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Alexander Doniphan	1900 Clay Dr. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5400	Beth Cunningham, Principal Chavis Clawson, Asst. Principal
EPiC Elementary	650 Conistor Liberty, MO 64068	736-5730	Jamie Ackart, Principal
Franklin	201 W. Mill Street Liberty, MO 64068	736-5440	Amy Toebben, Principal Jaysa Hartman, Asst. Principal
Kellybrook	10701 N. Eastern Ave. KCMO 64157	736-5700	Kayli Burrell, Principal Megan Thompson, Asst. Principal
Lewis and Clark	1407 Nashua Liberty, MO 64068	736-5430	Mitch Hiser, Principal Dawn Shannon, Asst. Principal
Liberty Oaks	8150 N. Farley KCMO 64158	736-5600	Jeanne Hinnenkamp, Principal Ashlyn Garton, Asst. Principal
Lillian Schumacher	425 Claywoods Pkwy. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5490	Matthew Krohne, Principal Jaysa Hartman, Asst. Principal Emily Griffin, Asst. Principal
Manor Hill	1400 Skyline Dr. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5460	Jordan Williamson, Principal Julie Gosnell, Asst. Principal
Ridgeview	701 Thornton Liberty, MO 64068	736-5450	Tyler Shannon, Principal Heather Buckman, Asst. Principal
Shoal Creek	9000 NE Flintlock Rd. KCMO 64157	736-7150	Christy Boman, Principal Ashley Assman, Asst. Principal Danielle Compton, Asst. Principal
Warren Hills	1251 Camille St. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5630	Michelle Swierski, Principal Heather Lee, Asst. Principal
Secondary Schools			
Discovery Middle School	800 Midjay Dr. Liberty, MO 64068	736-7300	Greg Mees, Principal Courtney Dickerson, Asst. Principal
Heritage Middle School	600 W. Kansas Liberty, MO 64068	736-5380	Reagan Allegri, Principal Ryan Dahm, Asst. Principal Jennifer Selock, Asst. Principal
Liberty Middle School	1500 S. Withers Rd. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5410	Jeremy Bradham, Principal Shirley Kantola, Asst. Principal
South Valley Middle School	1000 Midjay Dr. Liberty, MO 64068	736-7180	Jill Mullen, Principal Joe Lutes, Asst. Principal Whitney Weakley, Asst. Principal
Liberty High School	200 Blue Jay Dr. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5340	Mike Sharp, Principal Tara Bell, Asst. Principal Caleb Champ, Asst. Principal Bridget Herrman, Asst. Principal Ryan Nichols, Asst. Principal Jason Cahill, Activities Director
Liberty North High School	1000 NE 104th St. Liberty, MO 64608	736-5500	Rosemary Camp, Principal Lee Allen, Asst. Principal Josh Baldwin, Asst. Principal Tammy Jackson, Asst. Principal Stacy Syler, Asst. Principal David McDorman, Activities Director
Liberty Academy	1115 Blackberry Dr. Liberty, MO 64068	736-5470	Melissa Norris, Director of Alternative Education



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Pictured (Front Row L-R): Karen Rogers, Jenn Bauer, and
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From the desk of

DR. M. JEREMY TUCKER



AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!

As we now embark on a new academic year, I want to be one of the first to welcome you back for what we expect to be a memorable 2024-2025 school year in Liberty Public Schools. Our entire team is excited to greet our 12,500 students back to school coming up Wednesday, August 21, 2024 for the official first day in LPS. The excitement and anticipation that comes with a new school year has been evident in recent weeks, and I am looking forward to seeing our hallways once again filled with the energy and enthusiasm of our students.

Over these summer months, our incredible staff has been hard at work preparing for the return of our students. From curriculum updates to facility improvements, we are committed to providing a safe, engaging, and enriching learning environment. Our goal in LPS is ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive both academically and personally. This past spring, our Strategic Leadership Team worked to refresh our district's Strategic Plan to guide our work for the present and future. I am excited to share that this updated plan has been formally approved by our Board of Education, and our work around the LPS Graduate Profile and Vivid Vision will continue as we begin this new school year. I cannot thank the dozens of stakeholders who engaged in this process and provided us invaluable feedback for what you hope our learners experience in our high-performing district. If you are interested in viewing some of this recent work, I would encourage you to visit our website at www.lps53.org.

Parents and guardians, your involvement is crucial to the success of our learners. We encourage you to stay engaged with your child's education, attend school events, and communicate regularly with our teachers and staff when the need arises. Together, we can create a supportive and nurturing environment that fosters learning and growth.

To our teachers and staff, I extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Your passion for education and commitment to our learners is truly inspiring. I have no doubt that this year will be filled with achievements and milestones, thanks to your efforts.

To our students, I want to remind you that our education is a journey. Embrace the challenges, celebrate your successes, and never hesitate to ask for help when needed. Your potential is limitless, and we are all here to support you every step of the way.

As we begin this new school year, let us all commit to making it a year of positivity, growth, and success. I am confident that, together, we can overcome any obstacles and achieve great things.

Welcome back, and let's make this year the best one yet!

Be well!

Dr. M. Jeremy Tucker,
Superintendent - Liberty Public Schools



On the cover

Lillian Schumacher Elementary students (pictured L-R) Turner Marcantonio (4th grade), Jaxson Cox (3rd grade), LaNia Witherspoon (5th grade), Lucy Smith (1st grade) and Keon Campbell (2nd grade)

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If you would like more information about Liberty School District, please contact the Communications Office at 736-5300, or visit our website at www.lps53.org.



WELCOME TO LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

Amazing things are happening in Liberty Public Schools! We are excited to partner with all stakeholder groups to make the 2024-2025 school year a memorable one for all. Throughout this publication you will find District at a Glance information that we hope you find useful. Throughout this Back-to-School issue of the LPS Educator magazine, you will find all of the important information to get you and your child set for the first day of school, scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024. For important Back-to-School Night information, we encourage you to visit our district's website at www.lps53.org. Our schools will also provide families with detailed information in various communication outlets

leading up to the start of school. In addition, if you are new to LPS, we encourage you to get connected with our Student Services Department. Families can begin the enrollment process online by going to our website at <http://registration.lps53.org>. At the end of your student's online enrollment, you will be instructed to schedule an enrollment appointment with your student's school. For more information about our online enrollment process, enrollment eligibility, and required enrollment documents, please visit Liberty School District's website at www.lps53.org, select **For Parents**, then select **Enrollment Information**. We look forward to meeting you!

IMMUNIZATIONS

New and Returning Students: Don't wait until the last minute to get up-to-date on your shots! You may not start school in August without being up-to-date on your immunizations (per Missouri Law and District Policy).

For 8th and 12th grade students, pay special attention to what is required for you below.

Children entering kindergarten must have completed the following vaccines: DTaP, IPV, MMR, Hepatitis B, and Varicella (chickenpox).

Please Note: If a child has had the chickenpox disease, the parent must turn in a written statement signed by a doctor documenting the month and year of the chickenpox disease. Remember, this statement must be signed by a doctor – only an M.D. or D.O.



Shots required for all 8th grade students:
Tdap, Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine

Shots required for all 12th grade students:
Meningococcal Meningitis vaccine
(1 dose required after the age of 16)

Recommended only for 11 years or older: HPV

Recommended only for all students: Hepatitis A

Contact your child's physician, or the Clay County Public Health Center at 816-595-4355, to schedule an appointment. Clay County Public Health Center accepts most major insurance plans and Missouri Medicaid.

SCHOOL START AND END TIMES

ELEMENTARY

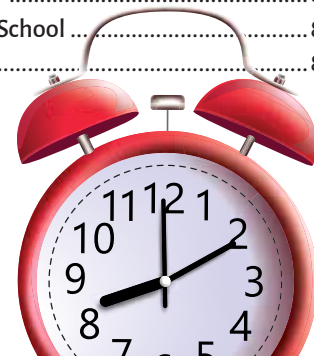
Early Childhood – AM	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Early Childhood – PM	1:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
Alexander Doniphan	8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
EPiC	8:25 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Franklin	8:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
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MIDDLE

Discovery Middle School	7:15 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.
Heritage Middle School	7:45 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Liberty Middle School	7:45 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
South Valley Middle School	7:15 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

Liberty High School	8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Liberty North High School	8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Liberty Academy	8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.



SCHOOL AGE CARE – KID’S ZONE

Kid’s Zone, in collaboration with the eleven elementary schools in LPS, offers students a safe, engaging environment before and after school that promotes creativity and independence through a balance of structured, counselor-directed activities and unstructured, child-initiated experiences. There are plenty of opportunities for active play, socialization, a quiet place for study with homework assistance, and a wide range of age-appropriate activities. Kid’s Zone begins at 6:30 a.m. and operates until school starts. Kid’s Zone resumes promptly at school dismissal until 6 p.m. There are non-school day care options available over school breaks and inclement weather days for students enrolled in the program. On non-school days, Kid’s Zone hours are from 7 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Every site is staffed with a certified CPR-FA Site Manager and a host of school-age care associates to meet the 1 to 16 staff-to-student ratio. Open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year began on June 17, 2024. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please visit www.lps53.org/KZ or contact our Kid’s Zone Office at 736-5378.



TRANSPORTATION

The primary responsibility for transportation is safe transit from home to school and back.

With nearly 7,000 students riding daily, STUDENT CONDUCT is crucial to safe rides daily. There are three focus points to review with your student:

- 1. Respect and comply with drivers and monitor directions at all times.**
- 2. Remain seated in your assigned seat for the duration of the bus ride.**
- 3. Ride safely and respect those around you.**

Take a moment to download the BUS COMPASS app. It will show you where and when your student gets on and off the bus. It will also alert you to how far away the bus is from the bus stop.

All students must OPT IN for transportation in order to be routed to ride a bus. All communication can be made at www.lps53.org/transportation On this page there are communication options for all transportation questions.

Parent Reminders

Bus Stop Information provided on Infofinder will be available approximately two weeks before school starts on the Transportation page at lps53.org/transportation.

Students who live more than one mile from school are eligible for bus transportation.

Elementary students will walk no more than three blocks to a bus stop; 6th-12th grade students may walk up to six blocks.

Transportation letters will be emailed to parents at the beginning of August.



NUTRITION SERVICES

LPS Nutrition Service’s mission is to provide fresh, nutritious, and tasty choices for all students. Breakfast and lunch are prepared daily and meet federal pre K-12 meal requirements. Meals include fresh fruit and vegetables, protein choices, whole grains, and milk choices. Menus, payments, restrictions, nutrition information, ingredients, and allergen information may be accessed online at www.SchoolCafe.com.

School Cafe Student Meal Account

Parents can manage their student’s meal account at www.SchoolCafe.com or download the School Cafe app for added convenience. School Cafe provides access to account balances, sets spending limits, receives low balance alerts, and make account payments. All meals and ala carte purchases are expected to be prepaid.

Free & Reduced Meals

Free and reduced-price meals are available to families with qualifying incomes. Family Education Benefit Applications should be completed at SchoolCafe.com. Paper applications are also available at all school sites and at the Nutrition Services office located at 801 Kent Street. For more information about the Free and Reduced Meal application process visit www.lps53.org/nutrition. Please Note: Households previously approved under the Family Education Benefit Application for 22-23 must reapply annually by the end of September for the next school year.

For more information, please call Nutrition Services at (816) 736-5375.



Our Mission:
Leading nourishing and supporting the physical well-being of our students and community.

Our Vision:
Food and nutrition excellence through innovation.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

(Please note minimal price increases from last year)

Breakfast	Elementary (K-5)	\$1.80
	Secondary (6-12)	\$1.85
	Adult	\$2.85
Lunch	Elementary (K-5)	\$2.90
	Secondary (6-12)	\$3.20
	Adult	\$4.75
Milk	Extra (One 8-oz. carton included w/meal)	\$0.70

STUDENT SAFETY

Visitors to our district: safety and security guidelines

Liberty Public Schools welcomes visitors to our school community. We are proud of our facilities and learning environment. In order to safeguard our students and staff, the following procedures will be followed:

- All visitors to our school facilities must ring the doorbell to gain access through the secure entrance.
- You will be asked to provide information regarding your visit to our facility.
- Once inside, check in with the receptionist or office administrative assistant.
- If you wish to enter the school beyond the receptionist's area, you will be required to provide a government issued I.D.
- Visitors will be required to wear a visitor name badge provided by the office.
- A request to visit a classroom may only be approved by the principal, but is not encouraged due to interruption of the learning environment.
- Media representatives are permitted only when given approval by the superintendent or designee.
- Due to privacy issues, videotaping or photographing in classrooms is not permitted.
Exceptions shall be granted only by the superintendent or designee.

CRISIS INFORMATION/ WEATHER GUIDELINES

During an emergency situation, your first reaction may be to call or come to the school. While we understand your need for immediate information, your presence may actually interfere with emergency respondents attending to the situation at the school. We will make every attempt to forward timely information via email, text, and phone calls to ensure you are kept informed of any concerns and actions taken to maintain the safety of your child. Instead of going to the school, you are encouraged to seek other means of gathering information; these sources might include the Liberty Public Schools website, local news channels, and local radio stations. We appreciate your patience and understanding in addressing this issue.

The LPS Safety and Security Department, district administrators, and law enforcement monitor weather conditions closely. In the event of a weather emergency, safety plans are in place in each school building. We ask that you do not call or come to the school during this time, as for safety reasons, we may not be able to release students until the weather has improved or cleared.

Keeping schools safe is a responsibility for all staff, students, and patrons. If you learn of, or suspect, a school violence incident, please help prevent the act before it happens. You may report incidents by calling the Safety and Security Department at 816-736-5300 or 816-736-7777. You may report incidents anonymously by accessing our tip reporting system, Sprigeo, from any of our school websites or by calling the Missouri School Violence Hotline at 1-866-748-7047.

In the event of an emergency, the district has a comprehensive crisis plan and has direct links to the Liberty and Kansas City Police Departments, Fire Departments, and Liberty Hospital.

All students need to be aware of their surroundings and communicate with administrators, safety and security personnel, or a School Resource Officer if there is a problem. Digital camera systems and secured entry systems are installed in all buildings. If you see suspicious activity around any of our buildings, please report it immediately. If you have questions or concerns about safety, call the district safety and security number at 816-736-5300, or visit our website at <https://www.lps53.org/safety>.



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

Decisions about school closings are made by the administration and communicated to parents via several sources, which include our Blackboard Automated Phone Calling Service, QuickNews e-newsletter, District

Facebook and Twitter pages, LPS District website, local television stations, and our mobile app. Parents should keep their children home if they believe weather conditions are too threatening or severe. Early dismissals due to weather conditions are rare; however, parents should instruct children as to what to do, whom to contact, and where to go should school be dismissed early.



PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Parents as Teachers offers parent information and support in making the most of their child's first five years of learning and development. These services include:

- **In-home personal visits** – Trained, certified educators are available to provide individualized family visits with parents of children ages birth to Kindergarten entry. These visits are designed to assist parents in supporting and encouraging their child's development.
- **Group Connections** – Trained, certified educators host a variety of Group Connection events for families of early learners. These group events will offer opportunities to assist parents in supporting the growth and development of their child, as well as allow for opportunities to interact with families of other early learners.
- **Information** – A Resource Network is available to help parents to be their child's best first teachers.



- **Screenings** – Developmental screening opportunities are available annually for children age 4 months-Kindergarten entry. Developmental screenings assist families in gaining knowledge of current levels of functioning for their child in the areas of social, language, motor, concept, self-help, and social emotional development.

Parents as Teachers offices are located at the Early Childhood Center, 9600 NE 79 Street, Kansas City, MO. For more information, call 736-7020 or visit www.lps53.org/ecc, and click on the Parents as Teachers tab.

READ, RESEARCH, CREATE - STUDENTS THRIVE IN LPS LIBRARIES!

The libraries in Liberty Public Schools provide access to information in a collaborative learning environment, focusing on problem solving and creativity. Library media specialists are certified teachers with an additional certification for school librarianship. They cultivate diverse collections of books and resources to inspire engaged readers and learners. LPS libraries provide students with access to thousands of print and digital resources, including fiction and nonfiction books and e-books, online databases, magazines, newspapers, videos, and audiobooks. To find out more about your school library, visit the library website through each school's site. To learn more about the library program overall, visit <https://www.lps53.org/librarymedia>.



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The Liberty Education Foundation has been dedicated to elevating educational experiences for all of our students, in every building for over 25 years. We believe that investing in our students today means a brighter tomorrow for everyone.



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NEWS YOU CAN USE

eFlyer Management System - Peachjar

In Liberty Public Schools, we use an e-flyer delivery system, called Peachjar. With our Peachjar eflyer program, the eflyers are sent directly to parent email inboxes and will be posted on school websites, for easy access. All flyers may be accessed by clicking on the Peachjar logo that appears on each of our school websites. More information regarding Peachjar will be distributed by our schools leading up to the start of the new school year.



PTA Information

What is PTA and how do I join? PTA – Parent Teacher Association – is an association of parents, teachers, and administrators who work together to sponsor programs benefiting the children of a school. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who believes in PTA’s mission. When you join your school’s PTA, you have a vote in deciding what programs your school’s PTA will sponsor. You also become a member of the National and Missouri PTAs, whose collective voice of 6 million strong advocates for a quality education and nurturing environment for every child.

Membership information will be available at your school’s back-to-school event, and we encourage you to join. When you get involved with PTA, the child who benefits most is your own! For more information, contact the PTA Council at libertyptacouncil@gmail.com.

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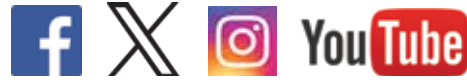
LPS is very fortunate to have its own cable TV channel dedicated solely for district use. KLPS-TV telecasts on Spectrum Cable Channel 18 throughout Liberty School District. Regular programming that will appear on KLPS during the school year will include: monthly school board meetings, district events, athletic contests, student produced programs, and much more! In addition, Liberty Public Schools is fortunate to have support provided by LTN Global (formerly Niles Media Group), who provides students with real-life experiences both at LPS and throughout the metro and region. To learn more about KLPS, visit the LPS District website at www.lps53.org.

Follow LPS on social media

If you are a social networker, you can follow Liberty Public Schools on Facebook, “X” (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and YouTube. Along with current happenings at LPS, you will also have an easy way of tracking who’s making the news by checking out both newspaper and television links from local media. LPS currently has over 35,000 followers using these social networking sites and has proven to be yet another way to communicate with you, the great supporters of LPS!

QUICKNEWS – Email newsletter

If you are interested in free, weekly email updates about Liberty Public Schools, sign up for QuickNews. Go to the district website at www.lps53.org and select Staying Connected. LPS currently provides over 10,000 QuickNews subscribers all of the latest happenings taking place in our district. Additionally, breaking news, such as school cancellations or early dismissals, are communicated via QuickNews and other communication outlets. **Please note: All email addresses of parents and patrons who sign up for QuickNews may be disclosed to members of the public that make a formal, written request under the Missouri Sunshine Law.**



PowerSchool continues to serve as a parent resource

The parent/student access system known as PowerSchool has been implemented in Liberty Public Schools for many years. Parent Access, known as the PowerSchool Parent Portal, is available to all students and parents in grades 3-12. This access provides real-time attendance and assignment data, course information, a variety of reports available via email, as well as other information. For easy access to busy families, all current PowerSchool Parent Portal options are available 24 hours a day, 7-days a week at www.lps53.org/resources/powerschool. More information and sign-up opportunities will occur at the building level during orientation and initial parent/student events in August and September 2024.

Download the Free Blackboard District App



- Receive important alerts
- View news stories
- Access the district calendar
- Access school and staff info



COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

STANDARD COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

This complaint resolution procedure applies to all programs administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). A complaint is a formal allegation that a specific federal or state law or regulation has been violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted by school district personnel or by DESE. The complaint must be written and signed; provide specific details of the situation and indicate the law or regulation allegedly being violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted. The complaint must be filed, and resolution pursued, in accordance with Liberty's Board of Education Policy KL: Public Complaint Policy. If the issue cannot be resolved at the local level, the complainant may file a complaint with the Missouri DESE. If there is no evidence that local parties have attempted in good faith to resolve the complaint, DESE may require parties to do so and may provide technical assistance to facilitate such resolution. Any persons directly affected by the actions of DESE may file a similarly written complaint if they believe state or federal laws or regulations have been violated, misapplied, or misinterpreted by DESE. For more information, contact the Innovation and Learning Department at 736-5320.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES: CHILD FIND PUBLIC NOTICE

Liberty Public Schools assures that it will provide a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) to all eligible children with disabilities between the ages of 3 and 21 under its jurisdiction, including those attending private/parochial schools. Disabilities include autism, deaf/blindness, emotional disorders, hearing impairment, orthopedic impairment, intellectual disability, multiple disabilities, other health impairment, specific learning disabilities, speech and/or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment/blindness, and young child with a developmental delay (YCDD). The building principal represents the Local Educational Agency (LEA) for each special education team when consideration for special education testing occurs. Each school has support for any student who is experiencing special learning concerns addressed through its School Based Problem Solving Teams. When all options of general education support are exhausted, a referral for Special Education consideration follows. Specialists who will become important in the consideration for Special Education referral are the School Psychologist, Special Education Case Manager and the District Process Coordinator. For more information, contact Dr. Toni Cook, Director of Special Services, 736-6742, or write directly to the Special Services Department, Liberty Public Schools, 8 Victory Lane, Liberty, MO 64068.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

School officials may release Directory Information. This includes print and electronic publications of the school district. Such information is considered a public record, which must be released upon demand to any persons who request it under the Missouri Sunshine Law. Directory information is information designated by the school district that would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy.

Liberty Public Schools designates the following items as directory information: student's name, parent's name, address, telephone number, date of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, including audiovisual or photographic records of the openly visible activities thereof (e.g. artistic performances, sporting contests, assemblies, service projects, award ceremonies, etc.), weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, most recent and previous school attended, and photograph, including photos of regular school activities that do not disclose specific academic information about the child and/or would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy.

Parents will have ten (10) school days after this annual public notice to view the student's directory information and the school district's opt-out form stating in writing that they choose not to have this information released. Unless notified to the contrary in writing within the ten (10) school-day period, the school district may disclose any of those items designated as directory information without prior written consent. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services at 736-5310.

504 Child Find Notice

Pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the District has a duty to identify, refer, evaluate and if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to disabled students. For additional information about the rights of parents of eligible children, or for answers to any questions you might have about identification, evaluation and placement into Section 504 programs, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Dr. Jessica Meisenheimer, at 736-5320, or by mail at 8 Victory Lane, Liberty, MO 64068.

Aviso Sobre La Identificación de Estudiantes Incapacitados bajo la Sección 504

Bajo la Sección 504 del Decreto de Rehabilitación de 1973, el Distrito Escolar esta obligado a identificar, referir, evaluar, y proporcionar servicios educativos apropiados y gratuitos a estudiantes incapacitados que califican para recibir servicios bajo esta ley. Si usted desea más información sobre los derechos de padres de niños incapacitados, o si tiene preguntas sobre la identificación, evaluación, y colocación de niños en el programa de Sección 504, favor de ponerse en contacto con el Coordinador de 504 del Distrito, Dr. Jessica Meisenheimer, at 736-5320, o por correo a la siguiente dirección: 8 Victory Lane, Liberty, MO 64068.

EDUCATING MISSOURI'S HOMELESS CHILDREN

The McKinney-Vento Act guarantees homeless children and youth an education equal to what they would receive if not homeless. Who is homeless? According to the McKinney-Vento Act, homeless children and youth include individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes the following situations:

- Sharing the housing of others (known as doubling-up) due to the loss of housing and economic hardship
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in a nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for an ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

The McKinney-Vento Act also recognizes unaccompanied youth who are homeless. According to this Act, an unaccompanied youth is a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian. The Liberty Public Schools Homeless Coordinator is Rebecca Bressman, Director of Student Services, 736-5310, 8 Victory Lane, Liberty, MO 64068.

PROHIBITION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

The Liberty 53 School District Board of Education is committed to maintaining a workplace and educational environment that is free from illegal discrimination or harassment in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs, activities, and facilities. Discrimination or harassment against employees, students, or others on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, disability, age, or any other characteristic protected by law is strictly prohibited in accordance with law. For more information, contact the LPS compliance office by calling 736-5300, 8 Victory Lane, Liberty, MO 64068.

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Federal law requires that schools have and distribute a policy that prohibits discrimination and harassment based on sex and acts of sexual violence. In compliance with Title IX, it is the policy of the Liberty 53 School District to maintain a learning and work environment free from discrimination and harassment based on sex. (For complaints related to race, color, national origin, sex (that does not fall under Title IX), and disability, please see Board of Education Policy AC.)

The Liberty 53 School Board of Education adopted Policy ACA that defines sexual harassment under Title IX, and outlines the policies and procedures that the District follows in identifying, investigating, and responding to allegations of sexual harassment under Title IX. (Please see Board of Education Policy ACA.)



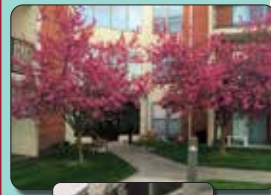
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