



LUTHERAN ACADEMY OF THE MASTER

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Mission Statement, Statement of Community, and Statement of Faith

Mission Statement

Lutheran Academy of the Master's Mission is to provide a solid academic education to all students in a nurturing Christian environment and to share Christ's love with their families.

Statement of Community

Parent Responsibility:

As part of the parent's responsibility to educate their children, the school is one component; the home environment is the other. Children must come to school ready to learn. Proper sleep and nutrition including a breakfast with protein can make a huge difference in the child's ability to perform. A strong commitment is required to establish a successful atmosphere at home for the child to hone their study skills. The parents must be aware of homework assignments and follow through with making sure they are completed on time and turned in to the teacher. This doesn't mean the parent does the homework, only that they manage it. Educational success is a team effort between parents and school staff.

Homework:

Homework is an opportunity to develop discipline, accountability, organization, and well-defined study habits. It creates a way for parents to stay in tune with the curriculum being introduced in the classroom. Students can expect approximately 10 – 15 minutes of homework a night per grade level assuming the child makes good use of class time. Large projects and nightly reading may require extra time. Parents are responsible for ensuring their student completes all make-up work due to absence within a week of the absence. Unless the teacher directs otherwise, make-up work is due upon return when absence is due to a family vacation.

Attendance:

Due to a four day a week schedule, daily attendance is essential in enabling your child to master skills and be successful in school. Any child missing more than five days in a semester or ten in a school year may be in jeopardy of advancing to the next grade.

Proper Placement of Students:

It is the philosophy of LAM that children are successful when they are in an environment where they are comfortably challenged academically, and they are socially and emotionally confident and secure. We are committed to making sure your child thrives during their experience here at LAM.

It is our responsibility as Christian educators to set students up for success by only placing them in the setting where they will flourish. For that reason, we require all children to be at least three years old by the end of August to register for our Lamb classes. We will also require students to be 4 years old by the end of August to register for our Pre-Kindergarten classes. Our kindergarten program requires a student to be at least 5 years of age by the end of August because it is a wonderful and academically rigorous curriculum.

If you are new to our school, starting with the Bridge class, we will evaluate your student to insure proper placement. Students will not be promoted to the next grade without mastery of skills for the prior grade level. These decisions will be made at the end of the current school year by the teacher and principal.



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Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences and Weekly Family Packets:

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences are mandatory 1-2 times per year and as requested by the teacher if needed. Weekly family packets are the communication tool that keeps everyone informed of current events as well as documentation of progress. Parents must stay in touch by reading these packets each week. Teachers are also readily available for conferences at the parent's request.

Parent Volunteer Organization:

Committed parental involvement is of the utmost importance at Lutheran Academy of the Master. According to Deuteronomy 6:6-7, it is the parent's responsibility to educate their children. Our school exists to facilitate this duty. All parents are expected to be involved in the educational process by participating in the Parent Volunteer Organization (PVO). This group facilitates the school's community atmosphere through working together as volunteers in the classrooms, organizing both fellowship and fundraising opportunities as well as supporting the teachers and principal. We believe that we are called as Christians to educate our children in an environment where Christ is the focus throughout our studies.

Fundraiser Responsibilities:

I understand that I am a part of the PVO and my family and I will participate in all fundraising opportunities including the fall bulb sale, fall auction event, spring Arts and Science Showcase, and the spring Walk-a-thon. My family is responsible for securing donations totaling \$200.00 or more, donating auction items totaling \$200.00 or more, OR making a cash donation of \$200.00 for the fall auction event. All students will be expected to obtain sponsors to support their efforts in the Walk-a-thon.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible is the Word of God, and therefore our authority in all matters of faith and life.
2. We believe in the one, true God, as he has made himself known through the Bible, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and confessed by the Church in the Apostles' Creed.
3. We believe what the Apostle Paul clearly states in several books of the Bible, "*By grace you have been saved through faith.*"
4. We believe that by his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus Christ fulfilled God's will and opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all who believe in him.
5. We believe God claims us as his own through Holy Baptism and empowers us with his Holy Spirit to be his people.
6. We believe we are called by Christ to be his witnesses and testify with our lives that Jesus is "*the way, the truth, and the life.*"
7. We believe we are called to be examples of our faith in service and love for others.

Therefore, the staff will, to the best of their abilities and by the help of God, share the love of Christ with the children entrusted in their care, with their parents, families, and with others. We will teach only in accordance with the statement of faith stated above. We will work together with others to maintain harmony and unity in this school, showing forgiveness, honesty and integrity in our relationships.