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*LAMS Collaborative Academy is a non-traditional high school focusing on preparing students for purposeful Christian living in the 21st century.*



**COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY**  
LITITZ AREA MENNONITE SCHOOL

## Program Overview

Students attending LAMS CA engage in an individualized and balanced combination of each of the following components in a Biblically integrated setting:

- **Personalized Learning Sessions:** students meet one-to-one with facilitators for daily short-term goal-setting sessions and weekly long-term goal-setting and progress monitoring sessions. Students may also meet individually with facilitators to receive tutoring help with coursework.
- **Engaging Courses:** Most LAMS CA courses are in-person and happen on the LAMS campus, but some (Science and Social Studies) are online. Each in-person and online course, however, is interactive. That means that whether the teacher and fellow students are in the LAMS CA room or whether they are part of the online experience with iLumenEd Academy, our partner online school, students are interacting with their teacher and fellow classmates. Students have the opportunity to also participate in any online course asynchronously if they happen to miss a class or want to review a lesson. LAMS CA facilitators will be teaching or facilitating all classes.
- **Collaborative Projects:** students engage in hands-on, real-world group projects in the areas of math, science, engineering, the arts, and technology that focus on learning how to communicate and work together.
- **Community Learning Experiences:** beginning in 9th grade, learning extends out of the classroom into local businesses and community organizations. As students progress through high school, opportunities increase for students to plan for and/or begin post-secondary employment, participate in job shadowing and internships, participate in service learning opportunities, and take dual-enrollment college courses.
- **Bible Study:** Students participate in an in-depth study of the Bible to encourage critical thinking, discernment, and discussion. Bible courses meet twice a week. All core courses are also taught from a Biblical worldview.
- **Daily Devotions and Prayer:** students begin each day with a collective devotion time, discussing relevant topics and learning about We strive to be a safe place that allows students to wrestle with big questions and help guide them to the truths of Jesus...to help them develop a personal and authentic relationship with Him that is transformative.

## Graduation Requirements

To receive an accredited diploma from LAMS Collaborative Academy students must earn 24 credits and meet the following graduation requirements:

- 4 Credits of English
- 3 Credits of Math
- 3 Credits of Science
- 3 Credits of Social Studies
- 3 Credits of Bible
- 2 Credits of Arts/Humanities
- 1 Credit of Physical Education/Health
- 5 Credits of Electives



### Computers:

LAMS CA is 1:1. Included in the cost of tuition, each student receives a laptop or chromebook to use throughout the school year. Laptops are in the possession of the student both at school and home. The laptop or chromebook is the property of LAMS and is maintained and serviced by LAMS.

### Transportation:

Students who attend LAMS CA may use LAMS bus transportation. Students who acquire a driver's license will be able to drive to LAMS and park in the available parking lot.

### Job Shadowing/Service Learning:

The goal of job shadowing at LAMS CA is to provide students with the opportunity to explore many different career possibilities as well as explore what is required from an employee throughout the work day.

Students work closely with the LAMS CA Director to choose job shadowing opportunities that will most benefit their learning. Students are fully supported and guided through their job shadowing experiences.



The goal of service learning at LAMS CA is to combine a student's personal learning goals and service to the community in a way that can enhance both community and student growth. Students serve with our community partners as well as other community organizations as needs arise. Students are fully supported and guided through their service learning experience.

## **Dual Enrollment:**

Dual enrollment, by definition, is when a student is enrolled in both high school and college at the same time and is earning credits to meet requirements for both high school and college. It is a great way for high school students to explore college options (before making a commitment) as well as getting a jump on their college career while under the guidance of their high school teachers/directors.

***LAMS CA currently offers two dual enrollment opportunities to juniors and seniors who attend LAMS CA. This opportunity is included in the LAMS CA tuition fee at no extra charge.***

### **Option 1: Lancaster Bible College JUMPSTART Program**

- Students may take up to 12 college credits before they graduate from high school (one course each semester for their junior and senior years).
- LAMS CA pays for course fees.
- \$500 scholarships awarded to students to use in further study at LBC for each semester they are enrolled in the Jump Start program (up to \$2000 renewable yearly)
- Students take in-person courses on the campus of LBC and have access to LBC resources (no online courses).
- Students must submit PSAT/ACT test scores.

### **Option 2: Harrisburg Area Community College Dual Enrollment Program**

- Students may take approved in-person courses at the Lancaster or Lebanon campus or online courses at their high school campus.
- LAMS CA pays course costs.
- Students can take courses in their field of interest...not just general education requirements.
- Students have access to all HACC resources.
- Students must submit PSAT/ACT test scores and are required to take a placement exam.

## **Lancaster County Career and Technical Center Enrollment Opportunities:**

Students attending LAMS CA have the opportunity to enroll in LCCTC while in 11th and 12th grade. Students can choose from many available paths of study. To explore options check out [www.lancasterctc.edu](http://www.lancasterctc.edu). LAMS CA students will be guided through the entire process of enrolling.

## **Sports Opportunities:**

Students attending LAMS CA have the opportunity to join one of the LAMS CA sports teams or to join a Warwick School District sports team. Currently, LAMS CA offers the opportunity to participate in PIAA Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, as well as NASP Archery. Students may also participate in PIAA Track and Field.

Students desiring to join a Warwick sports team will need to adhere to all requirements set by LAMS CA as well as by the Warwick School District. LAMS CA students are not guaranteed a place on the team, but are very welcome to try out for a Warwick sport in the same manner as students who attend Warwick School District. Additional sports opportunities are offered on an individual basis based on interests of the student body.

## **LAMS Theater:**

Theater is another way to get involved in extracurriculars at LAMS CA. Our high school theater program produces two shows during the school year, including one that is part of a traveling tour. It is an exciting opportunity for students of all abilities and gifts to challenge themselves to be bold for Christ on stage!



Questions about something not listed here?

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