



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What grade levels are available at Lakeshore Virtual School (LVS)?

Currently, LVS offers programming for grades K-12.

2. If a student graduates from Lakeshore Virtual School, what kind of diploma will they receive after completing the Michigan Merit Curriculum?

Students completing the LVS graduation requirements receive a fully endorsed high school diploma from the Gibraltar School District. Lakeshore holds a separate graduation ceremony in the Carlson auditorium.

3. Are there textbooks that go along with the curriculum?

For the most part, course materials and the instructional programs are delivered virtually. Classes have online content that is text based with illustrations, much like a textbook. However, English classes in Odysseyware do have physical novels that are required to complete the course.

4. Does my student have to take all the classes online?

The majority of a student's coursework will be completed online. However, there are options for students to enroll in career/technical courses through our partnership with the Downriver Career Technical Consortium (DCTC). Additionally, interested students have opportunities to take physical courses within the community and dual enrollment.

5. Does my student have to ever physically be on campus?

Yes, students must physically attend and complete any state mandated standardized assessments on the LVS campus. Additionally, students are required to spend a minimum of 3 hours per week on campus.

6. Is there a minimum amount of time the student must be online for the program?

While there is no defined requirement, it is recommended that students work 3-5 hours daily in order to be successful. Keep in mind that the flexibility of anytime/anywhere learning may result in these times being varied for different students and situations.

7. What are the graduation requirements for Lakeshore Virtual School?

LVS requires 18 credits to graduate, following the Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements. Students must also complete all required state testing and a CPR certification course.

8. How does my student take physical education?

Lakeshore Virtual School offers physical education courses in the same manner as other required courses. Topics include fitness, physical health, wellness, conditioning, and some sports and recreation instruction. Some lessons require students to do physical activities on their own.

9. Is there help available if a student has questions about their classes?

Lakeshore has highly qualified teachers in all core subject areas on campus daily. Students may visit campus, call, email, or video chat with their teachers during school hours when they need help. In addition, each LVS student is assigned a mentor who can help with questions or can help students get in touch with the appropriate content-area teacher.

10. Approximately how long does it take to complete one course?

On average, it takes about 3 weeks to complete one course. However, this varies by student and depends on the number of total courses a student is working on at any given time.

11. Is a LVS student eligible for district athletic teams or extracurricular events and clubs?

LVS is a completely separate school within the Gibraltar School District. Students enrolled in LVS will not be eligible for athletics or other events that are available to Carlson High School or Shumate Middle School students.

12. Do I have to provide my own laptop or other technology requirements?

No. Upon enrollment at LVS, students are issued a school Chromebook, charger, and laptop bag. Students are welcome to use personal computers, if preferred.

13. Is there a financial obligation to be enrolled in this program?

No. LVS is a part of the Gibraltar Public School District, which means the program is free to students.

14. How do I enroll?

Students already enrolled in a Gibraltar Public School or students who are enrolling as school of choice need to come to the Lakeshore campus to enroll. After making an appointment, please bring the enrolling student's original birth certificate, 3 proofs of residency, and immunization records.

15. Does the school have the ability to modify and personalize coursework to fit my child's needs?

Lakeshore offers universal accommodations and reviews all IEP and 504 plans.

16. Is my child too old to attend Lakeshore Virtual School?

Students can be enrolled at Lakeshore up to age 22 (as long as their birthdate is after September 1st of that year). However, older students may have restrictions when it comes to on-site learning and social events.

17. What are the attendance requirements?

Students attendance will be different than a physical school. Attendance will be based on weekly mentor contact and student progress within their classes.

18. Does my child have to log in at specific times? Are these live classes?

Students are able to complete their work any time that is convenient for them. There are no live sessions, which means curriculum is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

19. What are the 18 credits a student needs to graduate from LVS?

4 credits (8 classes) in English *including English 9 A & B, English 10 A & B, English 11 A & B, English 12 A & B*

4 credits (8 classes) in Math *including Algebra I A & B, Geometry A & B, Algebra 2 A & B, Elective Math A & B*

3 credits (6 classes) in Social Studies *including US History A & B, World History A & B, Civics, Economics*

3 credits (6 classes) in Science *including Biology A & B, Chemistry/Physics/Physical Science A & B, Elective Science A & B*

1 or 2 credits (2 or 4 classes) in Foreign Language *(Must be the same language for all credits)*

1 or 2 credits (2/4 classes) in Visual, Performing, & Applied Arts (VPAA)

.5 credit (1 class) in Physical Education

.5 credit (1 class) in Health

Specific to K-8

20. Can my middle school child earn high school credits?

Yes, students in middle school can earn high school credits in Algebra and Foreign Language

21. Will there be opportunities for my K-8 child to learn physically?

Yes, students will have the opportunity to take elective courses in the community. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to work with a mentor teacher whenever they need extra assistance.

22. What is my responsibility as a K-8 parent?

Parents of a K-8 student will have an active role in their child's learning. Parents will be expected to work with their student daily, especially K-5, and act as an extra form of support to that child. All parents of children K-8 will need to take part in mentor training to learn how to best assist their child.

23. What curriculum providers will be offered at the Lakeshore Virtual School?

Currently Lakeshore is partnering with Lincoln Empowered for K-5. Grades 6-8 have courses available in Edgenuity and Odysseyware.

**Additional questions regarding LVS can be answered by contacting
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