



Student & Parent Handbook

Welcome

Welcome to **The Remnant Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)**. We are honored to partner with families to develop students who are grounded in faith, character, leadership, and purpose. This handbook outlines the expectations, policies, and procedures that help us maintain a safe, structured, and Christ-centered learning environment.

Enrollment in RYLA signifies agreement with all policies outlined in this handbook.

Program Overview

The Remnant Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) is a Christian-based leadership and enrichment program designed to cultivate:

- Strong character and biblical values
- Leadership skills and personal responsibility
- Relational, participative, and collaborative learning environments
- Emotional growth, accountability, and purpose-driven identity

RYLA prioritizes infrastructure, standards, and systems that support student development through:

- Safe and structured facilities
- Relational mentorship and accountability

- Technology-supported learning
 - Leadership development through service, collaboration, and community engagement
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Program Schedule & Attendance

Program Hours

- Instructional Day: **9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
- Drop-Off Begins: **9:00 a.m.**
- Pick-Up Ends: **2:45 p.m.**

Program Days

- **2025–2026 School Year:** Fridays only
- **Beginning August 2026 (2026–2027 School Year):** Tuesdays and Thursdays

Late Pick-Up Policy

- Students must be picked up by **2:45 p.m.**
- A **\$10 late pick-up fee** will be charged for each occurrence after 2:45 p.m.

Consistent attendance is expected. **Tuition is not prorated or refunded** for absences, holidays, or missed days.

Tuition & Fees

Monthly Tuition

- **\$230 per month** for **one day per week (Tuesdays)** for the remainder of the **2025–2026 school year**

- Tuition is due on the **1st of each month**

Tuition Change – 2026–2027 School Year (Beginning August 2026)

- Program will operate **Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- Monthly tuition will increase to **\$440 per month**

Important Tuition Policies

- No sibling discounts; sibling tuition is charged at the same rate
- Tuition is **not prorated or refunded** for absences, holidays, illness, or withdrawals
- **All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable**

Late Tuition Policy

- Payments received after the **5th of the month** will incur a **\$35 late fee**

Additional Fees

- **Semester Supply Fee:** \$100 per semester
- **Annual Registration Fee:** \$75 (non-refundable)

Dress Code

RYLA maintains a modest, unified, and purposeful dress code aligned with Christian values.

Required Attire

- Official **Remnant t-shirt**
- **Camouflage pants or black pants**

General Guidelines

- Pants must be worn appropriately (no sagging)
- Shorts must be **just above the knee or longer**
- **No skirts permitted**
- Clothing must be modest, non-revealing, and free of inappropriate language or imagery

Students who are out of dress code may be required to change or may not be permitted to participate for the day.

Behavioral Expectations

Students enrolled in RYLA are expected to:

- Show respect to staff, peers, and facilities
- Follow all instructions from Academy leadership
- Use appropriate language and behavior
- Demonstrate honesty, responsibility, and self-control
- Participate positively in leadership and learning activities

RYLA is a **Christian program**, and all behavior should reflect biblical values of love, accountability, and respect.

Behavior Policy – Three-Strike System

RYLA believes in restoration and growth and will make reasonable efforts to address behavior in-house.

Strike 1 – Verbal Warning

- Student receives redirection and guidance

Strike 2 – Parent Contact

- Parent/guardian is notified
- A behavior plan or corrective action may be implemented

Strike 3 – Disciplinary Action

- May result in suspension or dismissal from RYLA

Repeated or escalating behavior concerns may accelerate disciplinary action.

Immediate Expulsion Offenses

The following behaviors result in **immediate removal from RYLA** due to safety and moral standards:

- Leaving campus or Academy property **without permission**
- Possession or use of **drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, or illegal substances**
- Possession of **weapons** of any kind
- **Fighting or physical violence**
- Inappropriate sexual conduct or behavior
- Threats, harassment, or severe misconduct

These policies are strictly enforced for the safety of all students.

Campus Safety & Supervision

- Students may **never leave campus without staff permission**
- Students may not wander outside designated areas
- All doors remain **locked during program hours** for student safety

Violation of safety policies may result in immediate disciplinary action, including expulsion.

Parent Partnership & Responsibility

Parents/guardians agree to:

- Support and reinforce all RYLA policies
- Communicate respectfully with Academy staff
- Ensure timely payment of tuition and fees
- Ensure students arrive and are picked up on time

RYLA is not responsible for missed days, delayed payments, or failure to comply with policies. Continued enrollment requires full compliance.

Communication

Official communication from RYLA will be shared through:

- Email
- A designated **WhatsApp parent communication group**

Parents are responsible for monitoring all communication channels.

Location

The *Remnant Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA)* is held at:

ZFA Church
3632 CR 54
Zephyrhills, FL 33541

Lunch & Snacks

- Students must bring their **own lunch** each program day
 - Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase (**cash only**)
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Field Trip Policy

Field trips are an important part of leadership development and experiential learning at RYLA.

- Field trips may include business visits, community outreach, museums, and educational sites
- An **additional fee** will apply for transportation and/or admission
- Fees will be communicated in advance

Field Trip Expectations

- Students must represent RYLA with maturity, respect, and appropriate conduct
- All behavioral expectations apply during field trips

Parent Participation

- Parents attending field trips must pay the applicable fee
 - Parent fees are typically **equal to student fees**, unless admission pricing differs by facility
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Step Up for Students & Homeschool Alignment

RYLA operates as a **supplemental homeschool and enrichment program**.

- Parents remain the primary homeschool educators and are responsible for compliance with Florida homeschool laws
- Participation may support instructional hours, enrichment, leadership development, and experiential learning

Step Up for Students Disclaimer

- Tuition and fees may qualify as allowable educational expenses depending on the scholarship
- RYLA does not guarantee scholarship approval or reimbursement
- Families are financially responsible for all charges regardless of funding delays or denials

Invoice & Billing Policy

- Tuition and fees are invoiced **monthly**
- Tuition is due on the **1st of each month**
- Late payments after the 5th incur a **\$35 late fee**

Invoices may include Monthly tuition, Semester supply fees, Annual registration fees, Field trip fees, Late pick-up fees, and Late Payments

All payments are **non-refundable** and **non-prorated**. Failure to pay may result in suspension of attendance.

Parent & Student Acknowledgment

By signing below, the parent/guardian and student acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by all policies, expectations, financial obligations, and safety requirements outlined in this handbook.

Student Information

Student Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

School Year: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signatures

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____