



Liberty Common School

Prospective-Parent Philosophy Checklist

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Does Liberty Common School promote values and philosophies consistent with my family's approach to education?

Please use the questions below to indicate your alignment with Liberty's key values and practices. Circle "yes" if you agree with the statement or practice, or "no" if you disagree. If you find yourself circling "no," it could indicate misalignment with our school philosophy warranting deeper reflection before pursuing enrollment.

Circle one:

- Yes No Reading classic literature fosters vocabulary, content knowledge and fluency. Students are required to read from an approved list of books in each grade called the Great Books List.
- Yes No In addition to regular homework, each student should read or be read to every day at home. Teachers assign Great Books List reading homework according to grade-level guidelines.
- Yes No Latin is vital to advancing English-language mastery. Other foreign languages are not taught at the elementary-school level.
- Yes No Conscious emphasis on good, legible handwriting is an important component of a complete education.
- Yes No A dress code establishes the school as a place of academic dignity, and is important to minimize distractions, and perceived student hierarchy.
- Yes No Parent volunteering is necessary to manage a high-performing school. All families are expected (though not formally required) to volunteer in the school in some way.
- Yes No Plagiarism and cheating will be tolerated by neither the school, nor by students at any level.
- Yes No Unprepared students should not be promoted to the next grade level. "Social promotion" denies a child the academic building blocks he or she needs in order to intellectually thrive in school.
- Yes No I believe character education – the internalization of classical virtue – is an essential part of education.
- Yes No Active parental involvement in their child's education is essential.
- Yes No Liberty Common School embraces educational values and philosophies consistent with my family's.