



## Lehigh Valley Dual Language Charter School Celebrating Success July, 2024

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 re-accreditation process in January, 2025.
3. LVDLCS has successfully negotiated and purchased our current facility in August, 2023 - thus controlling future costs for the school.
4. LVDLCS has a positive relationship with our chartering school district. Our charter has been successfully renewed through June 30, 2028.
5. LVDLCS receives students from 11 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.
8. LVDLCS has a clean, safe, large enough facility to provide ample instructional space for all students. In addition, LVDLCS has added additional space to improve/increase instructional and community programming.
9. LVDLCS has an indoor playground facility that allows for student physical activity during recess and throughout the day as a positive reward.
10. LVDLCS has a safe, outdoor play area that allows for student physical activity during recess and throughout the day as a positive reward.
11. LVDLCS implements a PDE approved ELL program with qualified staff.
12. LVDLCS implements an audited PDE approved Special Education program with qualified staff. In addition, LVDLCS contracts with IU20 to provide all needed related services.
13. LVDLCS has a certified Reading Specialist who provides small group instruction to students and literacy coaching services to staff.
14. LVDLCS has a Library that includes a wide range of age and grade appropriate reading material that all students may access weekly.
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 has a certified assistant principal to assist with the safety, security, and quality instruction.
17. LVDLCS has a behavior interventionist to support students and families with their behavioral needs.
18. LVDLCS offers Second Step social emotional learning opportunities for all students.
19. LVDLCS offers Mindfulness Programming in partnership with the Mindful Child Initiative.

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20. LVDLCS offers on-site counseling services for students in need in partnership with Valley Youth House.
21. LVDLCS provides free breakfast and lunch to all students.
22. LVDLCS provides Summer School and Enrichment Programming.
23. LVDLCS provides a Saturday School Program to students in grades third through eighth to help prepare them for the PSSA.
24. LVDLCS provides an afterschool enrichment and academic program that includes both academic and enrichment club activities. The program also provides snack for participants.
25. LVDLCS has a strong focus on standards-based instruction and assessment.
26. LVDLCS implements school wide PBIS where student accomplishments are celebrated.
27. LVDLCS has an active parent community that achieves 100% of expected volunteer hours.
28. 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.
29. LVDLCS provides professional development opportunities both at LVDLCS and outside of LVDLCS to all staff – in both English and Spanish.
30. LVDLCS has a staff that is 75% bilingual.
31. LVDLCS provides tuition reimbursement and encourages all staff to further their education.
32. LVDLCS has a total of 15 staff members that have completed a relevant Master’s Degree.
33. LVDLCS has a total of 18 staff members that are CPR and AED certified and has two AED machines located within the building.
34. LVDLCS has a nurse on site daily.
35. LVDLCS has four active staff committees (Safety and Security, Positive Behavior Support, School Engagement, Staff Appreciation) with all staff participating on at least one committee.
36. LVDLCS students complete a multi-disciplinary project in third through eighth grade.
37. LVDLCS successfully completes an annual external financial audit and successfully completes all PDE audits as scheduled.
38. LVDLCS has a partnership since August 2022 with our business management company, Charter Choices.
39. LVDLCS successfully completes an audit of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.
40. LVDLCS successfully completes an audit and/or review of all Title I and Title III programming annually.
41. LVDLCS has an active community outreach program supporting numerous nationwide and local charity organizations.
42. LVDLCS works with local colleges and universities to provide opportunities for college students to complete certification requirements in our school.
43. LVDLCS offers all staff members a health and wellness incentive towards gym membership fees.
44. LVDLCS offers all staff a longevity incentive for continued years of service to LVDLCS.
45. LVDLCS offers staff re-signing bonuses for continued commitment to LVDLCS.
46. LVDLCS has excellent instructional staff retention as evidenced by a 93% retention rate over the previous 3 years (2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024).
47. LVDLCS has a designated STEM program that focuses on math and science through hands-on, project based assignments.
48. LVDLCS has a Music program that meets the PDE standards for music education. The music program includes both English and Spanish music experiences.

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49. LVDLCS has a Spanish Culture through the Arts program that focuses on Hispanic art, artists, and culturally relevant topics.
50. LVDLCS offers a Junior Explorer Program in partnership with University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.
51. LVDLCS employs teacher aides that are both bilingual and possess their Bachelors Degree.
52. LVDLCS has a supportive Board of Trustees that is involved in all decision making for the organization.
53. Over 90% of LVDLCS staff feels supported by the administration.
54. Over 90% of LVDLCS parents are satisfied with the English instruction their child is receiving.
55. Over 90% of LVDLCS parents are satisfied with the Spanish instruction their child is receiving.
56. Over 90% of LVDLCS parents feel as though their child feels welcomed, appreciated, and safe at LVDLCS.
57. Over 90% of LVDLCS parents feel that their child loves to come to school at LVDLCS.
58. LVDLCS has security personnel and cameras in all classrooms and hallways. In addition, the bathrooms have a vaping detection system.
59. LVDLCS is successfully implementing all ESSER Grants and reporting requirements.
60. The LVDLCS board has a variety of backgrounds and areas of expertise that they bring to their positions.
61. LVDLCS completed a full inspection of the Indoor Park and Traverse wall to ensure the safety of all structures within the Park in 2022.
62. LVDLCS soundproofed the gymnasium to reduce echo and provide a better learning environment for students and staff in 2023.
63. LVDLCS created a designated Music Room and STEM Room in 2023.
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65. LVDLCS upgraded the lighting in the gymnasium to LED fixtures to provide a brighter learning environment for students and staff in 2024.
66. LVDLCS had the entire building HVAC system ductwork and venting cleaned in 2024.
67. LVDLCS is working to create a more interactive, user-friendly web page.
68. LVDLCS is a vibrant, multicultural learning community that encourages all members to embrace life-long learning and growth.