LISA ACADEMY

DISTRICT SUPPORT PLAN
READY TO LEARN





2023-24 School Year

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Ready to Learn
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Message from our Superintendent/CEO

Dear LISA Academy Community,

This school year will no doubt be very different than any we have previously experienced. Although the methods of instruction may vary from the past, LISA Academy's commitment to providing a quality education for every student has not changed.

Our team of leaders, with input and guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health, the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, LISA staff, and parents, has developed an essentially new learning system to provide consistent, quality education to all students, whether in blended learning on-site or learning virtually.

This new delivery method will feature a Learning Management System (LMS) called Schoology, which is being used by multiple schools across our state and nation. Both students on-site and virtually will access their instruction and assignments through Schoology. This platform will provide consistent and equitable access for students and parents and will allow us to pivot to all virtual learning should the need arise.

Please review the contents of the full Ready to Learn document and contact your student's school should you have any questions. This year will be different, but we expect it to also be a great learning experience for both our educators and our students.

Remember, together we are mighty!

Dr. Fatih Bogrek
Superintendent/CEO





INTRODUCTION

In collaboration with students, families, teachers, medical professionals, safety officers, and counselors LISA Academy has created this Ready to Learn plan to help you better understand the landscape of education for the 23-24 school year.

Governor Asa Hutchison has stated that schools will reopen to onsite instruction in the Fall. LISA Academy Schools followed Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) guidelines to address the seven Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Ready for Learning expectations in the creation of this plan, which is outlined into two main categories:

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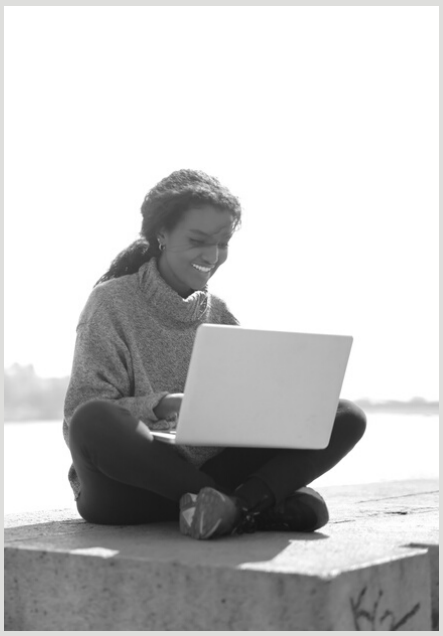
LISA Academy remains committed to ensuring both a rigorous academic standard as well as a high-functioning support system for the students, parents, teachers, and staff who make up our learning community. This Ready to Learn plan aims to allow all members of the LISA community to **learn, innovate, support, and achieve** at their highest levels.

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PART ONE
ACADEMICS





PART ONE: ACADEMICS

For the 2023-24 school year LISA Academy schools will be offering families the choice between two methods of instruction:

Onsite OR **HYBRID**

Onsite learners will receive instruction entirely on campus at one of our LISA Academy buildings. The LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid school is considered its own unique campus within the LISA school district and incorporates virtual instruction with regular campus visits.

In this section you will learn more about what to expect from both blended and virtual learning environments, grading, and additional programming for students with special needs.

LISA Academy will be utilizing high-impact, technology-driven instructional practices in order to provide a consistent, equitable, and high-quality education to all of its students regardless of their learning environment. To achieve this goal, LISA Academy has researched and integrated into its curriculum several new, nationally-recognized learning products to bolster our pre-existing learning resources. Those products will allow students to engage with their teachers and fellow students in an interactive environment from wherever they may be learning.





2023-24 INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD OPTIONS

ONSITE

- K-12 students will come to campus every day to receive in-person instruction from LISA Academy instructors.
- All students will come to school 5 days a week and adhere to a typical school schedule
- Daily attendance will be taken as usual.
- Implementation of preventive safety measures
- Teachers will guide students through practice with the online LMS platforms to use in the event of a closure.
- Schoology Learning Management System utilized to deliver content to students
- We will continue to provide support to all students through ESOL, Gifted and Talented, RTI, 504, and Special Education programs onsite
- Student handbook grading policies will be followed.

HYBRID

- Daily attendance and content delivery will be administered by Hybrid School staff.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous learning will be used, and will vary based on the grade-level of the students.
- LISA Academy adheres to a 1-1 student-to-device Chromebook policy
- Student handbook grading policies will be followed.
- We will continue to provide support to all students through ESOL, Gifted and Talented, RTI, 504, and Special Education programs through either virtually or onsite.
- Students who excel in this type of environment are self-motivated learners, who have support for learning in the home environment.
- Families will comply with parent/guardian contract based on student learning level



LISA ACADEMY ARKANSAS HYBRID SCHOOL

For the first time ever, LISA Academy will offer a stand-alone Hybrid School that blends the best of virtual and onsite instruction. The Hybrid school will allow students to do the majority of their learning virtually while also allowing them to come to campus to receive tutoring, therapies, and/or to participate in afterschool campus clubs and sports.

Central Arkansas
21 Corporate Hill Dr.
Little Rock, AR 72205

Jonesboro Learning Center
2105 East Aggie Road
Jonesboro, AR 72401

NWA Learning Center
590 S. Horsebarn Rd.
Rogers, AR 72758



Click Here for more information about LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School

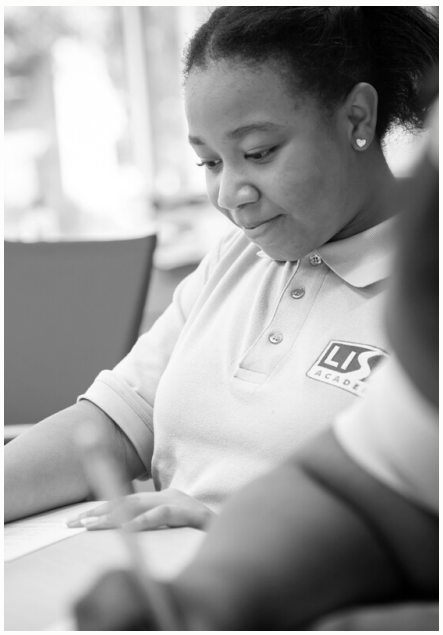
- Content for the Hybrid school will be delivered virtually, with students coming to campus at least once every two weeks to receive tutoring, enrichment, intervention, and/or to participate in after school campus clubs and sports.
- Hybrid students may participate in lunch when on campus. Students will follow online instruction with a LISA Academy Arkansas Hybrid School staff member guiding daily lessons.
- Both synchronous and asynchronous learning will be used and will vary based on the grade-level of the students. Students who excel in this type of environment are self-motivated learners who have support for learning in the home environment.
- All health and safety procedures will be followed by students and staff whenever Hybrid students are on campus. If a Hybrid student is currently experiencing symptoms or under isolation or quarantine, students should not come to campus but should notify the school

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LISA Academy schools are committed to enacting procedures that ensure student safety, learning, and overall success. In this section, we will outline the operations set in place for both blended and virtual instructional delivery methods.

ONSITE

- Attendance will be recorded daily and will adhere to normal handbook policies.
- Students will be required to wear uniforms to class and dress according to their school handbook's dress code.
- Campuses will return to regular locker usage and maintain social distancing when feasible
- Elementary students will be able to use cubbies and bring backpacks
- Daily schedules vary on each campus. Please check your student's school website or contact the school for schedule information.

HYBRID

- Learning will be provided through both synchronous (live instruction through online portals) or asynchronous methods (pre-recorded content that can be watched at any time).
- See the Hybrid School Handbook for information regarding attendance.
- Attendance for students with 504s or IEPs will follow their approved plans.
- Students will not be required to wear uniforms to participate in virtual learning.

MEALS

All meals will be served in campus cafeterias. Students can qualify for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application online or by contacting the child nutrition office for a paper application. Students who do not qualify can purchase a meal at full price. Meal prices, menus, and more information can be found at https://lisaschoolmeals.com/

ON-SITE OPERATIONS

The following guidelines outline the specific plans regarding those attending on-site instruction as of the latest publication date. It will be updated as new guidelines are issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the Arkansas Department of Health.

FACE COVERINGS

Face coverings, though not mandated, are strongly recommended for all students, staff, and visitors based on current guidance from the CDC and the Arkansas Department of Health.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Clubs and after school activities have resumed but may be limited in the number of participants. Aftercare will be available, including on early dismissal days. Please register with your campus.

RECESS/PE

K-5th grade students will be provided daily unstructured recess time, which will be outdoor if weather allows.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

There will be early dismissal on Fridays for onsite students. Specific schedules for each campus will be listed on that campus' website. Please monitor the district's website social media, emails and text alerts for the latest information

FOOD & DRINK

All meals will be served in campus cafeterias. Students are encouraged to bring a clean, clear, full water bottle to school to use as needed. Each campus will have a water bottle filling station available for refilling water bottles.

VISITORS

Campus visitors will be limited and must be arranged in advanced. Volunteers - including guest speakers, mentors, and college representatives - will not be allowed on campuses at this time.

TEMPERATURE SCREENING

Any student is referred exhibits symptoms or is referred to the nurse, temperature will be checked at that time, and the student may be sent home

CLEANING

LISA Academy, since the beginning of the pandemic, has prioritized the health and safety of our students, staff, and buildings by ensuring that CDC-approved proper sanitation and cleaning procedures and practices are in place. We will continue with these regular cleanings and periodic "360 cleanings". Our janitorial staff is prepared to continuously monitor restrooms, high-touch areas, etc. throughout the school day. LISA has made a substantial investment in HEPA and MERV13 filters, as well as a UV filtration process to address air quality in all school buildings

SPORTS & FINE ARTS

The LISA school district will follow the guidance from the Arkansas Activities Association and ADH regarding protocols for athletics. Hybrid School students are permitted to participate in the LISA school district's athletic program. Art instruction will be offered virtually for Hybrid students

SICK STUDENTS

Students should stay home if they are sick or experiencing symptoms of illness. If a student comes to school sick, the school nurse will assess the student and act in accordance with our district wellness policy including sending the student home. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school. If the student tests positive for a communicable disease a doctor's note may be required to return. Please remember: students should not attend school having taken fever reducing medication. Students should be fever-free when attending school.



ACTIVE COVID-19 CASE PROTOCOL

Positive Test Result: : In an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus within our staff and student body we are asking all parents/guardians of students and all employees to notify the school or our designated Point of Contact immediately when the following occurs:

- Student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19
- Student or staff member has been identified as a Probable Close Contact to a positive case of COVID-19 and is recommended to follow quarantine protocols and/or be tested for COVID-19
- Any student or employee who is being tested for COVID-19 due to symptoms or exposure should take recommended quarantine precautions pending results of their COVID-19 test.

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Impacted families are encouraged call their campus nurse or District Point of Contact, Natalie Stanton, RN, at 501-539-9770, or email information to nstanton@lisaacademy.org



2023-2024 School Calendar
STUDENTS - Central Arkansas

July — *17 days*

M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

August — *17 days*

M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	[9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25^
28	29	30	31	

September — *20 days*

M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22^
25	26	27	28	29

October — *19 days*

M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6]
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16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27^
30	31			

November — *17 days*

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20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

December — *11 days*

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January — *20 days*

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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26^
29	30	31		

February — *20 days*

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19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

March — *15 days*

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25	26	27	28	29

April — *22 days*

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22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May — *18 days*

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27	28*	29*	30*	31*

June

M	T	W	T	F
3*	4	5	6	7
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Important Dates

JUL	24-25	Student Check-IN
JUL	31	No School (PD Days)
AUG	1-4	No School (PD Days)
AUG	7-8	No School (Prep Days)
AUG	**9**	**First Day of School**
SEP	4	Labor Day
OCT	11	Parent Conference
OCT	12	No School (PD Days)
OCT	13	No School-Fall Break
NOV	20-24	Thanksgiving Break
DEC	18-29	Winter Break
JAN	1	Winter Break
JAN	2	No School (PD Days)
JAN	15	Martin L. King Jr. Day
JAN	15	Martin L. King Jr. Day
FEB	16	Parent Conference
FEB	19	No School (PD Days)
MAR	18-22	Spring Break
MAR	29	No School
MAY	24	Last Day of School
MAY	27	Memorial Day
MAY	28-31	Make-Up Days
JUN	3	Make-Up Days

Legend

- 2 Student Check-in Days
- No School/Holiday
- No School (PD Days)
- No School (Prep Days)
- 2 Parent Conferences
- [ ] Quarter Start/End
- ^ Home Visit Drives
- * 5 Make-Up Days

Note: Early dismissal is every Friday.

Quarters

1st	[Aug 9-Oct 6]	42	days
2nd	[Oct 9-Dec 15]	42	days
3rd	[Jan 3-Mar 8]	46	days
4th	[Mar 11-May 24]	48	days
Total Class Days		**178**	

2023-2024 School Calendar
STUDENTS - Northwest Arkansas

July — *17 days*

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September — *20 days* — 47

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PARENT COMMUNICATION

As always, communication between the school and students' families will be critical to ensure a safe and successful year. The schools will continue sending out weekly newsletters, posting important information on school websites, posting on social media, and emailing important information to families. If there is a need for a crisis response to any case of COVID-19, schools will utilize phone and text messages, as well as email, to reach out to families with instructions and updates. Families need to be sure that contact information is up to date with the student's school to ensure that communications are received.

If your student is diagnosed with COVID-19, contact your student's school immediately to notify the school of the details regarding the diagnosis. Privacy will be an important consideration in all communications regarding any positive case of COVID-19. Parents will be given only information that is essential and necessary to promote safety of students and staff.

Privacy is an important consideration in all communications and staff and parents will only be given information as allowable by law under FERPA as it relates to a public health concern. If it becomes necessary for school closure, families will be notified through phone, text, email, social media, and websites.





FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions regarding your student's academics, student services, or technology needs, please first contact your student's school. For questions regarding policy or other matters you may contact the district office at 501-916-9450.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



Arkansas Department of Education
Division of Elementary and
Secondary Education:
dese.ade.arkansas.gov

Arkansas Department of Health:
Healthy.Arkansas.gov

Lisa Academy District Website:
Lisaacademy.org

