

Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School Celebrating Success

When providing information about LVDLCS the following examples can be shared as successes:

- 1. LVDLCS implements a true 50:50 Dual Language Model with equal instructional time in English and Spanish.
- 2. LVDLCS has earned Middle States Accreditation and will begin the reaccreditation process in January, 2025.
- 3. LVDLCS is fiscally responsible and in a financial position to purchase our current facility thus controlling future costs for the school.
- 4. LVDLCS has a positive relationship with Bethlehem Area School District
- 5. LVDLCS receives students from 13 local school districts.
- 6. LVDLCS implements a school-wide Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) system where all students receive small group instruction on their level.
- 7. LVDLCS holds quarterly data meetings to review benchmark data. This data is utilized for MTSS group placement and to drive instructional needs. *These meetings have an intentional focus in the 2021-2022 school year of identifying group and individual learning challenges / gaps due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 8. LVDLCS had an average annual attendance over 93.22% during the virtual / hybrid instructional model in the 2020-2021 school year.
- LVDLCS has a clean, safe, large enough facility to provide ample instructional space for all students. In addition, LVDLCS continues to add additional space to improve/increase instructional and community programming.
- 10. LVDLCS has an indoor playground facility that allows for student physical activity during recess and throughout the day as a positive reward.
- 11. LVDLCS has a safe, outdoor play area that allows for student physical activity during recess and throughout the day as a positive reward.
- 12. LVDLCS implements a PDE approved ELL program with qualified staff.
- 13. LVDLCS implements an audited PDE approved Special Education program with qualified staff.
- 14. LVDLCS has a certified Reading Specialist who provides small group instruction to students and literacy coaching services to staff.
- 15. LVDLCS has a school social worker who works with families and students to address social and emotional needs and connect families with appropriate outside resources and services.
- 16. LVDLCS provides free breakfast and lunch to all students.
- 17. LVDLCS provides Saturday School Programming.
- 18. LVDLCS provides Summer School and Enrichment Programming.
- 19. LVDLCS provides an afterschool enrichment and academic program that includes both academic and enrichment club activities.
- 20. LVDLCS offers bi-weekly Parent Group meetings to discuss concerns and provide parent educational activities.

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- 21. LVDLCS has a strong focus on standards-based instruction and assessment.
- 22. LVDLCS implements school wide PBIS where student accomplishments are celebrated.
- 23. LVDLCS has an active parent community that achieves 100% of expected volunteer hours.
- 24. LVDLCS staff is evaluated based upon the Danielson Teacher Effectiveness Model and offers staff the ability to choose evaluation methods based upon years of satisfactory service including the opportunity to complete Action Research Projects.
- 25. LVDLCS provides professional development opportunities both at LVDLCS and outside of LVDLCS to all staff in both English and Spanish.
- 26. LVDLCS has a staff that is 75% bilingual.
- 27. LVDLCS provides tuition reimbursement and encourages all staff to further their education.
- 28. LVDLCS has a total of 18 staff members that have completed a relevant Master's Degree.
- 29. LVDLCS has five active staff committees (Safety and Security, Positive Behavior Support, School Engagement, Staff Appreciation) with all staff participating on at least one committee.
- 30. LVDLCS students complete a multi-disciplinary project in third through eighth grade.
- 31. LVDLCS successfully completes an annual external financial audit and successfully completes all PDE audits as scheduled.
- 32. LVDLCS has partnered with a new business management company, Charter Choices.
- 33. LVDLCS successfully completes an audit of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.
- 34. LVDLCS successfully completes an audit and/or review of all Title I, Title II, and Title III programming annually.
- 35. LVDLCS has an active community outreach program supporting numerous nationwide and local charity organizations.
- 36. LVDLCS distributed 450 donated backpacks to our students and community.
- 37. LVDLCS works with local colleges and universities to provide opportunities for college students to complete certification requirements in our school.
- 38. LVDLCS offers all staff members a health and wellness incentive towards gym membership fees.
- 39. LVDLCS offers all staff a longevity incentive for continued years of service to LVDLCS.
- 40. LVDLCS offers staff re-signing bonuses for continued commitment to LVDLCS.
- 41. LVDLCS has excellent instructional staff retention as evidenced by a 94% retention rate over the previous 3 years (2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021).
- 42. LVDLCS has a designated Math Coach to help accelerate math instruction for students who excel in math.
- 43. LVDLCS has a designated STEM special that focuses on math and science through hands-on, project based assignments.
- 44. LVDLCS employs teacher aides that are both bilingual and possess their Bachelor Degree.
- 45. LVDLCS has a supportive Board of Trustees that is involved in all decision making for the organization.
- 46. 98% of LVDLCS staff report that they enjoy working at LVDLCS.
- 47. 96% of LVDLCS staff feels supported by the administration.
- 48. 100% of LVDLCS staff feels they are encouraged to come up with new ideas.
- 49. 97% of LVDLCS parents are satisfied with the English instruction their child is receiving.
- 50. 96% of LVDLCS parents are satisfied with the Spanish instruction their child is receiving.
- 51. 95% of LVDLCS parents feel as though their child feels welcomed, appreciated, and safe at LVDLCS.
- 52. 95% of LVDLCS parents feel that their child loves to come to school at LVDLCS
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- 53. LVDLCS successfully implemented an approved Health and Safety Plan in 2020-2021 and updated the approved Health and Safety Plan in 2021-2022.
- 54. LVDLCS is successfully implementing all ESSER Grants and reporting requirements.
- 55. LVDLCS has recently recruited two new board members. The board has a variety of backgrounds and areas of expertise that they bring to their positions.
- 56. LVDLCS is a PDE approved ACT 55 Training site.
- 57. LVDLCS is a vibrant, multicultural learning community that encourages all members to embrace life-long learning and growth.