

Lincoln Academy Principal's Report to the Board January 2018

The mission of Lincoln Academy is to help all students attain their highest social and academic potential through an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program in a safe orderly, and caring environment.



CORE KNOWLEDGE CORNER



Core Knowledge®

The Core Knowledge (CK) sequence embodies three essential qualities:

Content Specific, Coherent, and Cumulative.

Cumulative:

The CK sequence provides a clear outline of content to be learned from preschool through grade eight. Knowledge, language and skill build cumulatively from grade to grade. This cumulative building of knowledge helps ensure that children enter each new grade ready to learn.

Teachers in a Core Knowledge school can confidently predict the knowledge and skills children have been taught in prior grades, build on that learning, and prepare them for what comes next. That's because the CK sequence is built on the principle, firmly established by cognitive scientists, that we learn new knowledge by building on what we already know.

Individual students will differ in their degree of mastery, and mobility will require focused help for students who lack the expected prior knowledge. But the cumulative quality of the Core Knowledge Sequence greatly increases the likelihood that as children proceed from one grade to the next, they will emerge well prepared with a shared body of important knowledge and skills.

Oh, the Places You'll Go

Open Enrollment

The Jefferson County School District open enrollment process begins on Monday, January 8 and continues until January 31st.

During this time, K-8 grade applications are given priority based on staff, sibling, in-district, and out-of-district. In each category, a lottery number is assigned to each applicant at the end of the open enrollment period.

In early February, phone calls will be made to kindergarten families. All other grade level applicants will be called as space becomes available. Lottery lists will be posted on the website by student's first name and last initial.

Second round enrollment begins February 9th. At this time all applications that are accepted are placed after the first round applications and are first come, first served even if it is a sibling application.

We will be hosting an informational night on Thursday, January 25th for prospective parents. Once a month from February through May we host prospective parent tours during the school day.

Principal Goals 2017-2018

Goal #1

In effort to guide teachers in improving their craft of teaching, I will be using the technique of video coaching to give teachers real time feedback, receive the right bite-sized piece of feedback, and practice time. I will complete a coaching cycle with eleven designated teachers.

Progress Update:

I have meet with all eleven of my designated teachers three times before the winter break. Each time the teacher has picked one or two areas of growth in which to work. I will start my second round of meeting with each teacher three times the week of January 8th.

January 2018 Data

Click below to access the following data:

- [MAP 2017 Fall to Winter Student Growth Summary](#)
- [MAP 2016-2017 Winter to Winter Student Growth Summary](#)

More information can be found on our website

www.lincolnacademy.net

click on **Board of Directors** for the latest information.

School Choice Week

January 21st- 27th

We will be participating in the 7th annual National School Choice Week. National School Choice Week is America's largest annual celebration of educational reform that provides an array of educational option and gives parents the power to choose the educational environments that are best for their children. National School Choice Week shines a positive spotlight on effective education options for children.

In 2017...

- 21, 392 events were held in all 50 states
- 16, 786 schools participated
- 713 governors, mayors & other elected officials proclaimed "School Choice Week"
- 9,000 + positive news stories reached 222 million Americans

On, Monday January 22nd we will celebrate School Choice Week during our Monday pledge ceremony. Students will be speaking about what school choice means to them, performing the school choice dance and we will watch clips from the national organization.

To learn more visit the [School Choice Website](#)