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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. Our values-based and hands-on approach infuses faith and LM's core values into the total program, 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 Bible curriculum, with an emphasis on a commitment to following the life and teachings of Jesus. Students are supported in their faith journeys through daily devotional times and spiritual practices, and weekly chapels and homeroom meetings.

PASSIONATE, CARING TEACHERS

Our dedicated teachers equip students to grow, and also to make a positive impact on the world. Our qualified teachers hold certifications, bachelors degrees, or masters degrees. **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.

HANDS-ON LEARNING, CARING COMMUNITY

Since our teachers are not limited to the state standardized testing requirements they have the freedom to be creative in how they help students learn and apply the material. Teachers use a mix of hands-on learning and traditional classroom methods that makes students active participants in the learning process.

Our caring, Christ-centered community of teachers, staff, and students means that every student is known, loved and cared for. We work to meet the needs of each individual student and help them thrive in a safe learning environment.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM OVERVIEW

All middle school students switch classrooms for their classes. Teachers teach core subject areas of Bible, Engineering Design, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes. Teachers integrate project-based units into specific subject areas throughout the year. Math is leveled to meet students' needs.

For students in the **Spanish Immersion Program**, they continue to receive two periods per day of content instruction in Spanish and the rest in English. The Spanish Immersion courses focus on strengthening Reading, Language Arts, and Social Studies. These students also receive additional emphasis on English writing. In High School, immersion students can take AP Spanish Language & Culture in a two-year cycle, with different content each year. AP Spanish Language & Literature is offered as an additional elective after this. Students that remain in the program will attain fluency.

INTEGRATED ARTS

In 5-6th grade, students participate in Integrated Arts classes as part of their regular schedule. These include: general music, art, health and physical education (PE), choir, band, and orchestra classes.

In 7-8th grade, students participate in each of these Integrated Arts classes for one quarter throughout the year: foods and family & consumer sciences (FCS), health, tech, and art. In addition, students have another period where they can choose to participate in band, orchestra, or service work around campus.

WORLD LANGUAGES

LM is committed to cultivating global citizens and building bridges of peace, and one of the best ways to accomplish this is through the study of other cultures and languages. Students not participating in the Spanish Immersion program have a course in 6th grade on World Languages that introduces them to various global cultures and the world languages taught at LM. 7th and 8th grade students have the opportunity to take a full-year course of either Spanish or German, and continued language learning classes in high school.

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.

Our program has a specific Engineering Design course that engages students in the design-thinking process so that they are learning skills that can be further integrated into class projects. Students can take advantage of a design lab and project spaces. There is also a middle school specific science lab for 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. Middle school students participate in art and music (as noted in the Integrated Arts section), which includes both instrumental and vocal options:

- Art instruction for grades 5-8
- Instrumental music lessons for grade 5
- Band and orchestra for grades 5-8
- General music and choral opportunities for grades 5-8
- Drama performances each year

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ATHLETICS

We believe that physical movement is important to the holistic wellbeing of students. Middle schoolers have **regular physical education classes as well as daily recess.**

LANCASTER MENNONITE YOUTH ATHLETICS (LMYA) - Students in K-6th grade can participate in recreational (K-4th) or competitive league (5-6th) extracurricular athletics through this program for soccer, basketball, field hockey, softball and baseball. Learn more at: www.mennonitesports.org.



L-L League Sports - Students in grades 7-8 are eligible to participate in L-L league Jr. High level sports for:

- Basketball
- Chess (with High School)
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Track
- Volleyball (girls only in MS)



“ We are so thankful to have our four kids at LM in an environment where they can grow academically, socially, and spiritually. They have wonderful opportunities for music and art, and have made great friends!

- Kirsten, Parent of LM students

EXTRACURRICULARS & CLUBS

Middle school students have access to a range of activities offered during and after school. Examples of after school clubs include: Chess, Quiz Bowl and MathCounts. Extracurriculars change on a regular basis, and may include: photography, robotics, board games, wiffle ball, fishing, Envirothon, science fair, and yearbook.

ACADEMIC & SUPPORT SERVICES

Our Academic Support program meets the needs of students, enabling students with learning exceptionalities to participate in regular education classes, electives and activities. We also have IU-13 personnel who provide on-site counseling, social work, reading, math, and speech specialist support.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICES

Our classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology. Each classroom has an interactive projector and incorporates the use of various online materials into lessons. Middle school students have 1 to 1 access to Chromebooks during the school day. Students are taught about digital citizenship through a media literacy curriculum that helps them to have safe, smart interactions online.