

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION  
LITITZ AREA MENNONITE SCHOOL  
**2009-2010**

Thank you for your interest in Lititz Area Mennonite School. We're a K-8 school, committed to meeting the educational, spiritual and emotional needs of your children as we work together in a cooperative, supportive relationship. LAMS is a patron-operated school as opposed to a church-sponsored organization. We welcome frequent communication from our patron families. We believe that the education of your children is a joint venture between school and home which is enhanced by open dialogue, questions, mutual service, awareness and understanding.

LAMS seeks to integrate Anabaptist principles and perspectives into the educational and spiritual program we promote. We relate to the Lancaster Area Council of Mennonite Schools (LACMS) and the Mennonite Elementary Education Council (MEEC) for collaborative projects. In addition, LAMS is accredited by the Middle States Association of Elementary Schools, a rigorous step which points to our educational and organizational credibility. As a school which exists to honor Christ, it is our wish to exalt His name through a quality program of Christian education which displays excellence and integrity.

LAMS is operated by a seven-member Board of Trustees, chosen from among the patron body. Their responsibilities include all areas of institutional oversight and planning.

This packet of information includes a number of items which will be helpful to your family as enrollment consideration is processed. In addition, other enclosures relate to application forms (family and individual student), an admissions policy statement and other related items.

***After reading the enclosures and giving the matter of enrollment your prayerful consideration, you're invited to consider the following steps:***

1. Call the school for answers to specific questions or which you may have.
2. Plan to attend an interview with the administrator, plus a classroom visit.
3. Return the application forms for each child you are enrolling in addition to the family application.

**This should include a \$100 per student registration fee.**

4. Provide the necessary testing data to the administrator, if the enrollee is transferring from another school.
5. Scholarship assistance is available on an as-needed basis. Please contact the school administrator for further information.

May God's direction be clear to you as you seek to discern His will for your family in relation to a Christ-centered educational experience!

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

1. Lititz Area Mennonite School enrolls children in kindergarten through grade eight. Enrollment is open to students of any church denomination, race, color, or national or ethnic origin.
2. LAMS is designed to be an extension of the Christian home which is actively involved in rearing children in harmony with the values of the school and with parents who will actively support the school and its purposes.
3. Kindergarten is a half-time program, with classes held either two or three days per week. An enrichment day is available in Kindergarten on the Wednesday your child is normally off. Grades one through five are self-contained, with special classes in art, music, physical education, computer and library. Our middle school, grades six through eight, is completely departmentalized, with subjects taught by teachers with specific training in the discipline they instruct. All teachers are qualified by spiritual maturity, college training and personal preparation for their assignments. They are committed Christians, specifically called to teaching at LAMS. Throughout the school our goal is to integrate faith and Christian values into the curriculum.

LAMS makes a sincere attempt to meet the needs of children with special needs. A limited amount of special assistance is available for some children with learning differences. Other remedial help is available through the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit. Please review the LAMS Admissions Policy statement which is a part of this packet of information for further details and specific limitations as they relate to special needs of enrollees.

### DISCIPLINE

Teachers and administrators will work together, combining their mutual judgments in the case of disciplinary needs. Initially, clarity of expectations will be made to students regarding the school's expectations, both within the school and to and from school on the bus/van. If lack of cooperation persists, removal of privileges, work assignments, or detention may follow. Corporal punishment may be used at times if agreed upon by both home and school. Counseling for an individual or family may also be recommended.

Any student whose misbehavior persists after discipline and conferring with parents may be subject to suspension by the administrator or expulsion by the Board of Trustees, if in their judgment the misbehavior is detrimental to the welfare of the school's academic goals and social expectations. Any act of violence, possession of a weapon or harmful substance, or intent to harm another individual will not be tolerated.

### DRESS AND GROOMING

Orderliness, neatness, cleanliness and modesty are qualities of dress and manners expected of all students. Parents are responsible to see that students attend school with these qualities evident. Orderly appearance honors God and adds to the positive climate of LAMS.

The school has adopted a standard form of dress for all students. A copy of the dress code is included in this packet. This code promotes unity among students and removes differentiation between children of various economic backgrounds.

## REGISTRATION AND TUITION (2009-2010)

Kindergarten.....	\$2,300
Kindergarten enrichment.....	\$ 300
K plus one child 1-8 .....	\$6,352
One child, grades 1-8.....	\$4,049
Two children grades 1-8.....	\$7,535
Three or more children, K-8.....	\$9,191
One child, grades 6-8 (surcharge) .....	\$ 500
Two children, grades 6-8 (surcharge) .....	\$ 690

Some incidental fees may be charged during the school year for consumable materials, class trips, or special project materials.

## CAPTIAL FEE

Parents are assessed a capital fee of \$150 per year (or \$75 for families with only a kindergarten child). This cost supports capital expenses which are beyond the annual operating budget and which are sometimes unexpected. It's a reserve fund for expenses designated for major building repair or capital replacement.

The capital fee is due either by September 30 or it may be paid in ten monthly payments from September through June.

## PAYMENT PLANS

1. Tuition paid in full by September offers a 3% discount on the tuition fee
2. You may elect to pay eleven equal monthly payments, August 10 through June 10.

All checks should be made payable to LAMS or Lititz Area Mennonite School.

Payments received after the 31st of each month are subject to a late penalty of \$5 which should be included with the payment. Late payment penalties will be waived for any family with a tuition aid application completed and on file with the tuition aid committee.

Reenrollment of students is denied to those whose tuition payments are not current, unless special arrangements have been make with the Board of Trustees.

## TRANSPORTATION

LAMS operates several buses and vans for transportation of most students. Operating costs are covered by the school districts involved and by school patrons. *Please note that transportation costs are not included in the tuition stated above.*

LAMS provides transportation up to six miles from the school if prospective enrollees live reasonably close to existing routes. If door pick-up is manageable for those beyond the six-mile limit, an additional fee may be assessed to these patrons. Transportation arrangements vary from year-to-year.

Kindergarten children use the same transportation as other grades.

## 2009-2010 Transportation Fee:

Kindergarten - \$265.00    1 child - \$370.00    2 or more children - \$485.00

## KINDERGARTEN SCHEDULE

Kindergartners are grouped heterogeneously in two sections, designated as Groups A and B. Group A meets Tuesday, Friday and alternate Wednesdays. Group B attends on Mondays, Thursdays and alternate Wednesdays.

All incoming kindergartners are assessed prior to enrollment to determine readiness for a school experience. Children entering kindergarten must be five years old by September 15. Beginning in 2004-2005, we developed an enrichment day. Families may opt to come every Wednesday for an additional fee.

## HEALTH SERVICES

LAMS students receive state mandated health services through the Warwick School District. Requirements are as follows:

1. Dental examination upon original entry and in grades 3 and 7
2. Physical examination upon original entry and grade 6
3. Hepatitis B immunization upon original entry, with three injections over a 6-months period.
4. MMR immunizations
5. Chicken pox vaccine

Each family may choose to have its family doctor/dentist provide the necessary requirements, or have the services provided by the district free of charge (except for immunizations). Every child also receives a vision and hearing screening as well as height and weight checks during the school year.

Parents enrolling children in school for the first time need to provide a record of all immunizations required before entrance. Waivers are available for parents whose religious convictions prohibit them from complying with this regulation. These forms must be completed prior to enrollment in school.

As a Christian school community we wish to comply in all regards with the expectations of Warwick School District from whom our services are received. We're grateful to their staff for their management of this important phase of school life.

## VOLUNTEERS

LAMS welcomes volunteers to help in many areas of its program! Each family is invited to consider opportunities of classroom aide work, classroom contact moms, Moms in Touch prayer group, and clerical services. It is assumed that all parents will be willing to offer active participation and support of our two annual fundraisers, the Trash-A-Thon in the fall and the annual Olde Time Country Auction in June. In addition, every family is expected to assist the custodian each term in special cleaning projects. As patrons, your support in these phases of school life is a significant means of enhancing the program and defraying costs which otherwise would need to be charged with tuition.

## ACT 195/90 PURCHASES

LAMS accepts the state allocations of Acts 195/90 for the purpose of buying textbooks and instructional materials of its choice to use in its educational program. Upon enrollment, forms will be received for parents to complete, authorizing the use of these funds.

## OTHER

Undoubtedly you will have additional questions regarding your family's specific participation in LAMS. You're encouraged to contact the administrator with any questions. We wish to enable you to make a smooth transition towards membership in the LAMS program!