10 Questions Every Parent Should Ask Before Choosing A School

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What Every Parent Needs to Know About Liberty Common School

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What is the school's educational philosophy?
Liberty Common School's educational philosophy emphasizes a classical, liberal-arts approach designed to give students a deep foundation in history, science, math, language arts, geography, and fine arts from the earliest grades. The school believes a high-quality, rigorous education is the "the great equalizer."

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What curriculum does the school use?
Liberty Common School uses the Core Knowledge Sequence© in grades k–8 and a classically oriented, college-preparatory liberal arts curriculum in high school. The curriculum is cumulative and coherent, meaning students build on what they've learned each year. Instead of repeating topics, students develop deeper understanding and preparation for later grades.

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What type of character education does the school teach?
Liberty's Foundation Stones (Respect, Responsibility, Self-Control, Cooperation, Citizenship, Integrity, Perseverance) and Capstone Virtues (Prudence, Temperance, Justice, Fortitude, Gratitude, Patriotism) are reinforced through great literature, biographies, and compelling case studies deployed in the classroom. This classical tradition encourages young citizens to act with integrity, empowering them to make prudent decisions based upon ethical principles and authentic wisdom.

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What safety and security measures are in place?
All seven parent representatives serving on Liberty Common School's Board of Directors have made student safety a priority. The entire school is supported by a security team that maintains a watchful presence throughout the school day supported by surveillance devices expertly arrayed. Ongoing team training on each of LCS's four campuses is reinforced through clear and effective communication, a layered safety approach, a comprehensive emergency-preparedness plan, and the adoption of a "Standard-Response Protocol."

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What is the school's technology policy?
Liberty Common School emphasizes a low-technology learning environment. Students handwrite all writing assignments, participate in face-to-face interaction during lunch and recess, and engage deeply with content through teacher-led instruction. Student use of personal electronics and mobile devices during school hours is prohibited.

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What are the average class sizes?
Elementary class sizes typically range from 25–29 students, with one teacher and approximately one-and-a-half teaching assistants per three tracks. Liberty Common Junior High School (grades 7 & 8) is projected to enroll about 150 students per grade for the 2026–2027 school year. Classes sizes at Liberty Common High School vary with approximately 85 students in the 2027 graduating class.

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What type of support do you offer for students who are struggling?
Liberty has an Academic-Support Team that works collaboratively with parents and teachers to provide targeted academic interventions, ensuring students receive support early and effectively within the general classroom setting when possible. The program is built on the belief all students can achieve at high levels and early intervention is essential. As a public charter school, Liberty Common School also provides special education and related services through Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), as well as accommodations under Section 504 plans, in compliance with federal and state requirements.

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Do parents have the opportunity to volunteer in the classroom and at the school?
While there is no formal hourly requirement, parent involvement is vital to Liberty's success, from assisting in the classroom and lunchroom to coordinating events and serving on the parent-run Board of Directors.

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Is homework given, and if so, what is the expectation?
Assignments will be limited to meaningful exercises that prepare students for classroom success. In elementary school, parents should expect and plan for ten minutes of homework per night per grade as a guideline. This is in addition to the required reading expectations. In junior-high and high school, the homework load climbs steadily and varies according to the difficulty of one's elective course choices.

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How and when does the school communicate with parents?
Liberty Common School communicates with parents through the weekly *Liberty Common Sense* newsletter, Monday Notes sent weekly from the teacher at the elementary level, utilization of Google classroom and an online-student planner at the JH and HS, regularly updated handbooks, website information, collaboration on academic support, and ongoing communication to ensure student success.