



LIFE PREPARATORY ACADEMY ONLINE LEARNING 2024-2025

Welcome to the 2024-2025 academic year at Life Preparatory Academy. We are continuing our successful conversion to online learning. The home – school connection is vital for each scholar’s success. Therefore, we want to relay some valuable information about this platform to continue this seamless transition for our scholars, parents, and staff.

Curriculum

Power Homeschool Services (PHS), which provides video based Acellus courses, is the primary online curriculum that LPA has chosen to utilize. Acellus courses have been used by numerous educational institutions and are well-respected in online education. Scholars will have opportunities to excel beyond his or her grade-level in subjects that are completed ahead of schedule and explore other interests. Scholars will also have access to academic planning and support during scheduled check-ins with LPA staff. Though this curriculum allows students to work at their own pace, courses are expected to be completed within the allotted time. Also, we will provide log-in information for each scholar after registration and class assignment.

Grading

Grading of quizzes and tests that appear on the platform will be graded by the system, while other assignments or assessments will be graded by LPA staff. **Scholars are expected to complete at least 45% of a class’s curriculum each semester to receive their platform grade. If not, scholars will receive a grade of Incomplete (special circumstances) or their grade will be reduced by the percentage of work not completed, which may result in a failing grade.** No credits are earned for Incomplete or Failing (below 60%) grades. LPA staff will maintain all records and distribute report cards and transcripts as usual.

Attendance

Attendance will be recorded daily and is a critical part of accountability at LPA. ***To be counted as present, scholars must log on and complete at least 3 steps in each core course (Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies) by 11:59 pm CST each day, Monday – Thursday, except for holidays outlined on the school calendar. Ten or more unexcused absences per semester may result in failure of classes, pausing of classes, suspension, or expulsion from LPA.*** Additionally, scholars are expected to complete weekly goals in ALL classes to maintain the pace needed to complete the courses. Parents and scholars are expected to work together to ensure attendance.

Scholars may work in the system at any time. Scholars’ daily work schedules should be determined by parent/guardian (a suggested schedule will be provided for you). Please see the school calendar for holidays and academic semesters.

Academic Dishonesty

LPA expects each scholar to practice academic honesty. Unit tests are expected to be done without unauthorized assistance (i.e., internet searches for answers, notes, parents answering questions for the scholar, peer help, etc.). **You are expected to do your own work!** Practice and quizzes may require a review of notes or use of examples from notes, especially in math.



Consequences of academic dishonesty include a grade of “0” for the assignment, a possible grade of “F” for the grading period, and/or suspension (as determined by administration).

Conduct

Scholars are expected to be always on their best behavior. Disrespectful behavior or speech toward LPA staff, other scholars, and anyone in authority will not be tolerated. Students violating conduct expectations will be warned on the first offense and subject to suspension or expulsion on the subsequent offense.

Supplies 2024-2025

The Acellus app should be downloaded to an adequate technology device. We recommend a laptop or desktop PC, but the app does work on mobile devices. Headphones are recommended when doing work where others are present as the scholar must listen intently to the lessons taught. Scholars should also keep a notebook for each course to take notes as needed and a binder or folder to store extra work and materials. These will be great resources as they progress in grade levels.

The Zoom app is also needed for scheduled check-ins and meetings. Please enable video and audio features for Zoom meetings. This enables LPA staff to personally interact with scholars and parents at scheduled times. Also, scholars need a quiet and undistracted space and are expected to be on time for these meetings. Reminders will be sent for the first 2 meetings, then scholars are expected to attend regularly without reminders.

Dress Code

LPA will continue to uphold scholarly standards for dress. Uniforms are not required for daily online learning. However, scholars are required to dress appropriately and groom for face-to-face interactions, including group sessions.

Staff Availability (subject to change)

Staff is available for feedback or questions at the following times, Monday – Thursday:

9:00 am – 12 Noon via phone or text; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm via email; Zoom Check-ins as Scheduled

Tuition & Fees

A registration fee of \$50 per family (per school year) is due upon registration. Monthly tuition should be paid by the 5th of each month or be subject to late fees. Additionally, final records may be held until outstanding balances are paid in full. Please see the 2024-2025 Tuition and Fees sheet for information on the available pay schedules.

Other Notes

Please practice patience as we move through this school year. We will work diligently with scholars and parents to give the best opportunities for success. The content of this document is subject to change as the year progresses.