

2025 Back to School Packet for Families

A poster with a red and blue background. On the left is a large white graphic of a torch flame. The text is as follows:

BACK TO SCHOOL
Save the Dates

July 24
Welcome Back Scholar
Postcards Mailed

July 29
NEST FEST FOR FAMILIES : DROP-IN STYLE
Primary (Grades K-1) 9am - 12 Noon
Elementary (Grades 2-5) 1-4 pm

July 30
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
FOR SCHOLARS
*Full Day for Scholars in Grades 1-5
*Kindergarten Scholars on Staggered Arrival
Kindergarten scholars will have a staggered arrival on either July 30th or July 31st and will be noted on the welcome postcard, with all scholars attending together on August 1st.

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MEET
THE LEADERS OF THE
ELEMENTARY ACADEMY

SALLY HARRIS, ACADEMY DIRECTOR
EMILY HATFIELD, DEAN OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
MICAH VAUGHN, DEAN OF CULTURE
KELLI CARLISLE, TEACHERPRENUER
EPIPHANY ANDERSON, Y2 LEADER FELLOW-FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR

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RASHYRA SMILING, DEAN OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
EMERAL FRANKLIN, CULTURE INTERVIONIST
VALARIE SMITH, TEACHERPRENUER
EUNISHA SWEENEY, Y2 LEADER FELLOW-FRONT OFFICE COORDINATOR

Get a free haircut, a free uniform shirt, drop off your scholar's class supplies, & pick up your scholar's book bag & car tag. Scholars get a snow-cone treat for coming!

Visit various info tables to ensure your scholar is first day ready!

SAVE THE DATE

TITLE 1 BACK TO SCHOOL *Nest Fest*

JULY 29TH

9-12PM | PA CAMPUS

15 School Street | Sumter, SC 29150

Info tables include the academy nurse, after-school programs, purchase school uniforms, complete first day paperwork, join the PTO, and military children's support.

WE ARE H.E.R.O.E.S.

GRADES K & 1

HELPING EVERYONE REACH OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

First Day of School **JULY 30TH**

*1st Grade: Full Day *Kindergarten: staggered with one half attending on July 30 and the other half on July 31, with all scholars attending on August 1.

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JULY 29TH

GRADES 2-4 | 1-3 PM

GRADE 5 | 3-4 PM

1057 Broad Street | Sumter, SC 29150


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EAGLES

Take Flight

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS

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LSC HOURS


Early Care
6:10 - 7:30 am
*See website for fee schedule.


PRIMARY ACADEMY

Monday - Thursday
 Gate 3 Opens for Morning Traffic: 7:00 am
Morning Car Line: 7:30 - 8:00 am
Start Time: 8:00 am
Tardy Time: 8:05 am
End Time: 3:10 pm
Afternoon Car Line: 3:10 - 3:45 pm
 HYPE After School Pick-Up at 3:30 pm (Birnie Hope)
 *Scholars must be in full uniform attire





Fridays
 Same as above except:
End Time: 11:40 am
Car Line Dismissal: 11:40 - 12:15 pm
 *Scholars can be in dress down attire.

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Primary Academy Daily Schedule (K-1)

7:30-7:50 am	Arrival & Breakfast
2.5 Hours	Reading, Writing, & Phonics (Small Groups Included)
1.5 Hours	Math (Small Groups Included)
30 Minutes	Lunch
20-30 Minutes	Recess & Read Aloud
30 Minutes	SEL Lesson/Morning Meeting
1.5 Hours	Enrichment Classes
3:10-3:30 pm	Dismissal

Fridays are half-days for LSCPA. A modified schedule will include Community Culture Celebrations, SEL, regular academic instruction, & remediation with dismissal from 11:40 am -12 pm.

Elementary Academy Daily Schedule (2-5)

7:40-8:00 am	Arrival & Breakfast
2 Hours	Reading, Writing, & Phonics (Small Groups Included)
30 Minutes	Flex Block (Science/Social Studies)
1.5 Hours	Math (Small Groups Included)
30 Minutes	Lunch
30 Minutes	Brain Break (Recess & Read Aloud)
30 Minutes	SEL Lesson/Morning Meeting
1.5 Hours	Enrichment Classes
3:20-3:40 pm	Dismissal

Fridays are half-days for LSCEA. A modified schedule will include Community Culture Celebrations, SEL, academic remediation & enrichment, and clubs with dismissal from 11:50 am -12:10 pm.



June 10, 2025

RE: FERPA Notification for the 2025-26 School Year

Dear VIP (Very Important Parent/Guardian):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) allows schools to release “directory information” i.e, scholar’s name, address, photograph, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, diploma or certificate, awards received, and other similar information. LSC considers photographs to include digital images, including digital photographs and recordings related to school or school-sponsored events, activities, and special recognition, as “directory information.” In addition, federal laws require schools to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories—names, addresses, and telephone listings—unless parents have advised the school that they do not want their scholar’s information to be disclosed.

During the course of your child’s educational career at LSC, he or she will participate in a variety of academic, fine arts, and other events and activities in which he or she may be photographed or interviewed by school staff or news media. We proudly share the LSC story in a variety of ways. Information about your child may appear in newspaper articles, on television, in radio broadcasts, on displays, on the website, on social media, or in school promotional pieces (yearbooks, awards programs, newsletters, etc.). The release of “directory information” allows us to publicize your scholar’s accomplishments.

Please note that individual scholar records, including scholastic information, standardized test data, health records, and other similar information **are not** available public inspection. This information is only available to scholar’s parents/guardians or to the student of legal age.

If you object to the release of this information, please notify me in writing at 117 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150, no later than August 13, 2025. If you do not submit a written objection, the school will be able to release this information as appropriate.

The use of any “directory information” by Liberty STEAM Charter is for the promotion of our scholars and the school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via phone (803-316-7849) or email (tivey@libertysteamcharter.org). Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family!

In it together,

Dr. Trevor Ivey, NBCT; School Co-Founder & Executive Director

803-569-1217
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2025 - 26 SUPPLY LIST

KINDERGARTEN

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- ☐ 1 Primary Composition Journal
(MEAD Brand Has Blank Space at Top for Drawing)
- ☐ Headphones with Cord
(No Earbuds, No Wireless, and No Rechargeable)
- ☐ 6 Packs of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- ☐ 1-2 Pair 5" Scissors (Blunt Tip)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Thin Dry Erase Markers (Black)
- ☐ 4 Packs of Sharpened #2 Pencils
(12 Count)
- ☐ 4-6 Glue Sticks
- ☐ 1 Plastic Pencil Box
- ☐ 1 Zipper Cloth Pouch with 3 Holes
- ☐ 1 Multi-Pack of Playdoh

WISHLIST**

- ☐ 1 Antibacterial Hand Soap
(Refill Bottles Are Welcomed)
- ☐ 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer (8 oz)
- ☐ 3 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- ☐ 2 Containers of Disinfectant Wipes
- ☐ 2 Big Pink Erasers
- ☐ 1 Ream of White Cardstock
- ☐ 1 Ream of Colored Cardstock
- ☐ 1 Box of Band-Aids
- ☐ 1 Pack of Pocket Dividers
(Last Name A-M)
- ☐ 1 Box of Quart Ziploc Bags
(Last Name A-M)
- ☐ 1 Package of Heavy Duty
Clear Page Protectors
(Last Name N-Z)
- ☐ 1 Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags
(Last Name N-Z)

1ST GRADE

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- ☐ 4 Packs of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- ☐ 2 Primary Composition Journals
(MEAD Brand Has Blank Space at Top for Drawing)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Big Pink Erasers (3 Count)
- ☐ 1 Pair 5" Scissors
- ☐ 1 Zippered Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 2 Jumbo Glue Sticks
- ☐ 4 Packs of Sharpened #2 Pencils
(12 Count)
- ☐ 1 Container of Lysol Wipes
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Tissues

WISHLIST**

- ☐ 1 Ream of Cardstock (White or Colored)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Construction Paper
- ☐ Headphones with Cord
(No Earbuds, No Wireless, and No Rechargeable)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Dry Erase Marker Black (4 Pack)
- ☐ 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- ☐ 1 Hand Soap (Girls)
- ☐ 1 Box of Quart Ziploc Bags (Girls)
- ☐ 1 Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags (Boys)
- ☐ 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer (Boys)

2ND GRADE

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- ☐ 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- ☐ 1 Composition Notebook
- ☐ 1 Pack of Big Pink Erasers (3 count)
- ☐ 1 Pair 5" Scissors
- ☐ 1 Zippered Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 1 Ruler
- ☐ 2 Packs of Sharpened #2 Pencils
(12 Count)

WISHLIST**

- ☐ 1 Ream of Copy Paper
- ☐ 1 Pack of Washable Elmer's Clear Glue Sticks
- ☐ 1 Ream of Cardstock
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ 1 Pack of Expo Dry Erase Marker Black
(4 Pack)
- ☐ 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ 1 Box of Sandwich Ziploc Bags

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PARENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING THESE SUPPLIES BAGGED AND TAGGED WITH THEIR SCHOLAR'S NAME TO THE LSC'S BACK TO SCHOOL EAGLE EXTRAVAGANZA ON AUGUST 1 BETWEEN 2:00-6:00 PM (BOTH CAMPUSES).



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3RD GRADE

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- ☐ 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- ☐ 2 Composition Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Plastic 3 prong, Two Pocket Folders (1 Red and 1 Blue)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Big Pink Erasers (3 count)
- ☐ 1 Pair 5" Scissors
- ☐ 1 Zippered Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 1 Ruler
- ☐ Headphones with Cord (No Earbuds, No Wireless, and No Rechargeable)
- ☐ 1-Inch Binder with Clear Front Pocket
- ☐ 2 Packs of Sharpened #2 Pencils (12 Count)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Expo Dry Erase Marker Black (4 Pack)

WISHLIST**

- ☐ 1 Double Pack of Paper Towels
- ☐ 1 Ream of Copy Paper
- ☐ 3 Packs of Washable Elmer's Clear Glue Sticks
- ☐ 1 Pack of Construction Paper
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ 1 Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags (Boys)
- ☐ 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ 1 Box of Sandwich Ziploc Bags (Girls)
- ☐ 1 Container of Lysol Wipes

4TH GRADE

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- ☐ 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- ☐ 2 Composition Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Plastic, Two Pocket Folders Hole Punched (1 Red and 1 Blue)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Big Pink Erasers (3 count)
- ☐ 1 Pair 5" Scissors
- ☐ 1 Hole Punched Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 1 Pack of Wide Ruled Paper
- ☐ 1-Inch Binder with Clear Front Pocket
- ☐ 2 Packs of Sharpened #2 Pencils (12 Count)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Expo Dry Erase Marker Black (4 Pack)
- ☐ 4 Washable Elmer's Clear Glue Sticks

WISHLIST**

- ☐ Double Pack of Paper Towels
- ☐ 1 Ream of Copy Paper
- ☐ 1 Pack of Construction Paper
- ☐ 2 Boxes of Tissues
- ☐ Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags (Boys)
- ☐ 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Box of Sandwich Ziploc Bags (Girls)
- ☐ 1 Container of Lysol Wipes
- ☐ 1 Pack of Crayola Markers
- ☐ 1 Pack of Crayola Color Pencils
- ☐ 1 Ream of White or Colored Cardstock

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5TH GRADE

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

- ☐ 2 Packs of Crayola Crayons (24 Count)
- ☐ 2 Composition Notebooks
- ☐ 2 Spiral Notebooks
- ☐ 1 Pack of Cap Erasers
- ☐ 1 Pair 5" Scissors
- ☐ 1 Zippered Pencil Pouch
- ☐ 1 Pack of Expo Markers
- ☐ Headphones with Cord
(No Earbuds, No Wireless, and No Rechargeable)
- ☐ 2 Packs of Sharpened #2 Pencils (12 Count)
- ☐ 1 Pack of Highlighters
- ☐ 1 Pack of Clear Scotch Tape
- ☐ 1 Pack of College Ruled Paper

WISHLIST**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Double Pack of Paper Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pack of Highlighter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Ream of Copy Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pack of Red and Blue Pens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Packs of Washable Elmer's Clear Glue Sticks | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Boxes of Tissues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box of Gallon Ziploc Bags (Boys) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Box of Sandwich Ziploc Bags (Girls) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Container of Lysol Wipes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pack of Crayola Markers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pack of Crayola Color Pencils | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Pack of Dividers | |

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Tuition-Free
K-12 Public Charter School

Inspiring Minds Towards Excellence

2025-26 LSC Scholar Profile

Total Students: 900

Poverty: 73%

Minority Scholars: 70%

Special Education: 15%

Multi-Language Learners: 1%

Total Staff Count: 123

Total Campuses: 3

Teachers of Record Holding State Certification: 100%

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Emeral Franklin - Culture Leader Fellow

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Elementary Academy Leadership Team

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Collaborating with Families for Scholar Success



**SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT
FOR ACHIEVEMENT
2025-26**

WHY

LSC is committed to being an open doorway to quality educational opportunities and a passport to economic and personal achievement. As a result, we know we must collaborate with families to achieve these results for our scholars.

WHAT

LSC's School-Family Compact for Achievement is an agreement developed among parents, families, scholars, and teachers explaining how we will work together to ensure every scholar achieves or exceeds grade-level standards.

HOW

LSC's School-Family Compact for Achievement includes:

- Sharing LSC's Improvement Plans & Goals
- Focusing on Scholar Learning Skills
- Helping Scholars Develop Skills Through Highly Qualified Teachers & High-Quality Instruction
- Sharing Homework & Study Strategies Families Can Use at Home
- Communicating Consistently with Families About Scholar Progress
- Providing Opportunities for Families to Volunteer, Observe, and Participate in the Classroom

Areas of Emphasis for Scholar Achievement

At LSC, our daily activities for each grade level foster consistency, resulting in a positive learning culture. These activities include:

- Read-Alouds
- SEL Morning Meetings
- Community Culture Celebrations
- Enrichment Classes:
 - Digital Literacy & Visual Arts
 - STEM Project Lead the Way
 - Music & Yoga
 - Spanish & American Sign Language
 - Performance Arts
 - Physical Education & Mixed Martial Arts
 - STEAM Project Lead the Way- Launch
- Vocabulary, Writing, and Phonics
- Guided Reading
- Math & Problem-Solving
- Science & Social Studies
- After-School Enrichments:
 - Drum Line
 - Theatre
 - Color Guard
 - Step Team
 - Tutoring

Jointly Developed

LSC is proud to be a Title I school! LSC's stakeholders — scholars, teachers, staff, and families — contributed to the School-Family Compact through surveys, open discussions, and email feedback. Teachers emphasize showcasing scholar work to demonstrate rigorous academic standards. Parents value updates on scholar progress through multiple platforms. Annually, we review and seek family input to enhance our School-Family Compact.

Family Engagement Highlights

- Welcome to Liberty Family Orientation
- Valentines Family Dance
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Books & BINGO
- Cookies with the Coach & Counselor
- Start with Stories & Waffles with Writers
- Glow Read a Book (Reading)
- Fall Festival & Smiling with Santa
- Pop Corn & Poetry Night
- Pro Dads
- Dandelion Military Families
- Family Movie Night
- Dads on Duty
- Dads Chili Cook-Off
- Hopes & Dreams Conferences
- Kindergarten Readiness Sessions
- PEACE Sessions



Goals for Scholar Achievement

LSC is committed to standards-based, rigorous academics and to being a portal for scholar growth, character development, teacher development, and collaborative family and community partnerships. In addition to creating an enthusiastic culture of learning, emphasizing the social and emotional well-being of our scholars, our goals for ongoing scholar achievement include:

- To improve literacy and numeracy fluency so that scholars grow into confident, competent readers and problem solvers;
- To present scholars with academically rigorous content that is enjoyable, attainable, relevant, and transferable;
- To help all scholars achieve mini-goals that will lead to reading successfully on grade-level; and
- To achieve proficient or higher on state and national exams.

Teaching the Whole Child

LSC is committed to reaching the whole child through a longer school day and school year. Every weekend during the school year, the school's doors are open to provide additional enrichment opportunities that are not available within the confines of a traditional school day. Offerings include:

- Car Maintenance
- Glitter & Sparkle and United Eagles Empowerment
- Archery, Bowling, Football, Soccer, Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Cheer, Softball, and Baseball.
- Cooking, Painting, First Aid, Chess
- Make Up Artistry and Fashion Design
- Chorus & Theatre, Track & Field,
- Intro to French & Hispanic Culture
- Crime Scene Investigation, Robotics, & Gardening
- STEAM
- Line Dancing
- Yoga
- Bucket Drumming
- Mental Health
- Financial Literacy
- Ninja Warriors
- Mixed Martial Arts



Communicating About Student Learning

Scholar Eagle NEST Binders

Every week, all scholars take work binders with lessons and skills they will be working on in the coming week. For example, work binders may include a list of sight words, sample math problems to master, and notes about fun and engaging science experiments. Whether it's pumpkin painting, popcorn tasting, or creating a volcano using root beer and yogurt, teachers provide information on what families can expect. Homework is given on Mondays via the NEST binders as a menu board for scholars to work through over the week and submit on Thursdays.

Newsletters

LSC shares two newsletters with families regularly to communicate specific scholar learning and also to highlight important upcoming events at the school. Each Sunday, Parent Weekly is sent out electronically via the school-wide One Call Text text message portal and Class Dojo. A wealth of information is included here, including announcements, updates, successes, deadlines, and snapshots of scholars reading, learning, and presenting. Weekly copies of this newsletter are housed on the Primary or Elementary Academy tab of the website. Once a quarter, a school-wide community newsletter is sent out via email, reflecting on the past month and looking ahead to upcoming exciting events.

Class Dojo & One Call Now

All teachers utilize Class Dojo to share class news and updates, individual scholar academic performance, behavior charts, and video clips of new lessons. Families also have access to electronic anchor charts, allowing them to use the same instructional resources to reinforce learning at home. Lastly, all parents have the ability to receive a daily text message from the school that includes a question of the day, the cafe menus, and important announcements through the One Call Now text message portal.

All parents who are listed as the scholar's primary guardians in PowerSchool are automatically enrolled in the One Call Now platform.

Social Media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok, & Twitter

LSC maintains a robust presence on all six major social media platforms —Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok, and Twitter —and commands an impressive combined following of 5,000 individuals. LSC believes in this powerful approach in helping to share its story with the general public. At a minimum, there are three posts made each day that could include scholar learning being featured, video message updates, and culture celebration shout-outs that reinforce the core values for which we stand as a learning community.

Community Culture Celebrations

Staff and scholars are explicitly taught to demonstrate the three Eagle Core values every day - Stand up and Own It, Power of Team, and Growth Mindset. Each day, three scholars from the classroom are recognized with S.O.A.R. Tokens - one for each core value. During the weekly Community Culture Celebration, each grade level comes together for a "pep rally"- style event to recognize special scholars who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating the S.O.A.R. values. Families are invited to participate in the celebration both in person and virtually through our social media platforms. Doing this reinforces and incentivizes the type of character we believe makes a well-rounded scholar capable of tackling the challenges of the 21st century.

Websites at Home

All scholars have access to Amira and IXL through their Clever Badge, even when away from school, using their classroom login accounts. At the beginning of each year, scholars' login information is sent home in the Eagle Nest Binder.



2025-26 Primary Academy Parent FAQ

#	Question	Answer
1	What time does my scholar get dropped off on Monday-Friday?	7:30-8:00 AM with staff supervision available. After 8 am, scholars must be walked in with an adult. Scholars are considered tardy at 8:05 am and must be signed in by an adult.
2	What time is scholar pick up on Monday-Thursday?	The expectation is that scholars are picked up between 3:10-3:30 pm. Any pickups after 3:40 pm are considered a late pickup. If a scholar is picked up late more than 3 times, the family may be called in for a conference and the scholar will be placed on an attendance plan.
3	What time do scholars get dismissed on Friday?	11:50 AM -12:10 PM Scholars are late dismissal at 12:11 PM. Scholars with excessive late pick ups will be addressed on a case-by-case basis by school administration.
4	Will there be an early release cut off time at the primary academy?	If you plan to pick up your scholar early from school you must get them before 2:15. For the safety of our scholars, and to ensure a smooth transition to dismissal, no scholar will be dismissed after 2:15.
5	What is the educational model?	For the purposes of consistency across campuses, every scholar begins their day with a 30 minute Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lesson. For literacy, we believe in an approach that is based on the science of reading that infuses foundational literacy practices, reading comprehension, and volume of reading. To accomplish our vision, we use the knowledge building curriculum HMH Into Reading and Writing Program, Daily Small Group Phonics/Reading Lessons, Phonemic Awareness Instruction, Independent Reading time, Modeled writing, and computer-based programs (RAZ Kids, IXL, Epic Books, etc.) For math, we believe excellent mathematics instruction reinforces the shifts in mathematical practices by balancing scholars' conceptual understanding of mathematical principles with application and fluency practice. To accomplish that vision, we have chosen the Eureka mathematics curriculum in addition to the IXL online system.
6	Is early care offered?	Yes. We are committed to offering early drop off for families who need it beginning at 6:00AM for a monthly fee. Contact Mrs. Billups for more information (cbillups@libertysteamcharter.org). Sign up using this link: https://shorturl.at/ZIfEU
7	Is HYPE after-school program being offered?	As far as we know, yes. We are open to any daycare who offers to pick up scholars at the request of their parents. Remember, HYPE (limited scholarship slots available) is not operated physically on LSC campuses but we receive a certain number of spots on a first come, first serve basis. A 2nd option for the after-school program that is not operated physically on LSC campuses is YMCA (limited scholarship slots available). Interested parents may complete the application on our website and drop off to the YMCA in person. Both HYPE & YMCA will follow the same schedule. Both HYPE & YMCA provide transportation for scholars. Please reach out to the YMCA or HYPE directly to

		sign-up. Visit the HYPE office to talk with Mr. Gadson at 415 Manning Avenue or by phone (803-934-9527). You can sign up with the YMCA at their facility on Miller Road.
8	How are school meals served?	All food is prepared at the Primary Academy campus. For the 25-26 school year, all scholars will receive breakfast & lunch at no charge!
9	Has the staff been hired yet?	We are 100% fully staffed!
10	Will there be a School Resource Officer at the Primary Academy? How safe is the school?	We are committed to ensuring the safety of our scholars. Yes, LSC has a full-time SRO assigned to the Primary Academy Campus (Deputy Horton). LSC's Primary Academy has an additional security gate installed that provides a horizontal barrier to prevent access from the back half of the campus during school hours. LSC enjoys a state of the art video security system with a double locked entry door/buzz-in system.
11	Is there an outdoor play area?	Our scholars enjoy a large playground area for recess and two grassy fields that will be utilized for physical education classes.
12	How do report cards look at this Academy?	We use a standards based grading scale for all grades on report cards. Scholars are introduced to material through a variety of methods of instruction, given time to practice the skill throughout the quarter, and then assessed for mastery at the end of the nine weeks. Scholars will earn 1 (Beginning), 2 (Developing), 3 (Mastery), or 4 (Advanced) in each assessed area. LSC uses traditional four quarter marking periods that are between 45 and 49 days each.
13	Will my scholar take state standardized tests?	All kindergarten scholars take the SC Kindergarten Readiness Assessment that is a one-on-one teacher administered assessment during the first 45 days of school. You can expect to receive a detailed score report at the end of the second quarter. All kindergarten and first grade scholars will complete MAP testing 3x (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Classroom teachers will use progress monitoring tools to identify scholars that need additional intervention.
14	What is the uniform policy for this Academy?	Check out our board approved uniform policy for both campuses on our website here . Uniform checks are conducted each day by 8:30 am. Parents of scholars who are in violation of the uniform policy will be contacted by 8:45 am for a change of clothes.
15	Will the Book Mobile continue to visit the PA campus?	Yes, we are excited to continue our unique partnership with the Sumter County Library.
16	Do you practice emergency drills at this campus?	Absolutely! We conduct all state-required, monthly drills, including: Fire, Active Shooter (Lockdown/Lockout), Tornado, and Earthquake.
17	Does this Academy offer extra academic services?	Yes, the Primary Academy offers academic intervention, academic enrichment (potential GT), resource, speech, OT, and PT to all scholars who qualify. We will also offer after-school tutoring to scholars who are not already receiving intervention services during the regular school day.
18	Are there two teachers in every classroom at this Academy?	Yes! We are committed to keeping our co-teaching model in all kindergarten and first grade homeroom classes.
19	How many scholars are in each homeroom?	25 is the maximum class size, which provides a 13:1 student to teacher ratio, given our co-teaching model, and will be maintained all year at 25 throughout the year by filling any vacant seats from the enrollment lottery waitlist.

20	What will gifted education look like?	Scholars will be identified through their fall MAP testing percentiles to receive academic enrichment instruction with Ms. Hray (pull out services). Each semester the roster will be reviewed based on new assessment information from winter MAP testing. The percentile criteria will be determined by the number of scholars who test and the available slots.
21	Will tutoring be offered?	We intend to continue our current format of tutoring services for scholars identified through assessment data at a minimum of two days a week.
22	What will enrichments look like?	We are committed to teaching the whole child through a flex rotation schedule. Your scholar will continue to have 2 enrichments a day and experience a total of three different enrichments each week: PE, Spanish, and STEAM Project Lead the Way. STEAM Project Lead the Way is built off of four modules to reflect Sumter's greatest economic needs - industrial technology, engineering technology, business technology, & health sciences. Scholars will have a flex schedule, which means sometimes, they will have the same enrichment twice in one week, but once in alternating weeks.
23	What SEL support is offered?	<p>LSC's educational model places a high priority on social-emotional learning (SEL). To ensure that scholars develop these important skills, the first 30 minutes of each day are dedicated to a morning meeting. This meeting follows the Fly Five SEL curriculum, which focuses on five key competencies: cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control (C.A.R.E.S). At the beginning and end of the school year, scholars participate in an SEL assessment to measure their SEL performance. This assessment evaluates scholars' performance levels using ranges such as above average, at or around average, below average, and well below average. The assessment also measures scholars' competencies in four categories: emotion recognition, social perspective-taking, social problem-solving, and self-control.</p> <p>If scholars are identified as needing additional support in SEL, the team may recommend various programs. These include the Eagles Take Flight community mentoring program, which provides personalized guidance and support. Another option is the daily check-in/check-out program (CICO), which helps scholars monitor and manage their behavior. Additionally, weekly SEL small groups provide a supportive environment for scholars to work on their social-emotional skills.</p> <p>It is important to note that SEL is not limited to individual scholars but is a school-wide focus. To celebrate the commitment to SEL, schools hold Community Culture Celebrations (CCC) on Fridays, where the achievements and progress made in this area are recognized and celebrated by the entire school community.</p>
24	What will parent communication look like at the PA campus?	<p>Parent Weekly (email, dojo)</p> <p>Dojo (classroom and school-wide)</p> <p>One Call (VIPs are automatically enrolled).</p>
25	What are Community Culture Celebrations?	Community Culture Celebrations are school-wide "pep-rallies" held for each grade level on Fridays. During this exciting ceremony, we positively incentivize desired scholar behaviors, while giving each class an opportunity to show their school spirit by participating in class chants, school-wide cheers, and reviewing LSC's S.O.A.R. (Show Respect, Obey Rules, Accept Responsibility, Rise to Excellence) core values. Scholars are recognized for their demonstration of these strong characteristics and their peers and family celebrate them for making responsible choices and being good citizens. To make this occasion even more special, we invite you to share brief remarks during the event. For

		<p>example, you could say: "We are so proud of your hard work and cannot wait to see how much you grow this year". In order to accommodate all attendees comfortably, we kindly request that each scholar have no more than (2) in-person guests. Small babies & children are not counted as guests. Please be aware that any additional guests will be asked to leave. All guests will be required to present identification and sign in upon arrival. As we want everyone to be a part of this special moment, the celebration will also be live-streamed on our LSC Facebook page. We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing celebratory items such as balloons, flowers, or gift bags.</p> <p>Please plan to arrive at the school no later than 8:20 am (Kindergarten) to check in with the office staff and get settled. The Kindergarten celebration will begin promptly at 8:30 am and will last approximately an hour. Please plan to arrive at the school no later than 9:50 AM (1st grade) to check in with the office staff and get settled. The 1st grade celebration will begin promptly at 10:00 am and last approximately an hour. Staff will reach out to families via Dojo message to inform. We ask that families reply promptly to the message to confirm family attendance.</p>
26	Are there any opportunities for scholars to dress out of uniform?	Yes! We have several "Dress Down" themed weeks throughout the year. This information is sent home several weeks before so parents and scholars can be ready! In addition, EVERY Friday, scholars are able to show their individual personality by dressing out of uniform.
27	What is the leadership structure at LSC?	While we have some elements of the traditional public school leadership structure, including LeAndrea Montgomery, Academy Director (Principal), Rashyra Smiling (Instructional Coach), Emeral Franklin, (Cultural Interventionist), Valerie Smith (Teacherpreneur), Nicky Pack (Special Populations Coordinator), and Eunisha Sweeney (Front Office Coordinator/Leader Fellow), we also have several other members of the administration team that are network based or work with both the primary and elementary academy. In addition, we utilize collective leadership, where teachers and coaches work toward shared goals and share decision making. For example, Mrs. Smith will be in a hybrid leadership role this year to both serve intervention scholars & coach teachers on best practices.
28	When will I know my scholar's teacher assignments? Can I make a request?	A welcome back postcard will be mailed to all scholars on July 26 from their assigned co-teachers. Look for it to arrive by July 29. The back-to-school extravaganza is scheduled for July 30! Since all of our teachers are amazing and work hard to build strong relationships with scholars, we are confident that your scholar will be in great hands. Classes are balanced based on many factors, so we do not honor specific teacher requests.
29	Will scholars use any technology?	Absolutely! Each classroom uses small group instruction for up to 2 hours a day (one hour for reading and one hour for math) on Monday through Thursday. During the small group rotations, scholars have the opportunity to utilize technology for education based activities. School subscriptions for scholars support the curriculum and include Raz-Kids Plus and IXL for reading and math. Additionally, our new reading curriculum uses Amira to support individualized instruction in reading fluency. Teachers also use additional learning platforms such as Teach Your Monster to Read, Freckle, Prodigy, etc. Chrome books will not go home.
30	When will we find out who our scholars' teachers are?	Our teachers return from Summer break in mid July. Teachers will receive their rosters and mail out all welcome back postcards to their scholars on July 26. Our Nest Fest will be July 30th from 9am-12 pm. We can't wait to host you at the Primary Academy.

31	Where can I find all the back to school info as it is coming over the summer?	Great question! All back to school information will be shared on social media but also kept on the home page of the LSC website. Remember, kindergarten will be on a staggered arrival with some kinder scholars reporting on July 30 and the others coming on July 31 and then all kinder scholars together for the half day Friday on August 1. Your scholar's welcome back postcard will note this information.
32	Who are the enrichment teachers?	Ms. Edwards, STEAM Project Lead the Way / Mrs. Paucar, Spanish Enrichment Coach Smith & Coach Pearson, Physical Education Mrs. Hray, Academic Enrichment & Ms. Tomlin, Enrichment Teaching Fellow
33	Who are the intervention teachers?	Ms. Lyles and Ms. Painter will be providing intervention services this year through small group pull outs for scholars in need of additional academic assistance. Ms. Franklin will be serving in the role of culture interventionist.
34	Will LSC offer speech, OT, and PT this year?	Yes! Any scholar whose IEP requires this accommodation will be provided these services. In fact, LSC now has a full-time speech language therapist on staff and a school psychologist.
35	Who are the teachers?	Kindergarten Crew: Mrs. Davis & Ms. Rojas Ms. Collins & Mrs. Vereen Mrs. Sargent & Ms. Vicente Mrs. Soper & Ms. Pendergrass Mrs. Denny & Mrs. Kreider Ms. Martin & Ms. Hamm 1st Grade Crew: Ms. Reyes & Mrs. Dingle-Sanders Mr. Shelton & Mrs. Billups Ms. Greco & Ms. Duford Ms. Johansen & Ms. Beauchamp Mrs. Webb & Ms. Eberly Mrs. Porter & Mrs. Hall K/1 SPED Crew: Mrs. Jeffcoat & Mr. Russell
36	What is the theme for the Primary Academy?	We are H.E.R.O.E.S! For example, Grade A Guardians. Every scholar will receive a spirit t-shirt with their homeroom name and logo to wear proudly on Eagle Pride School Spirit Days. *see posted month at a glance for specific Eagle Pride Days and Schoolwide Spirit Days.
36	Will there be team teaching?	No, there will not be team teaching at the Primary Academy.
37	What can my child do this summer to avoid the summer slide and be ready for the first day of school?	Continue to read at least 20 minutes per day! Complete the Summer Challenge packet that was sent home with all scholars. Also, scholars are able to login to IXL and Raz-Kids to work on skills all summer long. Visit our local Sumter County Libraries.
38	I have heard about changes to the school's attendance policy. Can you share more?	Yes! Attendance is going to continue to be a major focus area for the new school year with additional incentives as well as parent consequences to reinforce attending the full school day and arriving at school on time. We have very high expectations for scholar & staff attendance. For example, scholars will be allowed five parent notes & medical notes (excluding those with additional medical certification). Parent notes must be submitted within three days of the absence. Violation of attendance policy will result in attendance intervention

		plans (AIPs) if continued there will be an attendance hearing before our Board of Directors as well as notification to SC Department of Social Services. Any scholar who has 10 or more unexcused absences will automatically be retained for the following school year. Any scholar who has 10 or more medical notes will be required to participate in an intervention plan meeting to learn more about what additional supports are needed to ensure the scholar is meeting grade level mastery standards. Any scholar who missed 10% or more (19 or more days) that are medically excused will be required to attend summer school (PRIDE).
39	I have heard about possible changes to the Scholar Code of Conduct. Can you share more?	The revised Scholars Code of Conduct from Spring 2023 reflects the Board of Directors renewed commitment to maintaining a high standard of behavior expectations for scholars that offers a balance of consequences to deter unacceptable behavior but also additional social-emotional learning supports.



2025-26 Elementary Academy Family FAQ

#	Question	Answer
1	What time is the scholar drop off on Monday-Friday?	<p>7:40-8:00 AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholars are marked tardy after 8:05AM. The 4th/5th grade wing entrance will be closed and locked after 8:05AM. Any tardy scholar in any EA grade (2nd-5th) will have to park and walk into the original EA campus front office. We will <u>not</u> have an operating front office at the 5th grade wing for the 2025-26 school year.)
2	What will drop-off look like with two different carlines?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd and 3rd grade families will use the original carline that we have always used at the EA campus. 4th and 5th grade families will use the new carline for the Junior Academy addition. This will take some time to get used to, so please be flexible the first few weeks as Corp. Pinckney figures out the best flow. This line will be double-stacked just like the other carline. If your family has scholars in <u>both</u> grade bands, you will <u>NOT</u> have to get in both carlines. Instead, you will drop off your scholars at the 2nd/3rd grade carline. The 4th/5th grade scholars will walk over to the new addition, since they are older.
3	What time is scholar pick up on Monday-Thursday?	3:20-3:40 PM
4	What time is the scholar pickup on Friday?	11:50-12:10 PM
5	Will there be an early release cut off time at the elementary academy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early sign-outs will not be allowed after 2:25 PM to ensure a safe dismissal for all scholars. Any late sign-ins or early sign-outs will take place in the original EA front office. There will <u>not</u> be an operating front office at the new wing at this time.
6	What is the educational model?	<p>For the purposes of consistency across campuses, every scholar begins their day with a 30 minute Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lesson. They will receive 90 minutes of Eureka Squared Math instruction, 2 hours of HMH Reading/Writing instruction, two 45-minute enrichment classes, a 30-minute flex time for Science, Social Studies, and Cursive Handwriting, a 30-minute lunch period and 20 minutes of recess. On Fridays, scholars will participate in various community-building activities, as well as differentiated small groups.</p>

7	Is early care offered?	Yes. We are committed to offering early drop off for families who need it beginning at 6:10AM for a monthly fee. Contact Ms. Anderson for more information. Sign up using this link: https://bit.ly/4564nSs
8	Are any after-school programs being offered?	We are open to any daycare who offers to pick up scholars at the request of their parents. Remember, HYPE is not operated physically on LSC campuses but we receive a certain number of spots on a first come, first serve basis. We will also have the YMCA offering paid aftercare at their facility. Please reach out to the YMCA or HYPE directly to sign-up. Visit the HYPE office to talk with Mr. Gadson at 415 Manning Avenue or by phone (803-934-9527). You can sign up with the YMCA at their facility on Miller Road.
9	How are school meals served?	All food will be prepared at the mall campus this year and all scholars eat for free!
10	Has the staff been hired yet?	Yes, we are 100% fully staffed!
11	Will there be a School Resource Officer at the Elementary Academy?	Yes. Corporal Pinckney will be with us again. We are excited and hopeful to announce another SRO for the Junior Academy addition soon!
12	Is there an outdoor play area?	Absolutely! We have a secured outside area (140 x 85 ft) for a large playground and PE field, which is enclosed by a 6 foot tall privacy fence. We will also have a PE field and recess area on the Junior Academy side (behind the mall).
13	How do report cards look at this Academy?	We will use the uniform grading scale (A 90-100, B 80-89, C 70-79, D 60-69, F 59 and below).
14	Will my scholar take state standardized tests?	Third, fourth, and fifth graders will participate in SC Ready state standardized testing (Math, Reading, & Writing plus Science for 4th) in the Spring. Second graders will participate in COGAT testing (a screener used to identify Talented and Gifted scholars) in the Fall. All scholars will complete MAP testing 3x (Fall, Winter, and Spring).
15	What will grading look like?	The EA campus will follow the state-wide uniform grading scale used in all public schools. There will be a minimum of nine grades collected over the course of a quarter with consistency across both grades as to what is taken for a grade to reinforce high expectations through rigorous coursework. Graded work will be sent home bi-weekly in the NEST binder. The EA campus will fully utilize the Parent Portal component of our Power School database. Parents will be able to check their scholar's graded work as it is entered on a biweekly basis in the Parent Portal.
16	What is the uniform policy for this Academy?	Check out our board approved uniform policy for both campuses on our website here .
17	Does the Book Mobile visit the Elementary Academy campus?	Yes, twice a month!
18	Is there access between the school and mall?	There is no indoor access between the two facilities.

19	Do you practice emergency drills at this campus?	Absolutely! We conduct all state-required, monthly drills, including: Fire, Active Shooter (Lockdown/Lockout), Tornado, and Earthquake.
20	Does this Academy offer extra academic services?	Yes, the Elementary Academy offers academic intervention, academic enrichment (GT), resource, speech, OT, and PT to all scholars who qualify. We will also offer after-school tutoring to scholars who are not already receiving intervention services during the regular school day.
21	Are there two teachers in every classroom at this Academy?	No. We have a few teaching fellows in 2nd grade and Special Populations who will support as needed with small group instruction.
22	How many scholars are in each homeroom?	25 is the class size, and will be maintained all year at 25 throughout the year by filling any vacant seats from the enrollment lottery waitlist.
23	What will gifted education look like?	All identified gifted scholars will receive their weekly required time (2 hours and 5 mins) with Mrs. Carlisle or Mrs. Hray (pull out services). Mrs. Hray will also provide pull acceleration instruction to 2nd grade scholars in 97th percentile or higher using their MAP scores. Our 5th grade GT-identified scholars will be in a class together with a GT certified teacher.
24	Will tutoring be offered?	We intend to continue our current format of tutoring services for scholars identified through assessment data at a minimum of two days a week.
25	What will enrichments look like?	We are committed to teaching the whole child through a flex rotation schedule. Your scholar will continue to have 2 enrichments a day and experience a total of six different enrichments each week: PE, Spanish, Music, STEAM Project Lead the Way, Performing Arts, and Life Skills. STEAM Project Lead the Way is built off of four modules to reflect Sumter's greatest economic needs - industrial technology, engineering technology, business technology, & health sciences. All scholars will have STEAM and Spanish classes twice a week.
26	What other types of grades will scholars receive?	They will receive grades for all of their classes, including Math, Reading, Writing, Science/STEAM/PLTW, Social Studies, PE, Music, Spanish, Performing Arts and Life Skills. Teachers are required to input a minimum of nine grades per quarter.
27	Will SEL support be offered?	Check In, Check Out Partners Friday rotation for CCC Mentoring Morning SEL meetings (8-8:30 daily) SEL groups with Mr. Vaughn/Ms. Jacobs-Morrow and Mrs. McAlister
28	What will parent communication look like at this campus?	Parent Weekly digital newsletter, Dojo (class and schoolwide), one call system.
29	Will my scholar receive a grade in enrichment?	Absolutely! The grade in each enrichment class is NM, P, or M. NM- Not Met P- Progressing M- Met
30	How will the report card next year be different from the report card they received at the Primary Academy?	We will be using a numerical/letter grade report card for 2nd-5th grades. Therefore, you will see the traditional grading scale being used (A 90-100, B 80-89, C 70-79, D 60-69, F 59 and below). All families will be required to sign

		up for PowerSchool ParentPortal, so that you will have access to your scholar's grades and attendance.
31	When will academic enrichment/Gifted & Talented be offered in the school day?	If your scholar has been identified through testing results, Mrs. Hray or Mrs. Carlisle will reach out to you to let you know what days/times they will be working with your scholar.
32	What's the meal arrangement for next year?	ALL scholars will be offered FREE breakfast and lunch! Meals will be prepared at the Elementary campus this year.
33	Where can I find all the back to school info as it is coming over the summer?	Great question! All back to school information will be shared on social media but also kept on the home page of the LSC website.
34	What can my child do this summer to avoid the summer slide and be ready for the first day of school?	Continue to read at least 20 minutes per day! Complete the Summer Challenge packet that was sent home with all scholars. Also, scholars are able to login to IXL to work on skills all summer long.
35	Will team-teaching be offered?	Yes. There will be classes in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades that switch teachers for Eureka Math and ELA. Ms. Harrell (ELA) and Ms. Graves (Math) will team-teach in Second Grade. Mrs. Adams (ELA) and Mrs. Page (Math) will team-teach in Third Grade. Mrs. Dixon (ELA) and Mr. Archie (Math) will team-teach in Fourth Grade. Ms. Williams (Math) and Mrs. Joe (ELA) will team-teach in Fifth Grade. Ms. Johnson (Math) and Ms. Gebhardt (ELA) will also team-teach in Fifth Grade. All other classes will be self-contained, meaning they stay with the same teacher for the entire day.
36	What is the theme for the Elementary Academy?	We are Eagle Airlines, taking flight to S.O.A.R. to new heights! Each homeroom class has chosen a different destination around the world to build their classroom theme. For example, we have "Geniuses in Germany" and "Taking Action in Texas". Every scholar will receive a spirit t-shirt with their homeroom name and logo! Our staff will be the Flight Crew.
37	When will we find out who our scholars' teachers are?	Our teachers return from Summer break on July 24th. They will receive their rosters and send a welcome back postcard in the mail on July 24. The postcards should arrive by July 28. On July 29th, from 1-4 pm (drop-in style: 2nd-4th grades 1-3pm and 5th grade 3-4pm), we will hold our "Nest Fest" and Meet the Teachers event. We can't wait to host you on Eagle Airlines!
38	Who are the teachers?	<p><u>2nd Grade Flight Crew:</u> Mrs. Purcell Ms. Cousar and Ms. Vaughn (SPED inclusion) Ms. Harrell (ELA) Ms. Graves (Math) Ms. Pierson Mr. Pea</p> <p><u>3rd Grade Flight Crew:</u> Mrs. Adams (ELA) Mrs. Page (Math) Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Fulwood (SPED inclusion) Mrs. Thompson Ms. Lim Ms. Greenwood</p>

		<p><u>4th Grade Flight Crew:</u> Mrs. Dixon (ELA) Mr. Archie (Math) Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Horn (SPED inclusion) Mrs. Burns Ms. Hallman Mrs. DuBose</p> <p><u>5th Grade Flight Crew:</u> Mrs. Joe (ELA) Ms. Williams (Math) Mrs. Prescott and Ms. Gebhardt (ELA SPED inclusion) Mrs. Prescott and Ms. Johnson (Math SPED inclusion) Mrs. Butler (GT) Mrs. Timmons</p>
39	Who are the enrichment teachers?	Mrs. Andrews, Physical Education Mrs. Miller, Life Skills Ms. Johnson, 2nd and 3rd STEAM Project Lead the Way Mrs. Wilson, 4th and 5th STEAM Project Lead the Way Ms. Jones, Performing Arts Mr. Brown, Music Ms. Tellez, 2nd and 3rd Spanish Mrs. Marquez, 4th and 5th Spanish
40	Who are the intervention teachers?	Mrs. Hickmon, 2nd Grade / Mrs. Huggins, 3rd Grade / Ms. Derk, 4th Grade / Mrs. Fuller, 5th Grade
41	Will LSC offer speech, OT, and PT this year?	Yes! Any scholar whose IEP requires this accommodation will be provided these services. LSC has a full-time speech language therapist & psychologist on staff!
42	Will there be technology?	Yes, each classroom will have a classroom set of chrome books that will not go home, as well as an interactive display board!
43	I have heard about changes to the school's attendance policy. Can you share more?	Yes! Attendance is going to continue to be a major focus area for the new school year with additional incentives as well as parent consequences to reinforce attending the full school day and arriving at school on time. We have very high expectations for scholar & staff attendance. For example, scholars will be allowed five parent notes & medical notes (excluding those with additional medical certification). Parent notes must be submitted within three days of the absence. Violation of attendance policy will result in attendance intervention plans (AIPs) if continued there will be an attendance hearing before our Board of Directors as well as notification to SC Department of Social Services. Any scholar who has 10 or more unexcused absences will automatically be retained for the following school year. Any scholar who has 10 or more medical notes will be required to participate in an intervention plan meeting to learn more about what additional supports are needed to ensure the scholar is meeting grade level mastery standards. Any scholar who missed 10% or more (19 or more days) that are medically excused will be required to attend summer school (PRIDE).

44	Are there any changes with the Code of Conduct?	The revised Scholars Code of Conduct from Spring 2023 reflects the Board of Directors renewed commitment to maintaining a high standard of behavior expectations for scholars that offers a balance of consequences to deter unacceptable behavior but also additional social-emotional learning supports.
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Title I Parent & Family Engagement Policy

LSC is an Open Door to Quality Engagement

At Liberty STEAM Charter School, we recognize that a scholar's education is a responsibility shared among parents, families, the community, our teachers, and administrators. We're all in this together! Creating positive school, home, and community partnerships are essential to carrying out the shared responsibility of high-quality and inclusive academic opportunity and achievement. Our engagement policy represents a formal partnership between LSC and our parents and families and our commitment to carrying out successful school-parent/family-scholar connections, communication, and experiences.

The Purpose of the LSC Engagement Policy

LSC families are our partners in the education of our scholars. The *LSC Parent & Family Engagement Policy* exists to accomplish three critical goals:

1. Support and secure strong, effective partnerships among parents, families, the community, and LSC to consistently improve academic quality and student performance.
2. Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist LSC in planning and implementing effective parent and family engagement activities to consistently improve scholar achievement and school performance, and;
3. Comply with Title I, Part A requirements regarding establishing a parent and family engagement policy according to Section 116 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

LSC Engagement Policy Expectations

LSC is committed to fostering and promoting successful parent and family engagement and strives to maximize this engagement by implementing programs, activities, and procedures that emphasize effective partnerships, along with our shared responsibility for high academic achievement and LSC scholar success.

Along with our school-parent/family-scholar commitment, our engagement policy expectations include:

1. Parent/families volunteering at least 10 hours per school year in traditional or non-traditional ways.
2. Parents/families attending celebrations and exhibitions of scholar accomplishments, academic or artistic.
3. Parents/families attending scheduled quarterly academic conferences, organized home visits, and other essential meetings.
4. Parents/families attending the annual *Welcome to Liberty* event (new family orientation) and back-to-school bash in early August.
5. Parents/families attending the weekly *Community Culture Celebrations* to recognize and support scholar achievements.

LSC's Commitment to Advancing Our Parent & Family Engagement Policy

In addition to regularly scheduled family-teacher meetings, volunteer opportunities, reliable transportation for scholars in need, and consistent communication on scholar progress, LSC is committed to the continual advancement of our connectivity, communication, and engagement with parents and families. As such, we ensure greater accessibility and assistance through the following:

1. Hold an annual meeting to inform parents/families of the requirements of Title I and the school's participation, as well as parent's rights under Title I;
2. Ensure all parents/families have a clear understanding of state academic standards, academic assessments, how to monitor their scholar's progress, and how to work with LSC teachers to improve their scholar's achievements;
3. Provide materials and training to help parents/families work with their scholars, such as literacy and technology training;
4. Provide meaningful opportunities for parent/family-teacher consultations.

Parent & Family Engagement Evaluation

Each year, LSC will evaluate our *Parent & Family Engagement Policy* content and effectiveness and all related activities to improve the academic quality of Title I schools. In addition to the bimonthly Possip feedback survey, LSC commits to collecting formal feedback from parents regarding their level of satisfaction regarding parent & family engagement at three checkpoints in the year: August, December, and May. These formal surveys will be administered electronically. We will post these surveys on our website, social media, and other communication platforms (Dojo, Remind, etc).

2025-2026 Academic Calendar



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Important Dates

07/04 4th of July
09/01 Labor Day
10/09-13 Fall Break
11/11 Veteran's Day
11/24-28 Thanksgiving Holidays
12/22-01/02 Winter Holidays
01/19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
02/16 President's Day
04/03-10 Spring Holidays
05/25 Memorial Day
06/19 Juneteenth

School Hours

Primary Academy (Grades K-1)
Arrival 7:30-7:50 AM & Dismissal 3:10-3:30 PM
Elementary Academy (Grades 2-5)
Arrival 7:40-8:00 AM & Dismissal 3:20-3:40 PM
Friday Half-Days for Staff Development
Primary Dismissal: 11:40 AM - 12:00 PM
Elementary Dismissal: 11:50 AM - 12:10 PM

Calendar Legend

- First & Last Day for Scholars**
- Holiday/No School**
- Half-Day for Scholars**
- Teacher PD OR In-Service/Workday**
- Benchmark Testing**
- New Staff Academy**
- Interim Reports**
09/09, 11/18, 02/12, 04/28
- Report Cards**
10/21, 01/13, 03/26, 05/29

First & Last Days

07/11 First Day for Network Leaders
07/14 First Day for Academy Leaders
07/17 First Day for Operational Staff
07/23 First Day for Instructional Staff
07/30 First Day for Scholars
05/29 Last Day for Scholars
(Early Release at 12 pm)
06/04 Last Day for Instructional Staff
06/04 Last Day for Academy Leaders
06/04 Last Day for Operational Staff
06/30 Last Day for Network Leaders

Quarter Start & End Dates

Quarter 1
Start: July 30
End: October 07
Quarter 2
Start: October 08
End: January 07
Quarter 3
Start: January 08
End: March 17
Quarter 4
Start: March 18
End: May 29

Total Scholar Instructional Days: 190
Total Network Leader Days: 223
Total Academy Leaders Days: 207
Total Operational Staff Days: 204
Total Instructional Staff Days: 200

Inclement Weather Days:
• October 10
• February 16
• April 10



Title I Compact for Success

Liberty STEAM Charter, with parents of the scholars participating in activities, services, and programs, creates this compact that outlines how the parents, school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improving student academic achievement. Doing this allows the parents to play a vital role in their child's education and assist them in achieving high standards. This compact will be reviewed and revised annually by the parents, teachers, and leadership team of Liberty STEAM Charter.

Liberty STEAM Charter School will:

- Provide highly qualified teachers and a safe school environment.
- Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective manner to help our scholars achieve their goals.
- Provide opportunities for parent-teacher conferences quarterly or as needed throughout the school year.
- Provide observation and volunteering opportunities within the school.
- Provide an open line of communication between the home and the school by way of phone calls, emails, newsletters, and the school website.
- Provide reasonable access to staff through availability for conferences, phone calls, emails, and other electronic communication.
- Provide parents with bi-weekly, interim, and quarterly reports on their scholar's academic progress.
- Provide instruction with an interesting and challenging curriculum that promotes scholar achievement and motivates scholars to learn.
- Set high expectations for learning and academic achievement.

Executive Director

Academy Director

Classroom Teachers

As parents we will support our children's learning in the following ways:

- Ensure that my child attends school every day **on time** in uniform and gets an adequate amount of sleep.
- Provide a quiet time and place for homework.
- Read with my child daily and document their progress on the million-word reading logs.
- Monitor my child's progress through the Eagle NEST binder.
- Check Dojo on a daily basis and respond to communication from teachers.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Attend school events.
- Complete all feedback surveys the school sends to me, including the Possip text message surveys.
- Volunteer and join school organizations and committees whenever possible.
- Complete 10 hours or more of volunteer service to the school.

Parent/Guardian Signature

As a scholar, I will:

- Come to school in the required uniform prepared to learn with a positive attitude.
- Show Respect
- Obey rules
- Accept Responsibility
- Rise to Excellence

Scholar Signature



PRIMARY & ELEMENTARY ACADEMIES



SHOES (SNEAKERS OR TENNIS SHOES):
UNIFORM SHOES CAN BE ANY COLOR BUT MUST BE RUBBER SOLED AND APPROPRIATE FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUT CANNOT BE SLIDERS, SANDALS, CROCS, OR FLIP FLOPS.

SOCKS:
CREW STYLE IN BLACK, NAVY, WHITE, OR GREY

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES



UPDATES TO UNIFORM POLICY:

- LIBERTY POLOS ARE EXPECTED TO BE WORN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.
- SCHOLARS MAY DRESS DOWN OR WEAR SPECIALIZED LSC SHIRTS ONLY ON FRIDAYS.
- OUTERWEAR CAN BE WORN IN BLACK, WHITE, GREY, OR NAVY BLUE AND DOES NOT REQUIRE AN LSC LOGO (ANY LOGO MUST BE SMALLER THAN THE APPROVED LSC LOGO FOUND ON YOUR SCHOLAR'S UNIFORM)

WHERE CAN I BUY UNIFORMS?

ONLINE @ FRENCH TOAST



AUDRI J'S BOUTIQUE

465 RAST STREET
SUMTER, SC 29150

Select Uniform Pieces Available

Families in need of financial assistance should contact
Emeral Franklin, Primary Academy Culture Interventionist (efranklin@libertysteamcharter.org)
Micah Vaughn, Elementary Academy Dean of Culture (mvaughn@libertysteamcharter.org).



Our Uniform Philosophy

At Liberty STEAM Charter School (LSC), we ground ourselves foundationally in equity for all scholars to ensure transformational learning outcomes. This will leave our scholars ready to enter the world with integrity, love, and a true sense of excellence. LSC has instituted a uniform dress code for all scholars to create a consistent and safe environment free of distractions. We believe that a higher standard of dress encourages greater respect for individuals, scholars & others and results in a higher standard of behavior. Scholars who come to school dressed properly will excel academically and conduct themselves appropriately while at school. This belief is supported by research into the benefits of uniforms. However, conventional wisdom suggests that mandatory uniform policies benefit scholars on specific behavioral issues (attendance and self-control) and academic outcomes. Uniform policies also affect school environments and student outcomes by providing a visible and public symbol of commitment to school improvement and reform. Our goal is to offer a cost-effective uniform that gives all scholars equal access to school pride, regardless of family income level. The standard LSC uniform is:

Primary Academy

- A heather gray, navy blue or white LSC polo shirt (short-or long-sleeve) to be worn with khaki or navy blue pants, jumper, skirt, or shorts or a navy blue polo dress. Polo shirts without the LSC logo on it are not allowed.

Elementary Academy

- A heather gray, navy blue or white LSC polo shirt (short-or long-sleeve) to be worn with khaki or navy blue pants, jumper, skirt, or shorts or a navy blue polo dress. Polo shirts without the LSC logo on it are not allowed.

All scholars:

- Pants with loops are to be worn with a black or brown belt
- White, black, navy blue or gray tights/socks (no identifiable sock logos of any kind)
- White or black undershirt (short or long sleeve)
- The black, gray or navy blue school jacket, crew sweatshirt, or hoodie with the LSC logo is optional but recommended for the cooler months
- Uniform shoes can be any color but must be rubber soled and appropriate for physical education but cannot be sliders, sandals, crocs or flip flops.
- Boots that help with traction for safe walking can only be worn during inclement (snow or ice) weather days. Fashionable boots, belts, eyeglasses, etc., are never permitted. Jackets, hoodies and un-logo sweaters of any sort are not allowed to be worn in the classroom but can be worn from the outside coming in with the same solid shirt colors and no design larger than the LSC logo size.

At the primary academy level, we recognize that scholars rely heavily on their parents to ensure they are dressed appropriately. **A daily uniform check will be conducted by the academy campus culture team.** Parents of scholars not in compliance will be contacted via phone/letter. Remember, as part of the *Commitment to Excellence* signed upon confirmation of your scholar's enrollment, you committed to partner with the school to ensure uniform expectations are met. Any family needing financial assistance to ensure these expectations are met should contact the academy academy counselor.

FRIDAYS: Every Friday at LSC is an early release day for staff professional development. On these days, scholars are encouraged to express their individuality by "dressing down" that adheres to the non-uniform dress code policy adopted by the LSC Board. LSC specialized shirts can only be worn on these days.

Uniform Partners: Full service uniform purchasing can take place at our French Toast online store as well as Audri J's Boutique here in Sumter. Families can also take already purchased approved tops to Zebra Custom Designs, The Vinyl Hustle, or Southern Print to get our logo

embroidered.