



# Lakeside Middle School

LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

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**Principal:** Casey Calhoun

**Assistant Principals:** Justin Cegelis, Alex Pinto and Jessica Vicari

**Grades Served:** 6–8

**Student Enrollment:** 834

**EL Education Partner School**

## *Empower each child to design the future.*

The vision of Lakeside Middle School is to advocate for each child through a culture of learning and belonging.

Our mission to empower each child to desing the future.

**All students, regardless of circumstances, advance on time, prepared to graduate and ready to enter college, the military or industry with certification.**

We strive for all students entering high school to be as well-equipped as possible to achieve success at the next level. Our partnership with EL Education in middle school builds a strong foundation for the continued rigorous work that they are expected to do at the high school level. We believe that our partnership with EL Education will grow our middle school students to become more impactful stewards to their community and world and provide them with the foundations in EL Education that will result in even broader impact during the high school years.

We promote intentional and authentic instructional design to meet the needs of all students at LMS. Teacher identified priority skills create the foundation on which student centered learning progressions are designed. Disciplinary Literacy serves as the vehicle through which relevant and rigorous coursework emerges. This allows every student to celebrate success at LMS.

**Teaching and learning develop power skills in all students.**

LMS developed and uses our Habits of Success: Advocate, Collaboration, Innovation, & Leadership to deepen students “Power Skills”. These Habits are used in both Crew and academic classes for students to reflect and grow on how their own Habits are growing them into effective learners, ethical people, and contributors to a better world. We believe that strong students excel both academically and exhibition of character.

**Our schools are service-oriented centers of learning, committed to family and community partnerships.**

Community support through parent and business relationships has become an integral part of fulfilling the LMS vision. Our community is involved at the school level through SIC and PTO. Support of LMS students and teachers has been evident at school-wide events as well as on many Fridays when PTO and community organizations have provided food and services in response to various school needs. Outreach from parents and the community, such as providing food trucks and coupons, makes it possible for teachers to feel rewarded for their services while enhancing the LMS vision by creating spaces and opportunities for fellowship and relationship building among staff. By serving as panelists on feedback committees, community members are invited to celebrate academic accomplishments of LMS students when student project and growth celebrations take place.

**Every adult will be equipped with the skills and resources necessary to advocate for and ensure the success of all students.**

Teachers and leaders contribute to a culture of continuous professional improvement through participating in and facilitating relevant and data driven PL that supports the LMS Work Plan. Flexible PL Cycles blend face to face, virtual, synchronous and asynchronous learning to meet teacher needs. Our PL structure is routinely refined into a personalized fit with collaboration and coaching opportunities within departments and across grade levels with teacher choice.