



LAFAYETTE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

St. Louis, MO | Est. 2013

Quick Sheet of LPA Info for Prospective Families

History

- Dreamt of and designed by families in our target area
- Opened in 2013 as K-2


Grades Served

Year	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
2013-14	2	1	1			
2014-15	2	2	1	1		
2015-16	2	2	2	1	1	
2016-17	2	2	2	2	1	1
2017-18 *	2	2	2	2	2	1
2018-19 *	2	2	2	2	2	2

- In 2017-18, we plan to open the Middle School (6-8).
- In 2020-2021, we are considering opening a High School.

Curriculum/Academic Approach

- **Teach and are held to the same academic standards as all public schools: the Common Core State Standards.**
- **Assess students' needs regularly to effectively differentiate to each students' needs.**
- Assess students regularly to guide instruction to always meet the needs of students.
- Offer music, art, and physical education in addition to the core curriculum.
- Balanced Literacy Approach = whole group, small group, and individualized instruction in reading, writing, and word work. The benefit to this approach is that all students (high or low) are met at the level of their needs and challenged from that level. All students are given the chance to work either individually or in small groups with the teacher.
- Singapore Math = teaching students to think conceptually about numbers and be able to do mental math. This is in contrast to traditional math models that do more of a skill and drill, rote memorization of math facts. Our kids learn to really understand and manipulate numbers in a way that is meaningful and critical to future math success. They still learn the same concepts, but internalize much more deeply and are able to solve problems from more than one angle. This approach is internationally and domestically proven and aligns closely with the Common Core State Standards.

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- Science = we begin in Kindergarten; most schools wait until 4th or 5th grade. Our kids are encouraged to ask and then find answers to their questions. We utilize an inquiry-based approach in multiple content areas.
 - Social Studies = we teach the important content centered on the concept of community. Additionally, we utilize a service-learning approach. Our kids are encouraged and given the opportunity to utilize knowledge and skills in service to their communities. We teach our kids that we learn not just to learn, but to put that knowledge to use for the improvement of the world around us.

Accountability/Accreditation

- Sponsored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL)
- Authorized by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).
- Not accredited in the same way as other public schools, but authorized directly by the state.
- Held to the same, if not higher, standards than public schools because we can be closed if we do not meet strict evaluative criteria.
- Take the same state assessments as all public schools.
- Test results will be published publicly.

Community

- Targeted area = Downtown, Lafayette Square, LaSalle Park, Clinton Peabody, King Louis Square, and Soulard
- All residents of St. Louis City are welcome; do not have geographic boundaries
- Expect families to interact, get involved, and support their students in this important work.
- Families are asked to do 25 hours of volunteer work in support of the school
- Strong PTO
- Staff members send their children to LPA- including the Head of School, teachers, and Maintenance staff.

Cost

- **FREE** to residents of St. Louis Public School District
- \$7/day for after care
- Extracurricular clubs – cost varies

Logistics

- Drop-off = 7am–8am
- Breakfast served 7:15-7:45
- School day starts at 8am, please arrive by 7:55
- Kindergarten has option of partial day (ending at 12:45)
- Regular school day ends at 3pm
- Pick up = 3:00pm-3:15pm
- After care/clubs = 3:15pm-6pm (clubs typically end at 4:15)
- **NO TRANSPORTATION**



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Enrollment

- All residents of St. Louis City are welcome; do not have geographic boundaries
- Must take a family tour before completing enrollment.
- Open enrollment ends 2/11/16
- All students submitting complete enrollment forms by 3:00 pm on February 11, 2015 will be admitted into the school at that time, if maximum capacity has not been reached.
- A lottery will be held on February 16, 2015, if necessary. Accepted students will be notified within three days. Those students then have until February 22nd to respond to let LPA know they will indeed attend the school in 2016-2017.
- Any students not accepted through the lottery will be placed on the waiting list. When seats open, a lottery is held to fill them.

Miscellaneous Questions

- Current Instructional Staff: Student ratio = 1:13
- Class size = up to 24 students
- Have support staff on hand: Title I teacher, Special Education teacher, and Teacher Assistants who work with students needing extra support, additional challenge, or additional attention. This, then, frees up the classroom teacher to provide more attention and individualized instruction to the other students in the class.

Want more Information?

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