



*Lawrence Public Schools*  
**Lawrence Family Public Academy**  
**2023-2024 School Operational Plan**

**School Mission**

The staff at Lawrence Family Public Academy works in partnership with families to promote independent, responsible learners who are able to succeed academically and socially to become active members of the community. We strive to create a culturally aware, safe, nurturing environment that develops and fosters a life-long love of learning and personal growth.

**Instructional Mission**

At LFPA students are purposefully engaged in an immersive environment. Through hands-on learning experiences they investigate and inquire while making connections to their world and environment. Students will develop the social/emotional skills that lead to the development of confident and responsible individuals.

Teachers will collaborate and use data to develop and implement data driven instruction and small groups centers intended to target multiple learning styles under the UDL (Universal Design of Learning) model.

1. **Allocation of discretionary funds made available by the principal, including in areas such as wraparound services for students and families, after-school programs, and school supplies.** (*Discretionary funds are those remaining after a school budgets for district services, partner fees, and staff salaries*).

For the 2023-24 school year, discretionary funds have been allocated in the following amounts:

- Transportation for Field Trips: \$3,000.00
- Teacher's Choice (\$200) chosen from catalogs for LPS vendors: \$3,600.00
- TLT Stipend of \$150 for Teacher Leadership Team members:
- School supplies- \$6,500.00
- Professional Development- \$10,000.00



2. **Professional development activities** (*This does not include individualized professional development or coaching of teachers.*)
  - Allan Blume
  - LLCC
  - ELY Center
  - Jennifer Montgomery (UDL coaching)
  - May Institute
  - Pat McDaid
  - Restorative Practices & Trauma Responsive Care
  - Safety Care
  
3. **Calendar:** Please see the attached 2023-24 school year calendar for staff. Any change to the school year calendar is subject to the Superintendent's approval. If possible, at least one month's notice will be given to teachers before any change to the school calendar. The school calendar will include:
  - a. 180 total school days for students (169 days for pre-kindergarten students)
  - b. 184.5 total school days for educators, including school days and professional development and planning days.
  - c. Annual teacher hours for all teachers in the district will be 1413 hours. This will allow for increased opportunities for directed teacher planning time.
  - d. All federal and state holidays.
  - e. Winter break, Mid-winter break, Spring break.
  
4. **Work before and/or after the regular school year**
  - a. Returning teachers are expected to report to work on August 22, 2023.
  - b. Paraprofessionals are expected to report to work on August 24, 2023.
  - c. New teachers are expected to report to work on August 23, 2023 for mandatory LPS orientation.
  - d. The final work day for teachers and paraprofessionals is June 20, 2024, including 5 snow days.
  - e. If possible, at least one month's notice will be given to teachers before any change to the start and end of the school year.
  
5. **Schedule for staff and students**
  - a. A preliminary schedule for the 2023-24 school year is available and is subject to change prior to and during the school year.
  - b. The standard workday for teachers will be 7 hours and 30 minutes. For the majority of educators, required hours will be approximately 7:40 am – 3:10 pm.



- c. The standard workday for paraprofessionals will be 8 hours and 0 minutes. For the majority of paraprofessionals, the required hours will be approximately 7:35 am – 3:35 pm.
  - d. Except in rare circumstances, teachers will be expected to teach no more than 2250 minutes per week. Teachers will have at least one (45 minute) planning period each day during the school week. Teachers will be expected to meet collaboratively once a week after school (one hour) to plan instruction, discuss student work, share best practices, and engage in professional learning activities. Additionally, one planning time per week may be set aside for family and student support meetings, and/or additional professional development.
  - e. It is expected that an agenda will be created and available during this collaboration period. The agenda, as well as follow-up notes (questions, comments, and reflections), will be sent to the administrative team within 24 hours after this meeting.
  - f. Teachers and Paraprofessionals at each school will receive 30 minutes of duty-free lunch and collaboration time.
  - g. *In addition to traditional responsibilities and assigned duties listed above, all staff at Lawrence Family Public Academy may be expected to be involved in educational and administrative activities that are necessary to fulfill the mission of the school. These activities may include, but are not limited to:*
6. Lesson plans available on a weekly basis on the shared drive
  7. Participation in common planning after school, Data, and RTI meetings, collaborative meetings, and professional development
  8. All staff are expected to read the daily morning message and be responsible for its content and check email at the end of the day for dismissal notices. If a student will be dismissed early in the day, the teacher will be notified by phone ahead of time.
  9. Teachers are expected to pick students up promptly at 7:50 am and walk students out at dismissal time at 2:50 pm
  10. When students are picked up/returned to the classroom, they should do so at the scheduled times and conversations about student performance should be saved for the end of the day so as to not interrupt the flow of teacher instruction.
  11. Teachers and paraprofessionals are required to supervise lunch or recess
  12. Teachers/paraprofessionals are required to monitor students on trips to the bathroom
  13. Phone calls to families regarding the academic progress of students and follow-up meetings if necessary
  14. Preparation of progress reports and report cards
  15. Participating in staff recruitment and selection processes
  16. Maintaining bulletin boards to showcase student work and motivation



17. Working regularly with school administrators to improve one's instructional practices (SMART goals, walk-throughs, etc) maintaining a portfolio of evidence toward goals
18. Faithfulness to the language of the Zones of Regulation and social cognitive language which will be explicitly taught and reviewed daily to ensure fidelity to the PBS Pyramid Model
19. Staff will collect data to accurately complete A-B-C Charts for those students consistently exhibiting unexpected behaviors
20. **Scheduling of school-wide parent/teacher meetings** (*This does not include parent-teacher meetings that occur between school-wide meetings.*)

The Lawrence Family Public Academy will hold three parent-teacher meetings during the 2023-24 school year. These are tentatively scheduled for the following dates (progress report nights -October, January, April; three family fun nights)

#### 21. **Notices and announcements**

Teachers will be notified in advance of special events which will involve students such as health testing, field trips, assemblies, etc. Classroom interruptions for notices or public address announcements will be kept at an absolute minimum. When district-wide fliers are sent home, all school staff will be notified and receive a copy of the flier and a plan will be put in place if action needs to be taken

#### 22. **School health and safety issues**

- Working with central office, the school will make every effort to provide appropriate materials, space, and technology to support effective teaching and learning.
- Security of school premises will be maintained and visitors to the school will be required to check in upon entry.
- Every effort will be made to mitigate painting or repairs to buildings while school is in session, to avoid distractions or interruptions to student learning.

#### 23. **Staff dress code**

Staff at Lawrence Family Public Academy are asked to dress professionally for a school setting. Excessively casual clothing such as flip flops, yoga pants, sweatshirts that are not LPS designed and sweatpants are not permitted. Theme days will be designated throughout the year. Jeans can be worn daily, but must be clean, fit properly, and be free of rips. Any logo/design should be child friendly.



## 24. Rotation of duties

All staff members are expected to perform additional duties that are necessary to fulfill the mission of Lawrence Family Public Academy. Additional duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Teachers are expected to meet their students in Julie Hall and/or gym at the beginning of each school day (7:50) and walk students to their classroom
- Teachers are expected to monitor their classes en route to any special subject classes, such as Art, Music, or Physical Education and be ready to receive them upon completion.
- Teachers are expected to walk their students to the cafeteria and monitor recess each day, and then are free to have their own half hour lunch period during student lunch.
- Teachers and paraprofessionals are expected to walk their students to the places assigned for walkers, parent pick-up, or bus transportation at the end of the day. Every staff member will have an assigned group to monitor until students leave to go home. Two staff members will be assigned to bus duty as needed. A schedule for dismissal coverage will be created.
- Paraprofessionals are expected to supervise morning drop off from 7:40 - 7:50 am.
- Paraprofessionals are expected to supervise lunch for their class, they will have one half -hour lunch period.
- Staff is expected to walk individual students or small groups of students to the bathroom as necessary, and wait to return the student to their classroom.
- Paraprofessionals will cover lunch periods and planning periods;
- When paras are subbing for the classroom teacher, they will not cover the special for the day
- Paraprofessionals and specialists (gym, music, and art) may be asked to provide coverage of classes and duties of others who are absent from school.



- As students move through the building a head-count should be done before leaving the classroom and upon arriving at the new destination. Staff should also always carry the walkie-talkie, daily attendance record and student emergency forms
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## **25. Class size**

Lawrence Family Public Academy administration will advocate for reasonable class size for students and teachers. Class sizes may be differentiated, to support student learning and teacher development.

## **26. Bulletin boards**

The Lawrence Teachers Union will be provided a clearly designated bulletin board for the purpose of posting Union-related notices and other materials. Such space will be provided in each building for the exclusive use of the Union.