

LifeBoat Education Center is an educational journey. Our goal is to improve the school setting and environment for students who enjoy learning, projects, and guided autonomy. We integrate online core curriculum study with teacher support and in-person enrichment. We believe a how-to-learn instead of a what-to-learn model improves a child's engagement and performance. Liberty University Online Academy will help us achieve our curriculum goals, which we pair with a customized enrichment program based on student interest: exploration, coding, wellness, student-guided presentations, and the arts (culture, music, and creative expression).

We provide an educated support staff to guide your student through a core program. For the moment, we will work with the county virtual option until next school year. The student may switch to the Virtual Academy through the county in September 2021. We will also offer the 2021-2022 school year as a Liberty Online Affiliate. This competitive program can better prepare students for higher education and the new technology standards they will need as they continue their education into adulthood. This school offers a Christian based approach; it is moral specific, not doctrine specific. In other words, it is non-denominational but offers assignments that allow your student to think critically about his or her own moral beliefs and personal standards. We find this thoughtful guidance refreshing and enlightening. The course standards are inclusive, cohesive, and offer a broad and strong foundation for a well-rounded education. In regard to the curriculum, Liberty Online can follow your student throughout their developmental years. This is a comprehensive program allowing students to explore the sciences and humanities. The curriculum also offers access to Dual Enrollment options that provide college credit for students seeking more challenging and engaging educational opportunities. Parents will have access to the student portal and are able to utilize that information to help monitor and guide their student's course of study.

Also, while much can be learned by knowing how to make technology work for you, our belief at LifeBoat is students also need interaction and experience live and in-person. After our daily studies are done, we leave the screen to enjoy time outside, eating with friends, and learning through involvement, play, and creation. A small but healthy school environment is the wave of the future as we climb out of the pandemic fears and go back to redefining our needs and ourselves. Health for many is hard to achieve in large schools with overcrowded classrooms. We at LifeBoat like to think of an overall approach to health with mental, emotional, and physical wellness, giving the opportunity for the students to stay well and learn how wellness can benefit them throughout their life.

For the students, we do require a readiness to learn and an intrinsic drive for success. We also ask students are at least in first grade, have their own computer, and bring their own lunch. We

will be open from 8am-5pm and will provide WiFi, snack options, learning materials, cords and plugs, and a nurturing up-lifting environment. We believe in positive reinforcement and utilize real life examples to help bolster learning opportunities and life skills. If your student is ready to move forward, ask big questions, and get more out of their learning experience, then it is crucial for them to look into LifeBoat as an option for their future success.

Please contact us to set up an interview or if you have any questions. We look forward to having you onboard with us, here at LifeBoat!

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