

No Excuses University

Our Mission

Lehigh Elementary, a No Excuses University, is a model of excellence in education by creating a culture of universal achievement. Using teacher collaboration, parental involvement, shared behavior expectations, and positive communication, we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to be educated in a way that prepares them for a college or a career.

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Lehigh's No Excuses participation ensures strong university connections. Students frequently visit university campuses, write to universities and host university students and guest speakers in our classroom settings. These close connections and partnerships allow students a better understanding of what is necessary for university admission and how to make their dreams become a reality. University connections include local, state and national universities that have been adopted by our classrooms and students! It truly is a culture of universal achievement for all students.



Six Exceptional Systems of Success

1. Culture of Universal Achievement

Staff believes that all students have the ability to master the academic skills necessary to be college ready.

College symbolism is throughout the school through university adoptions.

2. Collaboration

Teachers collaborate to increase student achievement and performance.

3. Standards and Assessment

Common Core Standards are comprehensively taught in all content areas.

4. Assessments

Assessments inform teacher planning.

Assessments allow students to grow to their full potential.

5. Data Management

Close tracking of student progress through multiple data measures.

Close home school connections with communicating student goals, assessment outcomes and achievement levels.

6. Interventions

Built in 45 minutes of small group intervention four days a week during the day. After school intervention three days a week based on need.

Teachers and Students Together for Success

In the Classroom

Our commitment to our students includes our laser like focus areas. Our focus areas for 2024-2025 are: Kagan for engagement strategies, PBIS for social emotional, and behavior practices, and Gradual Release for best first instruction. Staff has been engaging in rigorous professional development on the aforementioned initiatives. They are monitored through formal and informal classroom visits (over Zoom during distance learning). The Leadership Team is working on MTSS Handbook and continue to engage staff in trainings to move the students forward in success for future college and careers!

Intervention

Lehigh students expand their knowledge through academic content areas, and intervention to help them focus on their needs. I ready is a program that allows students to work on their Math and ELA progress based on their skills. All students have technology device to take home.

Parents and Staff Together for Success

At Home

Lehigh maintains close home school connections with parent participation through Lehigh's Parent Center. The Parent Center is on campus and hosts ESL classes, parenting/ discipline classes as well as classes to support student achievement in the home. Parent classes are throughout the week and are bilingual. Parents always feel welcomed and have an opportunity to grow to support their child's student achievement.

Staff

Lehigh staff participates in regular professional development to ensure the best practices for all students.

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