



FAQs

What is Lincoln Academy?

Lincoln Academy is a Jefferson County Public School. We use the Core Knowledge curriculum to educate our students. We are proud that Lincoln families are involved and passionate about their children's education. We have a Parent-Teacher Organization and parent-run school board providing governance to the school. Families are encouraged to volunteer at least 20 hours each school year, with many families choosing to give more hours. Frequent interaction between parents and staff forms a close-knit team that provides an outstanding education in a caring environment.

How Do I Enroll?

Applications for enrollment are submitted online through [EnrollJeffco](#)

- K-8 Round 1: Early December - Mid January
 - Round 2: Late January - August 31
- PreK Round 1 opens in January

Families will be notified of an offer when space becomes available for the applied grade level. Guardians will choose your notification preference in EnrollJeffco.

When can I visit the school?

Please visit [LincolnAcademy.net](#) for tour dates or call us at 303-467-5363 to reserve a time to visit our school during the school day.

What are the school hours for the 2023-2024 school year?

- K-4th grade: 8 am - 3 pm
- 5th-8th grade: 8 am - 3:15 pm
- PreK Morning Session: 8:15 am - 11:30 am
- PreK Afternoon Session: 12:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Does Lincoln Academy offer Before and After-School Care?

We offer child care for children in grades K-5 through our in-house Leopard Care program. [Click here](#) for pricing and hours.

When did Lincoln Academy begin?

Lincoln Academy began in 1997 with one class each of K-6. Our seventh and eighth-grade classes were added in 2006 and 2007, respectively. In June of 2013, we purchased the present site on Oak Street, which we currently occupy.

Does Lincoln Academy Charge Tuition?

Lincoln Academy is a Jeffco Public School. Tuition is not charged for families enrolling in K-8th grades. PreK pricing information is [available here](#) and financial assistance is available through [UPK Colorado](#).

What is a charter school?

- Charter schools are unique public schools that have the freedom to be more innovative while being held accountable for advancing student achievement.
- Charter schools are public schools.
- Charter schools do not charge tuition.
- Charter schools do not have special entrance requirements.
- Charter schools do not discriminate.
- Charter schools accept students with disabilities and/or special needs.
- Charter schools do not teach religion.
- Charter school students must take state assessment tests.
- Teachers at a Charter school must be "highly qualified" under the No Child Left Behind Act.
- Federal and state public school laws bind charter schools.
- Charter schools differ from neighborhood public schools in 3 primary ways:
 - Charter schools have more autonomy in **governance**, which includes greater control over hiring teachers and staff.
 - Charter schools have the freedom to manage their own **finances**.
 - Charter schools have the freedom to decide on their own **curriculum**.

To learn more about charter schools, visit the [Colorado League of Charter Schools website](#)

Governance

- Charter schools are accountable to their authorizer. In the case of Lincoln Academy, our authorizer is the Jefferson County Board of Education.
- Each charter school is governed by its own board of directors, whose sole employee is the principal (sometimes titled "executive director" or "head of school").
- The charter school principal/executive director/head of school is responsible for hiring and managing teachers and staff.

Finances

- Charter schools are financially accountable to their authorizer and state and federal governments.
- Charter schools are public schools. Thus, they are funded with state taxpayer dollars by receiving "per-pupil operating revenue" or PPR. Charter schools are tuition free.

Curriculum

- Lincoln Academy uses the [Core Knowledge](#) curriculum. Foundational to this curriculum is the idea of knowledge-based schooling. Knowledge-based schooling puts the emphasis of early education on teaching and learning an enabling core of broadly shared knowledge – enabling because it builds strong foundations for later learning and opens doors to effective participation and mutual understanding in the wider society. Such knowledge is possessed by successful adults and taken for granted by literate writers and speakers. It's the broad and diverse knowledge that makes responsible citizenship possible.

What makes Lincoln Academy a better choice?

Lincoln Academy is only a "better" choice if you support the philosophical direction of the program. Lincoln Academy presents the [Core Knowledge Sequence®](#) in a back-to-basics format (strong teacher direction) and emphasizes strong discipline in the classroom and school.

What are some highlights of the Lincoln Academy program?

- A community of teachers, learners and parents striving for excellence
- [Core Knowledge Sequence®](#)
 - Visit the [Core Knowledge Sequence](#) website to learn more about our curriculum.
- Reveal Math
- A phonics-based reading program
- Required specials in Art, Music and Physical Education
- Middle School opportunities for athletics, band, orchestra and theater

What are our class sizes?

- Kindergarten and first grade each have four classes with approx. 22 students.
- Grades 2-4: three classes with approx. 28 students
 - Most classes in grades K-4 have one educational assistant in addition to the classroom teacher.
- Grades 5-8 each have about 84 students each that see subject content teachers.
 - Grades 5-6 share educational assistants
 - Grades 7-8 share educational assistants
- All elementary classrooms and middle school core classes at Lincoln Academy are grade specific.