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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. Action-based learning stations, free play, guided play, 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. Parents can choose from three-days (M,T, Th), four-days (M-Th), or five-day options. PreK students must be at least 4 years old and potty trained by September 1 to attend.

LM also participates in the PreK Counts Program. To see if you qualify, visit: lancastermennonite.org/prek-counts-program.

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 program begins in Kindergarten and continues through High School.**

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 that connect with their class content in Math, Science, Writing and Social Studies. Our MakerSpace program has a specific course that walks students through experimenting and hands-on learning. In addition, students have the opportunity to use our 95 acre campus as an outdoor classroom, and for exploration and application of content learning.

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 K-4 one time 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
- Instrumental music lessons available starting in 4th grade
- Band/orchestra and instrumental lessons for 4th-12th grades

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

We believe that physical movement is important to the holistic wellbeing of students. **Students participate in physical education class or recess at least twice per day.**

Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO) -

Students in PreK-6th grade can participate in extracurricular athletics through the Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO). This LM program is available for LM students and community members to participate in soccer, basketball, field hockey, softball and baseball. Participants build technical skills, enhance their teamwork, and develop character in a team setting. Learn more at: www.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 participate in regular education classes, specials, and activities. 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.