

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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University Connections

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.

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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.

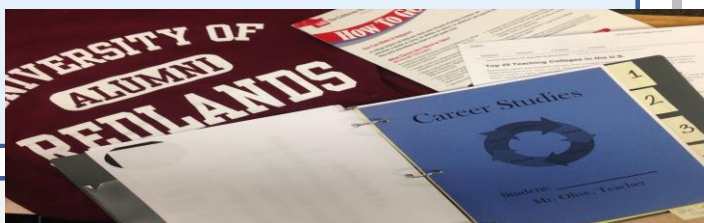
6. Interventions

- 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 No Excuses mission is demonstrated in our electives through NEU Academy. Our NEU Academy affords students the opportunity to participate in a variety of electives. These electives expose students to different careers, fields of interest and new ideas. NEU Academy electives include journalism, publishing, advertising, and debate to name a few. Electives allow students to work in teams, collaborate, and refine student inquiry skills as well as presentation skills. NEU Academy is the pathway to a successful future for college and careers.



Lehigh students have opportunities expand their knowledge through academic content areas, career electives as well as through leadership opportunities. Lehigh students produce their own yearbook, have elections for student council and have an upper grade/ primary buddy reading program.

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.

