Staff off too)

January 2026

8 First Day of Spring Classes

In-person Registration for individual Spring semester classes: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm *No appointment is necessary*

March 2026

16 - 20 Spring Break (Staff off too)

May 2026

21 Last Day of Classes

TBD (23rd?) Graduation Ceremony

The Bridge Academy Classes General Information

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The Bridge welcomes you and your family!

We look forward to seeing you at The Bridge's Academy Classes each week! Now that you are here, you may be interested in knowing a few specifics about us.

When, Where and How.

- The Bridge meets on **Thursdays**, for 33-34 weeks. We have two semesters – Spring and Fall. Enrollment and payment are by school year unless the class is specifically a one-semester class.
- We meet at Bible Baptist Church located at 2113 57th St E (Morgan Johnson Rd.), Bradenton, FL 34208
- We enroll students in grades **K through twelfth grade**.
- All Registration for new families is In-Person only. Exceptions are made with administrator approval on a case-by-case basis.

Who's Involved?

- Once enrolled for classes, please make plans to attend the **Family Orientation** designed just for you to learn your way around The Bridge and meet our Teachers, Staff, and family volunteers. See the Important Calendar Events on page 1 for dates and times.

What's the Cost?

- **Class costs** are based on a 55 or 120 minute class period for a 10 to 16-week semester or a full year of 33-34 weeks. See schedule for class cost and fees. Many classes have additional charges for materials and supplies.
- A \$25 deposit for each student for the school year. This is a **Non-Refundable Registration Fee**.
- A \$10 technology fee for each family for the school year. This is a **Non-Refundable Fee** to cover the costs of our website, class work scheduling and communication with teachers and families.

Stay Informed!

- The best way to keep up on all that is going on at The Bridge is to check your email each week. WE COMMUNICATE PRIMARILY THROUGH EMAIL and OUR HOMESCHOOL-LIFE PLATFORM. Once registered, all families, both students and parents, are expected to log in to the website portal and keep up with forum and teachers' communications.
- Become a part of our Facebook group or follow our Instagram page. We post information, pictures, and announcements at various times throughout the school year.

Now that you have a feel for The Bridge, we invite you to take some time to review all the wonderful classes that we offer for your students. When you are ready to begin, you will find instructions for registering in the Registration Information section beginning on page 4.

We look forward to a great school year and are so glad to have you here!

Eligibility for Enrollment

Academy classes are open to all students being home schooled, attending private or public schools.

The Bridge admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

The Bridge Sarasota / Suncoast 2025-26 Academy Classes At-A-Glance

Middle & High School (Director – Shelby Shaw)

1st Period 9:00 – 9:50

American Sign Language (Dr. Sherri Schieferstein)

2nd Period 10:00 – 10:50

Literature and writing (Amy Sullivan)

3rd Period 11:00 – 11:50

Prealgebra to beginning algebra (Shelby Shaw)

Lunch 11:50 – 12:25

4th Period 12:30 – 1:25

Performing Arts - All Ages (Jen Johnson)

5th Period 1:30 – 2:20

Bible (Jen Johnson)

6th Period 2:30 – 3:30

Biology with lab (Shelby Shaw)

Elementary (Director – Dr. Sherri Schieferstein)

K-5th – 9:30am – 11:30am and lunch 11:30 – 12:25pm (Brenda Jones and Melanie Wallenstein)

Apologia Zoology, General Science lab work, Literature and enrichment writing. Please note, most of the class will be co-taught as a group. However, for writing, classes will be divided K-2 and 3 – 5 as writing skill will differ significantly.

- The Elementary Program is not a drop-off. Parents must stay on campus and either help in the class or volunteer elsewhere. Parents requiring nursery care may organize their own co-op time. There is a playground, fellowship hall and kitchen available for our use.
- Middle School parents are required to be on campus until students have demonstrated that they can successfully navigate the day with independent self-government and decorum.
- All families with students in 6th-12th grades are required to volunteer regularly. Duties might include morning set up, afternoon tear down, vacuuming and wiping tables or organizing a field trip.

Fees:

- Registration fee is \$25 per student, capped at \$75 per family. Technology fee is \$10 per family.
- Elementary morning classes are \$300 and upper classes are \$275 as a one-time fee per year plus a material fee. Class and materials fees are due at registration.
- We are a direct provider and ALL fees can be paid through the SUFS website. If you are not a scholarship student and need to make payments, please reach out.

Class Descriptions

Elementary Program: 9:30am-11:30am (lunch 11:30am-12:25pm)

Teachers – Brenda Jones and Melanie Wallenstein

The elementary program will have a three-tiered approach. First, students will examine Apologia's Zoology course which will study the animal kingdom through a biblical lens emphasizing God's design and creation. It's designed for elementary students and incorporates hands-on activities, engaging lessons, and vivid graphics to make learning about animals and their ecosystems come alive. The curriculum covers a range of topics, from basic anatomy and physiology to animal behavior and ecosystems. In addition, general science topics will be explored in weekly hands-on activities to

keep students engaged in active learning.

For the last part of the class, students will be exposed to age-appropriate literature and then write using prompts taken from the story. No writing experience is necessary. This is simply meant to remove writing roadblocks and get students used to writing from an early age. Very young writers may simply work on letter and word formation while older students can work more on composition.

Cost: \$300

Supplies provided by student: Apologia zoology book notebooking journal, pencils, pencil sharpener, crayons, liquid and stick glue, and colored pencils. Please note, the textbook is optional for the parent; both textbook and journal book are found in the SUFS marketplace.

Class supplies fee: \$50

Middle School and High School Academy Classes

American Sign Language (Grades 6th-12th) 9:00 – 9:50

Taught by Dr. Sherri Schieferstein

Discover the fundamentals of American Sign Language (ASL) in this introductory course. You'll explore the core components of ASL, including its parameters, syntax, sentence structure, and the crucial role of facial expressions and body language. We'll also delve into nouns, verbs, modals, sign space, time concepts, classifiers, and pluralization. Beyond the linguistic aspects, you'll gain insight into fingerspelling (numbers and lexicalized forms), conceptual accuracy, sign modulation, conversational regulators, and the rich history and culture of the American Deaf community, understanding how ASL embodies their values, beliefs, and customs.

Cost: \$275 Prerequisite: None

Materials/requirements: Note taking materials and a \$10 materials fee to be paid at time of registration. The instructor will provide any other needed materials

Middle/High School Literature and writing (Grades 6th-12th) 10:00 -10:50

Taught Amy Sullivan

The carefully curated curriculum covers a diverse array of the four main genres including fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and drama. Students will explore the fundamentals of literature, from theme and plot elements to characterization and literary devices such as metaphor, simile, personification, imagery and more.

Each week, students will explore thoughtfully selected stories that exemplify weekly themes. Prior to the commencement of classes, parents will be provided with a comprehensive list of these materials for review, offering an opportunity for families to be involved in the educational journey. We welcome and respect parental input, allowing for the option to opt-out of certain readings without any impact on student grading. Please know that stories will be chosen with the utmost of care ensuring a respectful alignment with each family's values.

The class is structured to promote active participation via the use of discussions, role play, debate, story mapping, analysis and even show and tell. Writing assignments are designed to be approachable focusing on paragraph-style short essay responses that sharpen students' analytical and expressive skills without the pressure of long essays. This class is not just an academic endeavor; it's an invitation to explore the vast landscapes of human experience and emotion through the written word. It's an opportunity for students to open the door to a world where literature becomes a gateway to understanding the complexity and beauty of the human condition.

Prerequisites: Students should be able to read comfortably.

Cost: \$275 Supplies fee: \$10

Materials provided by student:

- Internet access to read online works of literature
- Note taking tools

Prealgebra – beginning algebra (Grades 6th-12th), 11:00 - 11:50am

Taught by Shelby Shaw

This course bridges the gap between basic arithmetic and high school algebra, providing students with a strong foundation in mathematical thinking and problem-solving. Topics include but are not limited to integers, fractions, decimals, ratios, proportions, expressions, equations, inequalities, square roots and their operations, functions, slope, polynomials, systems of equations and an introduction to quadratic equations. Students will explore real-world applications of algebraic concepts, use multiple strategies to solve problems, and build confidence in their mathematical reasoning. The course emphasizes hands-on activities, collaborative learning, and test preparation for either SUFS purposes or the PERT for those seeking Dual Enrollment. If your child has gaps in their knowledge, wants to step up to harder math classes or simply wants to review and prep for the PERT exam, this course is for you.

Cost: \$275 Pre-requisite: Students should be able to add, subtract, multiply and divide comfortably.

Supplies Fee: \$10

Supplies provided by the student: note take materials, calculator (phone is fine), Barron's Painless Prealgebra, Barron's Painless Algebra. Both are located on the SUFS marketplace.

Performing Arts (all grades) 12:30 – 1:25pm

Taught by Jen Johnson

In this dynamic and creative course, students will explore the world of performing arts through acting, movement, music, and improvisation. The course encourages students to develop their self-expression, confidence, and collaboration skills in a supportive environment. Throughout the course, they will learn the basics of stage presence, vocal technique, rhythm, and movement. At the end of each semester, students will have the opportunity to showcase their skills in a class performance, demonstrating their growth and creativity. Join us for this fun elective!

Cost: \$275/year Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$35

Supplies provided by student: Notebook, pens or pencils

Biblical Studies (Grades 6th – 12th) 1:30 – 2:20

Taught by Jen Johnson

Throughout this semester students will study the Bible to gain a better understanding of God's Word. They will learn how this remarkable true book, tells God's story of redemption and grace. Regardless of experience level or church background, students will gain a deeper understanding of the most influential and important book in history.

Cost: \$275 Pre-requisite: None Supplies fee: \$15

Supplies provided by student: a Bible (any translation), a notebook or journal, pens or pencils. Instructor will provide any study materials.

Biology with Lab (Grades 6th-12th), 2:30 – 3:25

Taught by Shelby Shaw

This Apologia course is designed to provide students with a foundational understanding of biology while also preparing them for college-level biology and the ACT.

Topics covered include the science and chemistry of life, ecology, cell structure and function, cellular energy, DNA and genetics, evolution, prokaryotes and viruses, protists and fungi, plant diversity and reproduction, plant structure and function, and the biology of various types of animals. Students will learn how to utilize the proper scientific method through weekly hands-on practice, how to record data and report it, and how to read, create, and utilize several types of graphs, a skill also required for the SAT and ACT exams. This class is an excellent option in particular for the "non-science" minded kid or parents who aren't quite sure how to handle the lab component of middle school/ high school science. Material will be broken down in a way anyone can not only understand but in which to excel!

Cost: \$275 Pre-requisite: Students should be able to read comfortably.

Supplies Fee: \$50

Supplies provided by the student: note take materials, Apologia Biology 3rd Edition, Apologia Biology

student notebook, Apologia microscope slides. All are located on the SUFS marketplace.

Note: not all students need the microscope slides. We have 6 microscopes so we only need about 5 students willing to buy. As other needs come up, like dissection kits, I will again ask who has funds to buy some of those shared costs.

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For Questions and Information, call (941) 677-5075
or email info@thebridgesarasota.com

When it's time to register, what do I do?

Print the Registration Handbook and the Family Handbook.

Print and Complete the registration forms, waiver agreement, activity form and medical form.

Arrive on the designated in-person registration days.

Check in at the lobby table where your paperwork will be reviewed for registration.

Review The Bridge Sarasota Private School handbook information and register, if desired.

See the Administrative Director to pay for Academy Classes and/or Private School Registration.

How, When and Where do I pay?

- ❖ **A Non-Refundable Registration Fee** of \$25 per student and \$10 technology fee per family is required to enroll, due at time of Registration.
- ❖ The **Full Balance** must be remitted on-site at Registration if you registered previously online.
- ❖ **All Payments** at on-site registration are cash, check, or money order. **Make checks payable** to THE BRIDGE SARASOTA. You may also pay online at our website with credit, debit or eCheck. **Full payment is due at Registration.**

What happens if a class is cancelled?

If THE BRIDGE cancels a class because the minimum enrollment was not met, you will be notified as soon as possible and offered a replacement class. Payments will be refunded if no class is suitable for your family.

Payment Reminders:

- Due to the increase of various funding options available to home school families, THE BRIDGE would like to clarify that we contract directly with enrolling families, not third-party organizations/individuals. Regardless of funding sources, all families are personally responsible for balances due, paid in full, at the time of registration. If you're receiving PEP scholarship funds, we are able to provide an invoice which you can use to request reimbursement from your SFO. We appreciate the relationships with our families and count it an honor to partner with you in the education of your children.
- There is no discount for enrolling more than one student.
- The Non-Refundable Registration Fee is per student, per school year.
- The Non-Refundable Technology Fee is per family, per school year.
- If THE BRIDGE cancels a class, you will be offered a replacement class.
- If a family drops a class and does not replace it with another class, they will forfeit the Registration Fee and Technology Fee.
- If a family drops a class within the first 3 weeks, a class fees refund will be issued. There is no refund after three weeks unless there are special circumstances.
- THE BRIDGE is able to offer payment plans. Please contact Maria (maria.white@thebridgesarasota.com) for more information.

Cancellations/Refund Requests prior to class start:

- Up to 6 weeks prior to the Co-op start date (7/17/25) will receive 100% refund of fees paid, minus the Registration fee and Technology fee.
- Up to 4 weeks prior to the Co-op start date (7/31/25) will receive 75% refund of fees paid, minus the Registration fee and Technology fee.
- Up to 2 weeks prior to the Co-op start date (8/14/25) will receive 50% refund of fees paid, minus the Registration fee and Technology fee.
- Requests made after 8/28/25 will be subject to no refund of fees paid.

Remember:

- ✓ The Bridge Suncoast Academy Classes are here to support the other subjects your student is learning at home.
- ✓ Volunteers are needed to ensure the success of our Academy Classes. Please be sure to sign-up for any of our needs when you register. All families must volunteer or be charged a fee.
- ✓ Payment must be made when you register for classes.
- ✓ **All families and students are required to attend the Family Orientation on August 28, 2025, at 10am.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION - Continued

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How is Grade Level determined? Although many home school families do not emphasize grade levels, our teachers anticipate a certain *age group* when planning their classes. For this reason, it is important to sign up for classes where the child's age is standard for the grade level required.

Grades PreK-1: Approximate age is 5 – 6

Grades 2-4: Approximate age is 7 – 9

Grades 5-6: Approximate Age is 10 - 12

Grades 6-12: Approximate Age is 13 - 18

learning phonics, letters, numbers

beginning reading and writing skill

good reading and writing skills

read and write well/ has not graduated from high school

Once you are registered, you can contact the Teacher with questions or concerns through our Homeschool-Life portal.

Talk to your Teacher

- Each Teacher determines class expectations, letter grades, or performance evaluations.
- Classes are designed for enrichment, although parents may choose to give credit for high school courses.
- Careful consideration has established each class size, grade level and content. Please do not ask the teacher to change these limitations.
- If your student needs a Teacher Exception for age, skill, or prerequisite, please contact the Director or Administrator before enrolling.
- A Teacher Exception does not guarantee enrollment.
- If your child has a special need, learning disability, food restriction or allergy, please talk to the Administrator before enrolling for a class. Not all teachers are able to accommodate special needs. A Teacher Exception may be required.

Waitlist Questions and Policy: When a class reaches full enrollment, you may elect to put your student on a Waitlist.
Enrollment from the Waitlist is not guaranteed.

- ✓ If you choose to go on a Waitlist, you may **not** be enrolled in another class at that same time period.
- ✓ You may place your student on more than one Waitlist for any class in which they are not enrolled in another class.
- ✓ A Registration Deposit is not required to be placed on a Waitlist.
- ✓ THE BRIDGE Administration reserves the right to accept partial Waitlists as it deems suitable for a given class.

Please do not contact the Teacher about Waitlists. THE BRIDGE Administration makes the final decisions concerning class expansions after reviewing many factors. If a class expands, we will contact you. Class enrollment can change until the end of the second week of the current semester.

☒ Before You Arrive

Come prepared. ☒ Completing your paperwork before you arrive facilitates a smooth registration. Review class choices, read course descriptions, look up textbooks, etc.

Be informed. ☒ Visit our website for the most current and complete Registration information including class changes and closures. Click the Academy Classes tab to find everything you need for Registration. Read the Family Handbook. Homeschool life has all class information.

Have paperwork. Remember to sign and initial all Registration forms where required. ☺ If you have questions, ☎ call us before you register for ease and efficiency. Returning families: If we do not receive your paperwork, payment **or** a payment arrangement within 7 days of your online registration, you will be dropped from the class.

! Okay, what's next?

It's time to complete your registration forms. All forms are required to register for Academy Classes. Here's what you will need:

- ☐ **Registration Form:** Fill in the areas with pertinent family information. One per student.
- ☐ **Family Consent and Activity Release Form:** ✍ *Initial, sign & date* the document. One per family.
- ☐ **Family Emergency Information Form:** Please provide the name and phone number ☎ of an off-site Emergency contact. ☐ Also, please check the boxes in the Medical Considerations section. One per family.
- ☐ **Hold Harmless Agreement:** Sign & date the document.
- ☐ **Teacher Exception:** If your student requires an age, skill, or prerequisite exception for a class, please ☎ contact us **before** enrolling and get a handwritten or emailed exception from the Teacher.
- ☐ **Volunteer Form:** Fill in the capacity in which you are able to volunteer. Everyone is expected to volunteer or pay the fee.

The Bridge Sarasota / Suncoast Academy Classes Registration 2025-26

Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent 1 phone: _____ Email 1: _____

Parent 2 phone: _____ Email 2: _____

Student email & cell: _____

<p>*FILL OUT ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH STUDENT*</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Classes (Thursdays Only)</p> <p>↓ Check box for desired classes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 9:00-9:50 MS/HS Sign Language (+\$10)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10:00-10:50 MS/HS Literature and Writing (+\$10)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 -11:50 MS/HS prealgebra/algebra (+\$10)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 12:30-1:25 Performing Arts (All ages) (\$35)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 – 2:20 MS/HS Bible (+\$15)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2:30 – 3:25 MS/HS Biology with Lab (+\$50)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Program K-5th (\$50)</p> <p><small>*The Elementary Program is not a drop-off. Parents must stay on campus and either help in the class or volunteer elsewhere.</small></p>	<p>MS/HS 50-minute classes are \$275 per year for each student. Elementary session is \$300 per year. Additional class materials fees are noted in parentheses and must be paid at registration. Fees will be added to SUFS for your convenience. Full class payment is due upon registration.</p> <p>_____ Total number of classes x \$275 = \$ _____</p> <p>_____ Elementary Program \$300 \$ _____</p> <p>Registration fee (\$25 per student) \$ _____</p> <p>Technology fee (\$10 <u>per family</u>) \$ _____</p> <p>Class supplies fees \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL DUE: \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL PAID: \$ _____</p> <p>PAYMENT TYPE: _____</p> <p>PEP _____ or FES-UA _____ Scholarship?</p> <p><small>*Refunds: see our policy in the Registration Handbook</small></p>
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Our purpose is to strengthen our families by reflecting Biblical standards in all of our relationships. The Bridge's Academy Classes Program provides classes that supplement and complement a family's homeschooling curriculum in a faith based, family-friendly environment.

Family Emergency Information Form

Please complete all portions and initial.

Last Name: _____ Father: _____ Mother: _____

List children's names, including last name if different than parents.

Child: _____ Child: _____
 Child: _____ Child: _____
 Child: _____ Child: _____

Emergency Contact's Name (offsite during classes)	Emergency Contact's Phone Number

Father's Work Phone Number	Father's Cell Phone Number	Family Home Phone	
Mother's Work Phone Number	Mother's Cell Phone Number	Doctor's Name	Doctor's Phone Number

Medical Considerations: Please check one box for each section below:

Medical Information is NOT retained after each semester.

Please list all medical considerations for each child.

In case of Emergency, will your child(ren) require special assistance during an evacuation due to a physical disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, list the child's name and explain their evacuation needs (such as wheel-chair assistance required).

Child's Name: _____ Evacuation Needs: _____
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 Child's Name: _____ Evacuation Needs: _____

Are there any allergies that need consideration for your child(ren)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, list the child's name and indicate allergies, noting anything that may be life threatening.

Child's Name: _____	Allergies: _____	Is this condition <u>life threatening</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Child's Name: _____	Allergies: _____	Is this condition <u>life threatening</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Child's Name: _____	Allergies: _____	Is this condition <u>life threatening</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Does your child(ren) have any medical considerations that require attention or may hinder them from class participation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, list the child's name below and explain any medical considerations, noting anything that may be life threatening.

Child's Name: _____	Medical Considerations: _____	Is this condition <u>life threatening</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Child's Name: _____	Medical Considerations: _____	Is this condition <u>life threatening</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Child's Name: _____	Medical Considerations: _____	Is this condition <u>life threatening</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

I understand it is the responsibility of the parent and not THE BRIDGE Academy Classes or Bible Baptist Church to attend to the medical conditions and/or needs of my children.

**Parents
Initial**

Date

Family Consent and Activity Release Form

⊕ (1) Complete Form, (2) Read and Initial Paragraphs, and (3) Sign.

Last Name _____ Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Consent

_____ Initial	I consent for myself and any child listed below to participate in any activity sponsored by The Bridge Sarasota or any division thereof, which activities include but are not limited to running, jumping, tumbling and other activities related to recreational or competitive sports activities. These activities are sponsored by The Bridge Academy Classes or any division thereof including and held at Bible Baptist Church. I understand that these activities and the facilities where they are conducted involve some inherent risks. Nevertheless, I want myself (and any listed child) to have the opportunity to participate in the activities sponsored The Bridge Academy Classes, and this Activity Release is given in exchange for that opportunity.
_____ Initial	<p>I, individually, and in my capacity as parent, guardian, or next friend of any listed child, waive, release, indemnify, and promise not to sue The Bridge Sarasota or Bible Baptist Church and all of its constituent organizations, agents, ministers, employees, and volunteers (collectively, "Released Parties") from all demands, claims, or liability, in law or in equity, <u>including the released parties' own negligence</u>, that have arisen or may arise from this activity, including travel associated with this activity, and that involve any damage, loss, or injury to me, my spouse, any listed child, my property, my spouse's property, or the property of any listed child. <u>I fully assume the risks associated with participating in this activity.</u> This waiver, release, indemnification, and promise not to sue does not apply to claims of criminal conduct, gross negligence, or intentional acts.</p> <p>In case of medical need or injury, I understand that The Bridge Sarasota will make every reasonable effort to contact me (in the case of an injury to my child) or my emergency contact. In the event that I, or my emergency backup contact, cannot be reached, I authorize The Bridge Sarasota to arrange for medical services for me or for any listed child. I will be responsible for any medical and related expenses for me or such child. Any provider of care can rely on this Consent as authority to treat me or such child as appropriate and to bill me directly for the costs thereof. I agree that I am responsible for communicating any relevant medical conditions pertaining to me or such child to The Bridge Academy Classes using the Family Emergency Information Form.</p>
_____ Initial	I understand that The Bridge Sarasota may take photographs of me or a listed child in the course of its activities, and I grant The Bridge Sarasota permission to publish such photographs in a manner The Bridge Academy Classes deems appropriate. To revoke this agreement, I must notify the Bridge Administrator in writing in advance of the event.

Statement of Belief

_____ Initial	I understand that The Bridge's Statement of Belief, as found in the Family Handbook, may be taught through The Bridge Academy Classes program, and I am comfortable with my child(ren) receiving this instruction.
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Family Handbook

_____ Initial	I understand that I am responsible for reading and understanding all information in The Bridge Academy Classes Family Handbook, and I have/will instruct(ed) my child(ren) in the appropriate behavior.
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Financial Agreement

_____ Initial	I understand that I am personally responsible for all balances due, regardless of funding sources, at the time of registration. Students will be allowed to make class changes by 2:00 pm in person at THE BRIDGE through the end of the first two weeks of each semester. After two weeks no refund will be issued for withdrawal from class. All balances include class fees that are due to teachers each semester.
_____ Initial	I understand that the \$25 Registration Fees per student and the \$10 Technology Fees per family are non-refundable as are all course fees after the first two weeks of each semester

Grievance Procedure

_____ Initial	I understand that The Bridge Academy Classes follow the Matthew 18 principles for resolving conflict. I will respect the confidentiality of all those involved in any conflict and will refrain from discussing issues with others.
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Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date

Assumption of Risk, Waiver, Release & Hold Harmless

I desire to participate or allow my child(ren) to participate in activities sponsored by The Bridge Suncoast and The Bridge Suncoast Academy Classes. These activities, hereinafter known as “Activity,” will be conducted with safety protocols appropriate under the circumstances at the time. For the safety of all people involved, participants in the Activity will be required to adhere to all safety protocols and are subject to immediate removal from the Activity if they do not comply.

In an effort to ensure the safety and wellness of our homeschool community, I understand the importance of students being healthy and safe when they participate in the Activity. By signing below, I agree that I will:

- Make a visual inspection of my child(ren) for signs of illness which could include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness. If my child(ren) has exhibited any of these signs or symptoms, I will not permit my child(ren) to participate in the Activity until he/she has been without signs or symptoms for at least 72 hours.
- Promptly pick up my child(ren) or arrange for pickup if signs or symptoms of illness are present. I understand that children are to remain home until illness-free for at least 72 hours without the use of medicine.

By signing this document below, I acknowledge and affirm all of the statements above. I also voluntarily assume all risks that I and/or my child(ren) may be exposed to or infected by as a result of participation in the Activity, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, sickness, and/or death. I understand that the risk of exposure or infection may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, my child(ren), staff, volunteers, or agents, other Activity participants, or others not listed, and I acknowledge that all such risks are known to me.

In consideration of me and my child(ren) being able to participate in the Activity, I, on behalf of myself, as well as anyone entitled to act on my behalf, hereby forever waive, release, and hold The Bridge Sarasota, The Bridge Sarasota Academy Classes, and Bible Baptist Church and its employees and agents harmless from any and all claims, suits, liability, actions, judgments, attorneys’ fees, costs, and any expenses of any kind resulting from injuries or damages, grounded in tort or otherwise, that I and/or my child(ren), or my or our representatives, sustain during or related to my child(ren)’s participation or involvement in the Activity.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Student printed name

Parent/Guardian Printed name

Student printed name

The Bridge Academy Classes Volunteering

We will have volunteer sign-ups on Orientation Day, but if you'd like to reserve your spot in advance, please complete the form and turn it in with your registration.

Not limited to your own child's classroom. Please feel free to serve wherever God leads you! We would love to have experienced parents of older students help in the elementary and vice versa. Different positions each week are ok. Use your gifts and stretch yourself to do new things!

Perimeter Walk: 1-2 adults needed for each time period. Perimeter walk is one loop around the outside of the campus every 15-20 minutes, looking for anyone who does not belong on the campus or anything out of the ordinary. Bible Baptist staff are on site, so this is just an extra precaution.

Shifts: 8:45-10:00am, 10:15-11:45am, 12:00-1:30pm, 1:45-3:30pm

Facility Setup - 8:00-8:45am: 1-2 families - Using the written directions provided, setup classrooms and common rooms with appropriate tables, chairs, etc.

Facility Cleanup – 3:00-3:40pm: 1-2 families – Using the written directions provided, put everything that we moved for the school day back so it's ready for BBC's services, take out trash, disinfect/clean restrooms, general facility cleaning and vacuuming.

Lunch Monitor & Cleanup – 11:45-12:40pm: 1-2 adults or families – Help students as needed. Monitor the room for safety. Clean/disinfect the tables and put back whatever was setup earlier. Vacuum as needed. Take out trash. Inform front desk when complete to lock building.

Entry table/Greeter – 1 adult - Be at the entry table to help and greet students and parents. (Friendly and cheerful!) Assist the Director as needed. (Make copies, refill refreshments cart, etc.) 8:45-10:30am, 10:30am-12:30pm, 12:30-2:00pm, 2:00-3:30pm

Prayer Team – 2-4 adults meeting on Thursday for 30-60 minutes to pray – time frame determined by availability of team members. Students are welcome to join. (Need a leader.)

Games/Study Room Monitor – 1 adult responsible for monitoring the room for safety. This is a free-study and games room (non-quiet).

Teacher Assist (Elementary requires most parents to stay with their child) –Teacher assistants provide support for the teacher and classroom as needed: setup tables/chairs, make copies, help students with projects and labs, collect and/or possibly review homework, etc. Organize students to do classroom cleanup and take out trash each week. You're there to serve and support the teacher. This is most likely once or twice a month and will rotate.

It takes many hands for The Bridge Academy Classes to function smoothly. We need everyone who can volunteer to please do so. Our biggest needs are on Wednesdays during classes, but we do have other volunteer opportunities available.

The Bridge Academy Classes Volunteering

Your Availability

During which times are you available for volunteer assignments?

	8:45-10 Perimeter Walk		8:00 – 8:45 Facility Setup
	10:15-11:45 Perimeter Walk		2:30-3:30 Facility Cleanup/Lockup
	12:00 -1:30 Perimeter Walk		11:45–12:40 Lunch Help & Cleanup
	1:45-3:30pm Perimeter Walk		Entry Table – AM or PM
			_____ Teacher Assist

Other Options

If you are unable to volunteer in person on Thursdays, please let us know your interests and availability so we can utilize your talents. Everyone is required to serve as a volunteer. If you absolutely cannot serve, you're expected to provide us with a reason and possibly be subject to an additional fee.

Here are some ideas:

___Administration

___Events

___Fundraising

___Lunch/Food

___Newsletter production

___Volunteer coordination

___Prayer Team Leader

___Student Event/Social Coordinator

___Parent Event/Social Coordinator

Tell us your availability/experience or other ideas:

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