

Collaborating with Families for Scholar Success



STEAM Charter School

SCHOOL-FAMILY COMPACT FOR ACHIEVEMENT 2026-27

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
 - Performance Arts (Band, Drumline, Orchestra, Piano, Choir, & Art)
 - Physical Education & Mixed Martial Arts
 - STEAM Project Lead the Way- Launch
- Vocabulary, Writing, & 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
- Valentine's Family Dance
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Books & BINGO
- Start with Stories & Waffles with Writers
- Glow Read a Book
- Sunrise with Someone Special
- Fall Festival & Smiling with Santa
- Dandelion Military Families
- Family Movie Night
- Dads on Duty
- Dads Chili Cook-Off
- Kindergarten Readiness Sessions
- PEACE Sessions
- PATH Career Exposure Program
- For Hopes & Dreams Conferences (K & 5th Grade)
- Crossover Ceremony (5th Grade)
- Formal Graduation Ceremonies (K & 5th Grade)



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



Communicating About Student Learning

Scholar Eagle NEST Folders (K-5) + Binders (6)

Every week, all scholars take work folders or binders with lessons and skills they will be working on in the coming week. For example, these 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 folders or binders as a menu board for scholars to work through over the week and submit on Thursdays.

Newsletters

LSC sends a variety of newsletters to 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 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, Elementary, or Junior 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 13,000+ 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 MyOn & Accelerated Reader, Amira, IXL, iReady (Grade 1), and Beast (GT Learners Only) 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 Folder or Binder.



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2025-26 LSC Scholar Profile

Total Students: 1,061

Poverty: 70%

Minority Scholars: 65%

Special Education: 14%

Multi-Language Learners: 1%

Total Staff Count: 140

Total Campuses: 3

Teachers of Record Holding State Certification: 97%

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