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Elementary School / PreK-4th Grades / 2176 Lincoln Highway East / Lancaster, PA 17602 / (717) 509-4459



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OVERVIEW / PREK-4TH GRADES



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EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE & FAITH FORMATION

Lancaster Mennonite is committed to a student-centered, holistic education that helps students thrive academically at all levels of learning. LM's core values and faith practices are evident through our hands-on, values-driven approach to learning in all subject areas, which builds a solid foundation for social and cognitive development.

Teachers authentically integrate faith into all subjects. All grades use *Encounter*, an Anabaptist faith formation curriculum that emphasizes a commitment to following the life and teachings of Jesus. Students participate in daily devotions and attend chapel weekly.

PASSIONATE, CARING TEACHERS

Our dedicated teachers equip students to grow, and also to make a positive impact on the world. Teachers are certified and have a bachelors or masters degree.

The student-teacher relationship is at the heart of our programming since their interactions and development of meaningful relationships helps to foster an educational climate that puts students at the center of all that we do.

EARLY EDUCATION - PREKINDERGARTEN

PreK lays the foundation for success in life and school. Active learning stations, free play, outdoor exploration, and structured lessons help students develop social-emotional and academic skills, while building upon the child's natural curiosity to develop a love of learning at an early age. PreK is full-day, and parents can choose from three-day (M,T, Th), four-day (M-Th), or five-day options. PreK students must be three and a half years old and potty trained by September 1 to be eligible for admission.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM (K-4TH)

Our **Kindergarten program** balances an academically rigorous literacy and math program with built-in time for play-based learning and imaginative play. In every aspect of learning, students grow cognitively and socially so they are prepared for future success. Parents can choose from four-days (M-Th), or five-day options. Kindergarteners must be at least 5 years old by September 1 to attend.

The **elementary program** builds strong academic and social skills within a restorative justice framework that nurtures the whole child, and helps them develop a strong community with teachers and classmates. Hands-on learning experiences provide students the opportunity to apply their learning, build knowledge, and develop critical thinking.

See the Middle School viewbook for information on the 5-8th grade program.

SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM (K-12TH)

The Spanish Immersion program enables students to develop proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, and writing in both Spanish and English while meeting the same academic standards as other LM students. **The immersion program begins in Kindergarten and continues through High School.** PreK students receive weekly Spanish lessons so that they can begin to learn Spanish vocabulary.

See the Spanish Immersion brochure or LM website for more information.

STEAM & DESIGN-THINKING

Our STEAM program seeks to make connections between science, technology, engineering, art and math so that students can collaborate and apply learning to real-world problems.

Students at all grade levels walk through the design-thinking steps of defining, inventing, creating, and testing projects. In addition to their courses in science, math, and music, elementary students also participate in Art & Design class in the Makerspace. LM's Makerspace is a place where students can gather to share ideas and knowledge with one another as they work on projects related to fine art and design.

FINE ARTS - VISUAL ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

LM values creative expression as part of the curriculum, and provides opportunities for all students to develop and nourish creativity and a deeper understanding of God and the world through visual art, drama and music. Elementary students participate in art and music weekly, and instrumental lessons are available for 4th graders (and older):

- Art class for grades PreK-4 one time per week, and K-4 twice per week
- Music class for PreK one time per week, and K-4 one-three times per week (depending on grade level)
- Two music performances per year by students
- Band/orchestra and instrumental music lessons available starting in 4th grade

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

We believe that physical movement is important to the holistic wellbeing of students. **Students participate in physical education class 1-2 times per week and recess 1-2 times per day.**

LANCASTER MENNONITE YOUTH ATHLETICS (LMYA)

A program of Lancaster Mennonite school, offers athletic opportunities for students in grades K-6, and serves congregations, children and families by providing athletic activities within the Christian community, keeping Christ, building character, teamwork, and building skills at the center of it all. There are competitive leagues for older players in grades 5-6 and recreational leagues for players K-4th grade. **Learn more at MennoniteSports.org.**



“ I have 3 kids who attend LM. We love it! We love the teachers, academic programs, Spanish Immersion program, faith focus, and students. It's a wonderful community of supportive people.

- Tricia S., Parent of LM Students

ACADEMIC & SUPPORT SERVICES

Our Academic Support program meets the needs of students who require a program beyond the regular classroom, enabling students with learning exceptionalities to have their learning needs met with a custom educational plan. We are also provided with guidance services, as well as reading, math, and speech specialist support from the IU13 for qualifying students.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICES

Our classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Each classroom has an interactive projector and incorporate use of various online materials into lessons. There are iPads and Chromebooks available for students (depending on grade level) to use at school as an educational tool. Students are taught about digital citizenship through a media literacy curriculum that helps them to have safe, smart interactions online. Time spent engaged in hands-on learning outweighs time spent on individual technology devices in the elementary classrooms.

SUMMER CAMPS

Students can continuing learning year round with LM summer camps.

