

THE FAMILY GUIDE TO PARTNERSHIP

AN INSIGHT INTO
LAKESHORE VIRTUAL
PARTNERSHIP

INCLUDES
POLICIES, PROCEDURES,
FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS, AND MORE



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WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

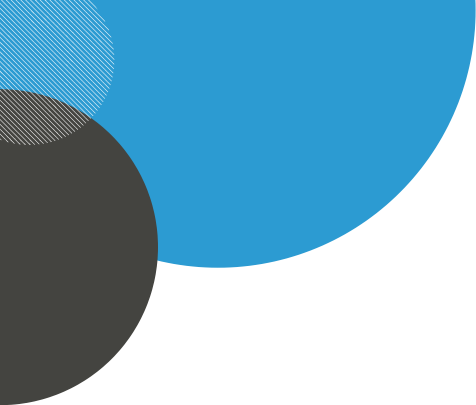
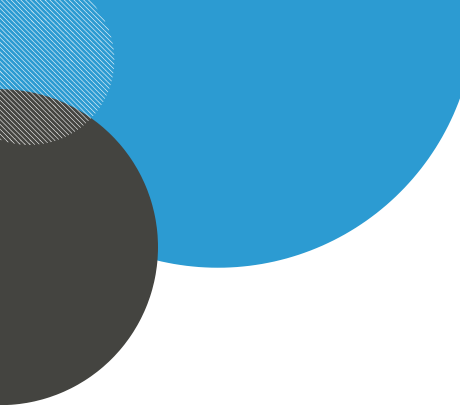


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WELCOME TO THE LVP FAMILY!

One of the first questions we are asked is: what exactly *is* Lakeshore Virtual Partnership?

Simply put: it's a partnership. We partner with the Gibraltar School district to provide elective classes to your child(ren) at no cost to you. We partner with experts in the community to provide unique and interesting courses and opportunities, enriching your child's education. We partner with local businesses, renting their space to hold and/or instruct classes. We partner with you, parents, to support all the work you're doing with home education and we are so grateful to offer a place for your family to thrive!

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? We thought so at first and are so happy we were wrong! We are amazed at the way the Lakeshore Virtual Partnership has grown and flourished. Our Partnership family is better thanks to wonderful families like yours.

More than just courses, the Partnership is a place to belong. We enjoy growing our community and providing a multitude of activities for your entire family. Whether it's a park play date, a field trip, a curriculum discussion or sale, teen leadership, or mom's night out, our team encourages support for every member of your family!

We would like to say thank you to each of you for being on this journey with us. We are humbled to be part of your family, and honored to have you as part of ours.

***This is teamwork. This is community.
This is Partnership.***

MEET THE TEAM



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ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIP

WHAT WE OFFER

Lakeshore Virtual Partnership (LVP) offers a wide variety of elective (non-core) courses for students in grades K-12. Our courses include everything from archery to performing arts to culinary arts.

All courses are *virtual* classes with optional time for applied learning with a community expert.

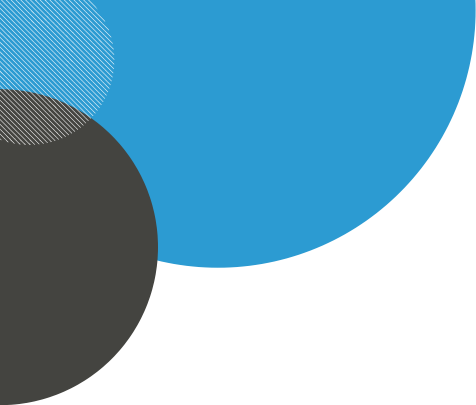
ELIGIBILITY

LVP is umbrellaed under the Lakeshore Virtual School, an online public school option offered through the Gibraltar School District.

Students do not have to live within the GSD to enroll in LVP courses. Any resident of Wayne, Monroe, Washtenaw, Oakland or Macomb county is eligible to enroll in LVP through school of choice. The school of choice windows are typically open from April-August for fall enrollment and in mid-January for winter enrollment.

FEES

There are no fees for any LVP courses. GSD accesses state funding to pay for the courses as all students are either full or part time (homeschooled) students in the district. Some classes require specified attire that each family would be responsible for, such as a leotard for a gymnastics course.



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COURSE LOADS

LVP is open to public school students, LVS students, and homeschooled students enrolled in the Gibraltar district.

Homeschooled students in grades K-8 may select up to 4 courses per semester. LVS, GSD, and homeschooled high school students may select up to 2 courses per semester.

APPLIED LEARNING CLASSES

The Applied Learning portion of LVP courses is our "in person" opportunity. Students often state that the applied learning class is their favorite portion of their LVP courses. While not required, we do encourage your student to attend as it enhances each student's depth of comprehension as well as provide opportunities to connect with the other students in their class.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

All LVP high school courses will be utilizing Project Based Learning (PBL). PBL is a teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects. This means students in grades 9-12 will be working in collaboration with a teacher of record, their application class instructor, and parents to create an authentic project which will be presented at the end of the semester.

ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIP

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

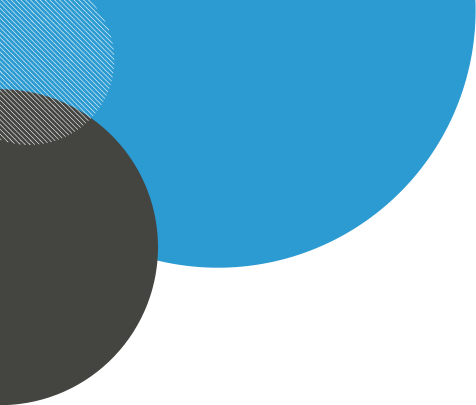
As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child completes their virtual work *and* mentor contacts *each week* (more on these later). This work is mandatory as it is how the district takes attendance for LVP students and receives funding for course fees.

HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Homeschooled students are enrolled as part time students in the Gibraltar district. The GSD is not involved in the core education courses you are teaching your children at home. The only interest GSD has is in the courses your student is taking through LVP.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL

If you are interested in exploring Lakeshore Virtual School as an option for your student, please contact LVS directly at zachard@gibdist.net



ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIP

BEHAVIOR

LVP requires students to adhere to all LVS and Gibraltar School District Codes of Conduct. Students will be respectful of instructors, their time, other students, property, the building/facility, etc.

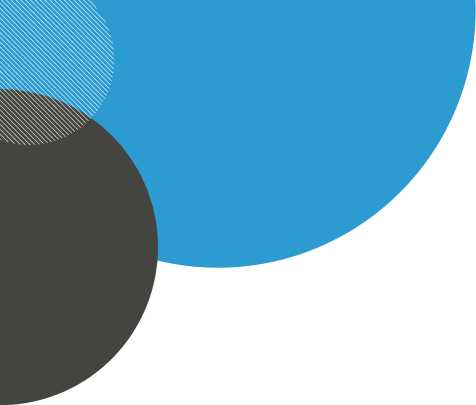
Full versions of the LVS and Gibraltar school district codes of conduct can be found at:

- Gibraltar School District:
 - <https://www.gibdist.net/carlson-high/important-documents>
- Lakeshore Virtual School:
 - <https://www.gibdist.net/lakeshore-virtual/important-documents>

CONSEQUENCES

Students who do not comply with LVP, LVS, or Gibraltar School District codes of conduct will be removed from class.

Administrators will review the situation, and determine whether the student will be eligible to return to the next class.



ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIP

ON CAMPUS SAFETY POLICIES

All students and parents will enter and exit through the main doors to the back parking lot.

Students must scan their name tags upon entering and leaving the building for the day.

All parents who wish to stay in the building must complete an iChat background check for the district. This can be done on any Wednesday, but must be completed a week prior to being in the building.

Students who are not enrolled in a class for any hour **MUST** be either with their parent or in one of our two Curiosity Corners. There is one room for grades K-5 and one for grades 6-12.

Parents will be required to assist in the building for one hour per month in one of the Curiosity Corners and the lunchroom. A friend, grandparent, or older sibling may fulfill this as well.



ALL ABOUT MENTOR CONTACTS

WHAT ARE MENTOR CONTACTS?

A mentor contact is a 2-way interaction your student has with their mentor teacher. Who is their mentor teacher? Any district employee working for LVP such as the class instructor, directors, the teacher of record, or the LVS principal.

WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?

A mentor contact is one question sent via email each week about a virtual lesson. Responses to mentor contacts can be sent via email or done in person while at the Hub.

ARE THEY MANDATORY?

Yes.

Mentor contacts are the way the district takes attendance for LVP students. If students don't respond to a mentor contact, they are considered absent, even if they complete the virtual work and attend the applied learning class.

IMPORTANT: Failure to complete any two mentor contacts, or a single mentor contact during count month, will not be permitted to attend in person courses.

ALL ABOUT MENTOR CONTACTS

TOPICS

Mentor Contacts will always be about the virtual lesson portion of LVP courses.

Here is an example of a mentor contact exchange:

Mentor Teacher: *What did you learn about in your virtual German class this week?*

Student: *I learned about the colors in the German flag.*

Mentor Teacher: *What colors are in the flag? Do they represent anything in particular?*

Student: *The colors represent unity and freedom.*

HELP

Parents of younger students as well as those who may need help responding to teacher interactions are encouraged to assist. We ask you to read your student the question, help them consider their response, and transcribe their answer.



ALL ABOUT MENTOR CONTACTS

DUE DATES

Mentor contacts must be completed within the week they are sent out. The questions are sent out on Wednesday. Initial responses are due by Monday evening to give the mentor time to engage in a response.

MISSING MENTOR CONTACTS

Failure to complete a single mentor contact during count month, or failure to complete two mentor contacts during the semester will automatically result in removal from the program.

POINTS

We assign points for mentor contact responses. Why? We tally the points and open registration for the next semester in order of points earned. This motivates students to answer their teacher interactions sooner so they have the best chance to get the classes they want for the next semester.

Wednesday = 10 points
Thursday = 9 points
Friday = 8 points
Saturday = 3 points

Sunday = 2 points
Monday = 1 points
Tuesday = 0 points

ALL ABOUT MENTOR CONTACTS

REMINDERS

Please make every effort to have your student respond to their mentor contact on Wednesdays. Not only does this earn them the most points, but it is the best way to take it off your plate.

Here is the method of follow-up we use to remind families to complete their contacts:

AKA "THE FOLLOW UP
HEADACHE"



- Wednesday at 8am | mentor contacts are emailed out
- Thursday at 8am | a reminder is sent to families when students haven't completed their contacts
- Friday at 8am | a reminder is sent to families when students haven't completed their contacts
- Monday at 8am | an urgent email is sent to parents and students.
- Tuesday at 8am | the last day reminder is sent via email
- Tuesday afternoon | Ms. Zachary will send out a reminder via MiStar which sends a phone message, text message, and email.
- Tuesday late afternoon/evening | another attempt is made by phone

As you can see, this is a lot of stress on both your family as well as our team. Mentor Contacts are **absolutely vital** to your student's continued participation in our program, which is what we all want!

We ask you to make your own rule about completing teacher interactions on Wednesdays and avoid the

Follow Up Headache.



ALL ABOUT VIRTUAL LESSONS

SO... WHAT'S A VIRTUAL LESSON?

A virtual lesson is an assignment given in a virtual (online) classroom. It is a weekly, required part of each LVP class.

WHAT DOES IT CONSIST OF?

Virtual lessons usually consist of a teaching video, usually under 10 minutes long. Then there are questions that follow the video. These questions can be multiple choice, true or false, or short answer. There are typically 10 questions in a lesson.

COMPLETING VIRTUAL ASSIGNMENTS

Virtual lessons are assigned once a week on Monday mornings and must be completed by the following Monday. Students receive one virtual lesson for *each* LVP course they are enrolled in (*example: a student enrolled in four LVP courses will receive four virtual lessons each week to complete, one for each course*).

The length of time each lesson requires depends on the student's ability, age, and familiarity with the topic. Older students may complete their assignments more quickly than a younger student. The best gauge of time investment is to talk with other LVP families about their student's experience.

ALL ABOUT VIRTUAL LESSONS

PLATFORMS

LVP courses are currently using the Schoology platform.

COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS

In order to maximize our student's learning experience, we expect that most or all virtual lessons are completed. Students must pass their course with a 60% or better. If a student misses 4 or more virtual lessons in a semester, their course load for the following semester will be reduced (example: the student would be permitted to enroll in 3 courses instead of 4).

We welcome parents to assist their student with the virtual lessons. Watching the video together, discussing the questions, and transcribing the student's response are all helpful ways to ensure the lessons are completed (and understood).

VIRTUAL VS. APPLIED LEARNING

Virtual lessons will not always align with what instructors are working on during the applied learning classes. The virtual lessons will, however, always relate to the course topic and support the hands-on learning opportunity offered in the application lessons.



ALL ABOUT VIRTUAL LESSONS

BENEFITS

Virtual lessons offer so many learning benefits to LVP students!

- Students gain computer skills as they learn to navigate in the virtual classroom, send and receive emails, and practice their typing and research skills.
- Virtual lessons set children up to absorb even more from their application lessons. Instructors provide a detailed syllabus which we use to build the virtual lessons.
- Virtual lessons enable students to be part of a global learning community, preparing them for future careers.
- Virtual lessons support a diverse learning experience, whether your student is homeschooled, attends Gibraltar schools, or is a LVS student!

ALL ABOUT COMMUNITY

VIRTUAL LIFE

LVP is a virtual program primarily.

While we -- and our students! -- love our application classes, the most important aspects of LVP courses are the teacher interactions and virtual lessons. We communicate via email - be sure to check yours regularly so you don't miss out on important news, updates, and announcements! And be sure to add partnership@gibdist.net to your contacts to avoid missing news.

We have some tools available to help you stay in the loop:

- Join our Facebook group LVP Families. We post about upcoming events, virtual weeks, and class information.
- We send out a monthly digital newsletter the first week of the month. The newsletter will include important dates, reminders and announcements.

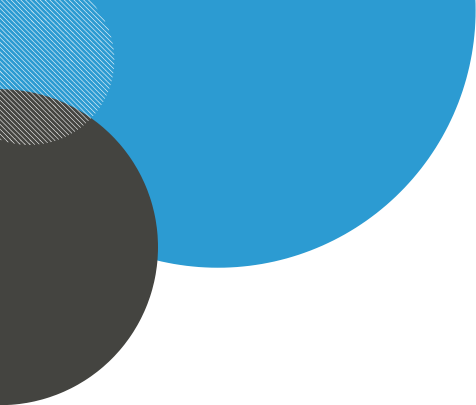
STAY CONNECTED

LVP is a community and we're so glad to have you here with us!

Several of our families volunteer to organize field trip opportunities, outings for our parents, and other special events.

We will share these opportunities via email but encourage you to follow us on Facebook and join our private group just for LVP families.

www.Facebook.com/LakeshoreVirtualPartnership
www.Facebook.com/LVPFamilies



PARTNERSHIP RESOURCES

CHECK OUT THE LVP FAMILIES FOLDER!

We know there's a lot of information coming at you all the time. We create the LVP Families folder so that you'd always have easy access to the most commonly referred to documents at any given time.

You can access the LVP Families folder by heading to
<https://bit.ly/LVPFamilies>

COPIES TO KEEP

This section includes copies of forms that you may wish to reference throughout the year.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

FAMILIES, WE'RE A TEAM

I understand that my participation in Lakeshore Virtual Partnership makes me a member of the LVP team.

As a teammate, I:

- have read and agree to follow the handbook
- agree to make sure **all** mentor contacts are completed each week.
- understand that failure to complete 2 weeks of mentor contacts during the semester, or miss a single mentor contact during count month, means students will no longer be allowed to attend in-person classes and may be subject to removal from the program.
- agree to make sure **all** virtual assignments for all courses are completed each week.
- understand that LVP teachers, instructors, and the community are cheering for us to succeed and are available if we need help..
- agree to follow all on campus safety protocols.

Student Signature

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LVS Principal Signature

LVP Manager Signature