



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2009 - 2010

LISA ACADEMY – NORTH

Embrace Your Future

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Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at LISA Academy-North! This new school year means a new beginning, and new futures. The administrative team is excited about this coming school year, and the staff at LISA Academy-North is caring, competent, dedicated and willing to assist you. We are working very hard to provide the best possible learning climate for students.

We believe that education is a shared responsibility and that the successful operation of a school depends on the cooperation of everyone involved: students, parents, and staff. The mission of the LISA Academy-North is to create a partnership among the members of this triad. Each of us is responsible for doing his or her part to make our school a place where we can all work and strive together in harmony.

LISA Academy-North is a reflection of all of us. All of our policies are intended to provide a safe and orderly environment that will be conducive to learning. Our faculty and staff look forward to sharing their expertise in academics, special programs, and extracurricular activities. We encourage you to get to know your school, its programs, activities, and schedule. Become an active participant in our school. Get involved through classes, clubs, and activities.

This handbook is an overview of our school's goals, services, and rules. It is an essential reference book describing what we expect and how we do things. Read it carefully, discuss it with your parents, and let it act as a guide for your effective involvement in all parts of the school. It has been written to provide you and your parents with the information that will make your year purposeful and rewarding in every aspect. Keep this handbook because you will use this information throughout the school year.

On behalf of the entire LISA Academy-North staff and community, best wishes for a great 2009-2010 school year!

Sincerely,

Emin CAVUSOGLU, Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of LISA Academy is to provide an academically rigorous college preparatory program, in partnership with students, families, and the community, and guide all students in gaining knowledge, skills, and the attitude necessary to direct their lives, improve a diverse society, and excel in a changing world by providing dynamic, resource-rich learning environments.

Because of the nature of its mission, LISA Academy-North does not discriminate against any member of its community on the basis of gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities or handicap in educational programs or activities.

LISA ACADEMY-NORTH

STUDENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

STUDENTS' RIGHTS

- ✓ To feel safe in the school environment;
- ✓ To take full advantage of the learning opportunities;
- ✓ To work in an environment free from disruptions, and chaos;
- ✓ To express their opinions, ideas, thoughts, and concerns;
- ✓ To have a healthy environment that is smoke, alcohol, and drug free;
- ✓ To use school resources and facilities for self-betterment under appropriate supervision;
- ✓ To expect courtesy, fairness, and respect from all members of the community;
- ✓ To be informed of all expectations and responsibilities;
- ✓ To take part in a variety of school activities; and
- ✓ To have the right to due process;

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✓ To be caring and honest;
- ✓ To do his or her best to learn and master all he or she can;
- ✓ To respect school rules, regulations, and policies;
- ✓ To be sure that personal expression does not interfere with the rights of others;
- ✓ To follow state law and school policies concerning substance abuse;
- ✓ To respect and protect the personal and property rights of others and of the school;
- ✓ To treat all members of the community with full respect, fairness, and courtesy;
- ✓ To abide by all the expectations of the school and its community;
- ✓ To follow the prescribed guidelines for participation in school activities; and
- ✓ To adhere to due process procedures.

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1. INTRODUCTION

To achieve our mission, every member of the LISA Academy-North community must respect the rights of all members of the community to learn. This means creating an environment that is physically, emotionally and intellectually safe, orderly, and conducive to learning. The information in this handbook provides the guidelines for all of our behaviors and attitudes that will create a positive environment in which each student, parent, and teacher can contribute and learn. Because this is a "Student" Handbook, it is written to/and for you. Each section begins with a general description of the issue involved, and then it addresses you and your actions and attitudes very specifically.

2. COUNSELING SERVICES

LISA Academy-North has a counselor who is available to see students regarding problems that they may be experiencing at school or home. Usually the class teacher refers the student to the counselor when it is needed.

3. UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE

LISA Academy-North has a uniform to help create a safe and orderly environment, instill discipline, and eliminate competition and distractions caused by varied dress styles. You will be expected to arrive in dress code every day. Please cooperate, display modesty and neatness, and take pride in these clean, neat and attractive uniforms. We rely on your common sense and your parents' and/or guardians' support in helping maintain this dress code. Most of the uniform items can be purchased from the school and/or from the companies suggested by the school.

PLEASE NOTE ...

If you arrive at school out of uniform, your parents will be called. You will be kept out of classes until you are dressed appropriately and all class time you miss will count as an unexcused absence. The staff reserves the right to determine and restrict unbecoming styles. If a student is dressed or groomed inappropriately, parents will be called to bring a change of clothes. Violations of the dress guidelines will result in incremental disciplinary action.

UNIFORM POLICY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K THROUGH 5TH GRADE):

BOYS AND GIRLS:

Uniform Top(s)

- Red polo shirt with white pin stripes
- Long sleeve, solid-colored shirts may be worn under students' uniform shirts (navy blue, red, black, or white only)
- Properly fitting navy blue, red, black, or white sweater. Only knitted cardigan sweaters (no monogrammed sports pull over) that open downward the full length of the front, by button or zipper, are acceptable
- No hoods are allowed on any type of uniform top

Uniform Bottom(s)

- Properly fitting navy blue or khaki pants
- Navy blue or khaki walking shorts ("skort") or regular shorts. "Skorts" and shorts **must** be below the knee cap level
- Navy blue or khaki capris
- Black, dark blue, or dark brown fitted belt (daily) for all uniform bottoms with belt loops
- No jeans or jean material
- No skirts

Footwear

- Socks: White, navy, blue or black (must be worn at all times). No pads, footies, colorful knee length socks, or slippers socks
- Shoes: **Dark-colored** (i.e. black, brown, navy blue, charcoal), **closed toe, closed heel** lace-up shoes, loafers, or athletic shoes (aforementioned colors apply to all shoe types listed)
- No sandals, flip flops, mules, boots, or wheelies
- All shoes should have backs on the heel for safety
- Shoe laces must be tied at all times
- No long shoe laces due to safety concerns

UNIFORM FOR MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (6TH THRU 9TH GRADE):

GIRLS:

Uniform Top

- Uniform shirt purchased from school.
- Long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirt (navy blue, red, black, gray and white only; no hoods).
- Properly fitting navy blue, red, black, or white sweater. Only knitted cardigan sweaters (no monogrammed sports pull over) that open downward the full length of the front, by button or zipper, are acceptable
- No hoods are allowed on any type of uniform top

Uniform Bottom(s)

- Navy blue or khaki walking shorts. It must be below the knee cap level.
- Properly fitting navy blue or khaki pants.
- Navy blue or khaki capris
- Black, dark blue, or dark brown fitted belt (daily) for all uniform bottoms with belt loops
- No skirts
- No jeans except when given explicit permission.

Footwear

- Socks: White, navy, blue, or black (must be worn at all times). No colorful knee socks.
- Shoes: **Dark-colored** (i.e. black, brown, navy blue, charcoal), **closed toe, closed heel** lace-up shoes, loafers, or athletic shoes (aforementioned colors apply to all shoe types listed)
- No sandals, flip flops, boots, or mules.
- All shoes should have backs on the heel for safety

BOYS:

Uniform Top

- Uniform shirt purchased from school.
- Long sleeve shirts may be worn under uniform shirt (No hoods).
- Properly fitting Navy blue, Red, Black and white sweater (only cardigan sweaters, no monogrammed sports pull over. Knitted sweaters that open downward the full length of the front, button or zipper are OK).

Pants or Walking shorts

- Properly fitting navy blue or khaki pants or walking shorts.
- Black, dark blue, or dark brown belt must be worn at all times and it should be properly fitting
- No jeans except when given explicit permission
- Walking shorts are acceptable (No shorter than kneecap level)

Footwear

- **Socks:** White, navy, blue, or black (must be worn at all times).
- Shoes: **Dark-colored** (i.e. black, brown, navy blue, charcoal), **closed toe, closed heel** lace-up shoes, loafers, or athletic shoes (aforementioned colors apply to all shoe types listed)
- No sandals, flip flops, boots, or mules.
- All shoes should have backs on the heel for safety.

P.E. UNIFORM POLICY

K-5th grade are required to wear their school uniforms

Middle/High School Students should wear a gray t-shirt (no sleeveless/tank tops) and gray, red, navy blue shorts (shorts must be below the knee) or grey sweatpants.

PE uniforms may be purchased from retail stores.

****Note - No spandex or tight fitting t-shirts/shorts/sweatpants will be allowed.**

ADDITIONAL DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS

In addition to making sure you are wearing the school uniform, LISA Academy-North requires that you follow these additional guidelines in terms of personal appearance. Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. LISA Academy-North prohibits any clothing or grooming that, in the administration's judgment, may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of, or interference with, normal school operations. The uniform policy is intended to promote a more effective learning climate; foster school unity and pride; improve student performance; foster self-esteem; eliminate label competition; simplify dressing and minimize costs to parents; teach children appropriate dress and decorum in their "work" place; and help to improve student conduct and discipline. The dress code listed below will encourage young people to maintain good standards of dress as well as allow for comfort, safety, and personal preference in their dress. Coats are not to be worn inside classroom and hallways and they must be stored in lockers.

Uniform Top:

- Shirt is in good condition. Free from holes and tears.
- Shirts must be long enough to tuck in and stay tucked in all day. Shirt will remain tucked in at all times before, during and after school, whenever on school campus.
- Shirts are properly tucked in so belt is visible all the way around.
- Shirt collars and sleeves must remain down.

Uniform Pants, Walking Shorts, and Capris

a) Must fit properly

- May not be baggy.
- May not sag.
- May not have a low waist.
- May not have rips and holes.
- Belt loops must not be removed.

b) Not permitted

- Uniforms (tops or bottoms) that are anatomically revealing.
- Jackets, sweatshirts, or sweaters will be worn around the waist.
- Shorts or "skorts" shorter than kneecap level.
- Cargo style uniform bottoms

Footwear:

a) Not permitted

- Sandals
- Flip-flops
- Open toe/ heel
- Roller shoes
- Boots
- Mules

For safety: All shoes must be strapped and/or tied. All shoes must have closed toe & heel. Remember when purchasing garments to allow for "growth spurts." Coats, jackets, and items not meeting dress code must be stored in lockers. They are not to be worn inside classroom or hallways.

ALL GARMENTS MUST COMPLY WITH LISA ACADEMY-NORTH GUIDELINES AT ALL TIMES!

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- I. LISA Academy-North prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene; advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other prohibited substance. This policy applies to every day of school.
- II. Jewelry must be gender appropriate and simple. Jewelry and accessories should be appropriate for school and not attract undue attention. Please refer to "grooming" section of the handbook for more details.
- III. Hair must be neatly groomed at all times. It should be worn in a manner that is not a distraction to the student or others around him/her (this includes Mohawks or any other extreme haircuts/hair colors. Classification of extreme colors and cuts to be determined by the administration).
- IV. PE uniforms are permitted only in PE class. (Students may arrive in PE uniform **ONLY** if 1st period is PE class.) Students leaving school grounds to report home after sixth period may leave in their PE uniform if sixth period is the last period of the day for the student. Otherwise, those attending aftercare/clubs need to return to school uniforms.
- V. Coats, jackets, and items not meeting dress code must be stored in lockers. They are not to be worn inside classroom or hallways.
- VI. **Dress Code on Free Dress Days:** All dress code rules apply to free dress days with the exception of not having to wear school uniforms. Hooded sweatshirts are acceptable on Free Dress Days only, as long as the hood is not worn on students' heads while in the building. Garments will be free of holes, tears, inappropriate language, logos, messages or advertising. No sleeveless, skintight, bicycle legging, short dresses and skirts. No low cut, midriff, backless blouses. Parents will be called to pick up a child if students violate the dress code.

GROOMING:

Boys: NO FACIAL HAIR (beards, mustaches, or goatees). Sideburns may be to the tip of the ear lobe. Boys will come to school clean-shaven each day. **NOT PERMITTED:** any display of body piercings, necklaces, bracelets, or clip-on jewelry (No earrings or nose rings)

Girls: NO HOOP EARRINGS, NOSE RINGS, NECKLACES, OR BRACELETS of any kind. Post/stud earrings ONLY. Make-up and nail polish must be tasteful, not calling attention to the student.

ALL STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE:

Tattoos; body piercing; body writings; sunglasses; pajamas; wallets with long chain; hats; caps; bandannas; and other headgear.

School uniform shirts can ONLY be purchased from LISA Academy Schools.

LISA ACADEMY-NORTH SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST:

School shirt - \$17.50

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please call 501-945-2727.

4. REPORTS and GRADING POLICY

Each student will be assigned a progress card at the middle of each quarter. Each student will also be assigned a report card at the end of the each quarter. Each report card will be mailed out. Please notify the school office (call 501-945-2727) for any address or contact number change immediately.

Grades for the report cards are due the last day of each grading period.

The school is responsible for printing and issuing the progress reports, DPS reports and report cards in a timely fashion. It is the parent's responsibility to report to the school and request a report not received in time. If you do not get your progress card and report card, please call school office at 501-945-2727.

As another communication tool, LISA Academy-North uses electronic **Wednesday Mail**. Wednesday Mail will be posted on our website www.lisanorth.org.

LISA Academy-North is dedicated to excellence in education, and we want to clarify and commit to our responsibilities to create more caring and efficient communication between homes and school. Therefore, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure receiving Wednesday Mail from the student and/or our website.

It is the teacher's responsibility to call or email parents, if a student is failing a class. We must also underline that, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure that students submit their homework.

You may also get online information about your child's progress and assignments by logging in on our website www.lisanorth.org.

All classes at LISA Academy-North will follow this standard scale for assigning letter grades for each quarter periods, finals and semester work. Individual teachers will establish the grading policies and procedures for their classes, and their grades will correspond to this scale. **Grades assigned to students for performance in a course shall reflect only the extent to which a student has achieved the expressed academic objectives of the course.**

% Grade	Letter Grade	For ADE approved Honors courses, IB & AP Courses
90 – 100	A (4.00)	A (5.00)
80 – 89	B (3.00)	B (4.00)
70 – 79	C (2.00)	C (3.00)
60 – 69	D (1.00)	D (2.00)
0 – 59	F(0.00)	F (0.00)

Conduct Grades	
E	Excellent
S	Satisfactory
N	Needs Improvement
P	Poor
I	Incomplete

5. SMART CORE CURRICULUM POLICY

SMART CORE CURRICULUM FOR THE CLASS OF 2010 and ALL CLASSES THEREAFTER

Effective with the graduating class of 2010, all students are required to participate in the Smart Core curriculum unless their parents or guardians, or the students if they are 18 years of age or older, sign an Informed Consent Form to not participate. Those students not participating in the Smart Core curriculum will be required to fulfill the Core curriculum or the requirements of their IEP (when applicable) to be eligible for graduation. Informed Consent Forms are required to be signed upon entry into the seventh grade or upon enrolling in the district.

The number of units students must earn in grades nine through twelve (9-12) to be eligible for high school graduation are to be earned from the following categories. There are some distinctions made between Smart Core units and Graduation units. Not all units earned toward graduation necessarily apply to Smart Core requirements. Following the core curriculum may not qualify students for some scholarships and admission to certain colleges could be jeopardized. Students initially choosing the Core curriculum may change to the Smart Core curriculum providing they would be able to complete the required course of study by the end of their senior year.

Students wishing to change their choice of curriculum must consult with their counselor to determine the feasibility of completing the requirements of the Smart Core curriculum. The provisions of a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) serve as his/her graduation plan.

The required twenty- two (22) units, at a minimum, are to be taken from the Smart Core or Core as follows:

SMART CORE - Sixteen (16) units

English - four (4) units - 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th

Mathematics - four (4) units [All students must take a mathematics course in grade 11 or grade 12 and complete Algebra II.] Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable.

Algebra I or Algebra A & B (Grades 7-8 or 8-9)

Geometry or Investigating Geometry or Geometry A & B (Grades 8-9or9-10)

Algebra II

Fourth math unit range of options: (choice of: Transitions to College

Math, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Trigonometry, Statistics,

Computer Math, Algebra III, or an Advanced Placement math)

Natural Science - three (3) units with lab experience chosen from Physical

Science, Biology or Applied Biology/Chemistry, Chemistry, Physics or

Principles of Technology I & II or PIC Physics

Social Studies - three (3) units

Civics or Civics/American Government

World History

American History

Oral Communications - one half (1/2) unit

Physical Education - one half (1/2) unit

Health and Safety - one half (1/2) unit

Fine Arts - one half (1/2) unit

Career Focus - Six (6) units

All units in the career focus requirement shall be established through guidance and counseling at the local school district based on the students' contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to local district policy and reflect state frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

LISA Academy-NLR requires additional units for graduation beyond the sixteen (16) Smart Core and the six (6) career focus units. These may be in academic and/or technical areas. All the Smart Core and career focus units must total at least twenty-two (22) units to graduate.

CORE - Sixteen (16) units

English - four (4) units

Mathematics - four (4) units [one (1) unit of algebra or its equivalent* and one (1) unit of geometry or its equivalent. * All math units must build on the base of algebra and geometry knowledge and skills.] Comparable concurrent credit college courses may be substituted where applicable. * A two-year algebra equivalent or a two-year geometry equivalent may each be counted as two units of the four (4) unit requirement.

Natural Science - three (3) units [at least one (1) unit of biology or its equivalent and one (1) unit of a physical science]

Social Studies - three (3) units [one (1) unit of world history, one (1) unit of U. S. history, one half (½) unit of civics or government]

Oral Communications - one half (½) unit

Physical Education - one half (½) unit

Health and Safety - one half (½) unit

Fine Arts - one half (½) unit

Career Focus - Six (6) units

All units in the career focus requirement shall be established through guidance and counseling at the local school district based on the students' contemplated work aspirations. Career focus courses shall conform to local district policy and reflect state frameworks through course sequencing and career course concentrations where appropriate.

6. EXAMINATION PROCEDURES

At LISA Academy-North, formal examinations fulfill an important function in the assessment of each student's academic performance. As external examinations (IOWA Test, ACTAAP, etc.) are used on a state-wide basis as measures of student performance, students at LISA Academy-North are exposed to formal examinations not only for the purposes of assessment but also for experience in examination conduct, procedure and technique.

Consequently, the school has in place a "Code of Conduct" pertaining to examinations.

- Students are to remain silent during all examinations unless directed otherwise by the supervising teacher.
- Under no circumstances are students permitted to distract other students during examination.
- Students must leave school bags at the front or outside of the examination room.
- Students are not permitted to take any paper, including worksheets and scratch paper, into the examination room. Further, students are not permitted to remove any paper, including the question paper, from the examination room.
- Students must bring appropriate equipment for each exam and are not to borrow equipment or anything else during examinations. Students are expected to wear the school uniform to all examinations.
- Students are not to be late for examinations and will NOT be permitted to leave early.
- Latecomers will not be granted extra time to complete the exam.
- Students are responsible for the collection of their work.
- Students who are absent from any examination are required to present themselves to the subject teacher immediately upon their return to school. All exams must be made up within 3 days of absence; however, the student must present a reasonable excuse to be eligible for a make-up exam or project.

In the event of any violation of the above rules during an examination the student will, in the first instance, receive a zero. After the event, a review of the situation will determine if a zero award is to be made or a lesser/harsher penalty imposed.

ANY STUDENT FOUND TO BE CHEATING DURING EXAMINATIONS AND/OR DETERMINED TO HAVE CHEATED WILL RECEIVE A ZERO AND THEIR PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED. DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY EITHER THE SUBJECT TEACHER OR BY A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. SEE THE CHEAT/PLAGIARIZE POLICY.

7. HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is an essential part of your successful educational program at LISA Academy-North. Doing homework will help you develop many valuable skills such as good study habits, time management, responsibility, and perseverance. Teachers will assign homework that will foster individual learning and growth and that is appropriate for the subject area. Homework is part of all students' regular evaluations. It is your responsibility to complete and turn in homework on time. In case of conflict regarding homework assignments the teacher's record is final. If you or your parents have questions about homework, immediately contact the teacher who assigned it. Teacher's contact information is available at our website.

8. TUTORING AND ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN POLICY

Students in grades 3 thru 8 are required to take benchmark exams and demonstrate that they have acquired the grade-level academic proficiency (Proficient or Advanced). When this point is achieved, these students have done better than the basic level students defined as "Basic students show substantial skills in reading, writing, and mathematics; however, they will have only partially demonstrated the abilities to apply these skills. Students who fall into this category continue to demonstrate a need for some additional assistance, commitment or study to reach the proficient level." Although these students are promoted to the next grade level, necessary arrangements (Academic Improvement Plans) are made for them to improve their performance to the "proficient" or "advanced" level as defined by the state and to demonstrate grade-level academic proficiency in core academic subjects. Mandatory seventh hours and/or mandatory Saturday school will be given to the students who scores below the proficient level in core academic subjects. Students' attendance is mandatory to such tutoring. Students who fail to participate in remediation program as described in their AIPs will retain in their current grade.

TUTORING

I. MANDATORY SEVENTH HOURS

Math and English teachers assign students seventh hour classes based on previous years' Benchmark test results, practice test scores and student performance. These seventh hour classes are for Math and English. Students may receive grades.

Attendance is required.

Math seventh hours are held on Tuesday and Friday between 3:15- 4:00.

English seventh hours are held on Monday and Thursday between 3:15-4:00.

Students must successfully complete these seventh hours. Not attending these classes may result in repeating grade.

II. MANDATORY SATURDAY SCHOOL:

Math and English teachers assign students Saturday School based on practice test scores and student performance. Students may have both seventh hours and Saturday school.

Attendance is required.

III. PULL OUTS:

Math and English teachers may assign a pull out schedule for students based on their performance. These students are pulled out from non-core classes to be tutored in math and/or reading. Schedule is prepared by school administration with teacher request.

9. GRADE PROMOTION POLICY

The K thru 9th grade promotion from one grade to another at LISA Academy-North shall be based on the following criteria:

1. Students must have passing grades (above F) in all of the subjects.
2. Summer School:
 - a) Students who received failing grade from one of the core subjects (Math, English, Science, Social Studies) have to attend to summer school and receive passing grade to be promoted next grade level.
 - b) Summer school needs to be approved by LISA Academy and proof of passing will need to be turned in before the start of the new school year.
3. Student who failed two or more core subjects will repeat the grade. No summer school is allowed.
4. Students who failed any of non-core subjects need to obtain a project/portfolio assignment from school for each subject they failed, complete the assignment successfully, and return it back to school by the assigned day so that they will be promoted next grade level. Failure to do so will result in repeating the grade.
5. Students must have at least 90% of the year attendance or risk not being promoted to the next grade level.
6. Students who failed to attend to mandatory tutoring assigned by the school may result in repeating the grade.

ADVANCED/ACCELERATED PROGRAM

Students in advanced/accelerated classes should maintain a grade of B on all report cards. Students falling below the grade of B might be placed in an equivalent grade-level program.

HONOR ROLL / DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL/EXCELLENT CHARACTER HONOR ROLL

Students who make all A's will be in Distinguished Honor Roll.

Students who make all A's and B's will be in Honor Roll.

Students who have zero Discipline Points, with no N or P in conduct, with no discipline referral will be in Excellent Character Honor Roll.

10. CONCURRENT CREDIT POLICY

A ninth through twelfth grade student who successfully completes a college course(s) from an institution approved by the Arkansas Department of Education shall be given credit toward high school grades and graduation at the rate of one-half (1/2) high school credit for each three (3) semester hours of college credit. Unless approved by the school's principal, prior to enrolling for the course, the concurrent credit shall be applied toward the student's graduation requirements as an elective.

Students are responsible for having the transcript for the concurrent credit course(s) they've taken sent to their school in order to receive credit for the course(s). The transcripts are to be received by the school within 2 school days of the end of the semester in which the course is taken.

Students may not receive credit for the course(s) they took or the credit may be delayed if the transcripts are not received in time, or at all.

Students will retain credit applied toward a course required for high school graduation from a previously attended, accredited, public school. Any and all costs of higher education courses taken for concurrent credit are the student's responsibility.

11. TRANSFER STUDENT POLICY

The LISA Academy School-NLR shall review and accept or reject requests for transfers, both into and out of the district, on a case by case basis.

Any student transferring from a school accredited by the Department of Education to a school in this district shall be placed into the same grade the student would have been in had the student remained at the former school.

Any student transferring from home school or a school that is not accredited by the Department of Education to a District school shall be evaluated by District staff to determine the student's appropriate grade placement.

Students who have been expelled from other schools or districts may not enroll in the LISA Academy-NLR unless approval is given by the School Board. Students on a short or long-term suspension, or expulsion, are not permitted on school campuses or at any District-sponsored activities during the duration of the suspension without the permission of a school administrator.

12. HEALTH CARE SERVICES & MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

LISA ACADEMY-North Healthcare Services

School Nurses

Professional nurses are assigned to both campuses and are available to all students. Full-time nurses are available at both campuses; however, a nurse may not always be on campus due to health screenings or professional development conferences. Upon absences, a designated first-aid responder will be available. Nurses provide care for sick and injured students, screening and assessments, health counseling and other health related services. Parents are encouraged to discuss the healthcare needs of their children with the school nurse, teacher, and principal.

Physical Examinations

All students who are entering a LISA Academy-North for the first time are required to have a physical examination by their doctor or primary health care provider. Students transferring from another district must provide a copy of a physical exam in their transfer file or obtain a new physical. If you have any questions about this physical, consult with the school nurse at any of our schools.

Please schedule your child's pre-school physical now and request a copy of the physical to provide to the school.

Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs) and Action Plans

Individual Healthcare Plans or Action Plans are required by Arkansas State Law for all students with on-going health needs (Asthma, Diabetes, Food Allergies, Seizures, etc.) . All students with on-going health needs must first be assessed by their attending physician with orders for care. These orders will be used, with the assistance of parents, students, nurse, teachers, and principle, to develop each students IHP.

Forms for these requirements are available at school.

NOTE: LISA Academy-North accepts any physician's forms. You do not have to use LISA forms to meet state laws. The form must be signed by your child's physician, school nurse and principal before the child starts his/her first day of school.

LISA ACADEMY-North Medication Administration Policy

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION AT SCHOOL IS DISCOURAGED. LISA Academy-North's medication and administration policies are governed by Arkansas State Law and exist for the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

Policy Guidelines:

1. Only medications prescribed by a physician will be given at school. Any changes to care or medications should be submitted to school nurse accompanied by physician's orders.
2. All medications, both prescription and over the counter medicine, MUST HAVE ORDERS FROM THE STUDENT'S ATTENDING PHYSICIAN in order to be given at school. Prescribed medications must be in original container from pharmacy with a prescription label noting the name of the student, medication name, dosage, reason for medication, and clear directions for administration. No over the counter medications will be given without physicians orders clearly stating the medication, dose, route, frequency, and reason for medication.
3. A medication consent form must be signed and dated yearly by BOTH the parents/ guardians and the physician for the administration of both prescriptive and over the counter medications. Handwritten notes are not acceptable.
4. Any initial (first) dose of new medication that must be administered during school hours must be given by the parent or guardian at home first. After the child has been medicated for 24 hours at home, the child may return to school.
5. All medications must be turned into the school nurse for holding and the parent or guardian will be responsible for transporting medication to and from school for students. No medications may be kept on a student's person. In order to comply with Act 1694 of 2005, an exception will be made for students to carry/self administer asthma inhalers or emergency medications (epinephrine injection pens) required for documented health conditions with a physician order and school approval. This type of medication requires a SELF ADMINISTRATION of MEDICATION CONTRACT for each school year and proper demonstration to school nurse before medication can be used. It is recommended that parents/guardians bring a month supply to school and note when medicine is needed to prevent missed doses due to depleted supply. The quantity of medication will be counted and recorded when medication is brought to school.
6. No medication that is to be given three (3) times daily or less will be administered at school unless a physician's statement specifically directs the medication to given at a specific time.
7. A locked and limited access area for storage of medications will be provided.
8. No sharing of medications will be permitted.
9. Narcotic pain medication WILL NOT be administered at school. Students requiring this type of medication will be required to stay at home.
10. At the end of the school year, any unused medication must be picked up by parent or guardian on or before the last day of school. All medication not picked up will be destroyed in the presence of a witness, unless prior arrangements have been made.

13. LIBRARY

The library is a resource center used by all LISA Academy-North students for class assignments and for leisure-time reading of appropriate books or magazines. The resources of the library are available to support and enhance students' learning and understanding and to encourage students to become independent, life-long learners. Students may use the library before and after school and during a study hall. Books, magazines, and reserve materials may be checked out for varying times. Because the library serves many students, everyone will have to cooperate to maintain a good atmosphere for learning. Desks and carrels are available for studying. You may do group work for a class if you work quietly. Please do not move any furniture. In keeping with school policy, do not bring food or drink into the library. Finally, the total number of students using the library at any one time will be limited.

14. LOCKERS

Each student will be assigned a locker for his/her individual use at Lisa Academy-North. This locker is for storing books, coats, and personal items necessary for school. The lockers should not be used to store valuable items. LISA Academy-North will not be liable for personal items left in the lockers or bring to school with you. To keep your school items safe, we strongly advise you to keep your locker and its combination private. **Do not trade lockers with another student. Do not let another student share your locker.** It is your responsibility to see that your locker is kept locked and in order at all times. You should report any damage, vandalism or non/working condition of your locker to the front office. If you do not report vandalism, damage or non-working condition of your locker, you will be held responsible for it. Please remember that your locker is school property and remains at all times under the control of the school; however, you have full responsibility for the security of your locker and what is in it. Lockers are expected to be kept neat at all times. School officials will make periodic locker inspections. No item considered dangerous by the administration may be kept in the lockers and will be removed if found there. This includes glass or any other object that may be potentially dangerous. Students attending LISA Academy-North should not expect privacy of the contents of their lockers, desks, or other school property.

In a regular school day, students can go to their lockers on the following designated times only.

- a. Before classes begin in the morning from 7:40 to 7:50 am.
- b. During the five minute passing periods.
- c. After classes are over between 3:00 and 3:10 pm.

You may not go to your lockers during the lunch time.

You will not need to purchase a combination lock for your locker. The school will provide locks. Student may not put their personal lock on their lockers. A locker is an essential part of a student's life at Lisa Academy-North. Use of lockers is strongly encouraged since no backpacks will be allowed in any of the classrooms.

15. LOST AND FOUND

If you find books, clothing or personal items on the school grounds, please bring these items to the office. If you lose something, check the Lost and Found. The corridors are inspected each evening and unsecured student property is placed in the Lost Property shelves located in the office. Students should ensure that all their books, uniform and other property are clearly labeled with their name to ensure a prompt return of such items if they become misplaced.

Lost and unclaimed items will be given to a charity organization after 15 days. Lost and unclaimed uniforms/school supplies will be kept in the nurse's office for emergency use. They may also, at the beginning of the new school year, be offered at a "gently-used uniform" booth as a fund-raiser for school.

16. LUNCH PERIODS

All students will remain at school during the lunch period. You may buy your lunch at school, or you may bring a packed lunch. If you have a special situation, you will need to meet with the principal. During the lunch period, you will be expected to display good manners and courtesy. You must eat your lunch only in the lunch area. You will be expected to clear your place and dispose of all trash appropriately. Teachers on duty during the lunch period will hold you responsible for your behavior. Students who do not maintain a certain level of respect for others and for their environment will be held accountable for their actions.

Cafeteria Conduct

- Dispose of plates and utensils in garbage bins.
- Keep tables, seats, and floors clean.
- Talk in a normal voice (classroom voice). Do not shout.
- Keep cafeteria lines orderly: no pushing, running, horse playing or cutting in lines.
- No loitering in the cafeteria and hallways during lunch. Be seated unless otherwise instructed.
- Keep hands, feet, personal belongings and food to yourself.
- No backpacks or books are allowed in the lunch area.
- Students who mutilate or deface school property will be fined an amount necessary to cover the cost of restoring the damaged property, as well as receive appropriate disciplinary action.
- Appropriate language is to be used at all times.
- Ordering food from outside without an approval from the administration is not allowed.
- Students will NOT be permitted to eat lunch after their lunch period ends.

17. PUBLIC AREAS: HALLWAYS, CAFETERIA, AND LAVATORIES

Hallways, stairways, cafeteria, and lavatories are areas used by all members of LISA Academy-North. Because everyone uses these areas, there are rules of conduct that all students must follow.

- You may not loiter in the halls, lunchroom or lavatories.
- You may not eat in halls or lavatories.
- You may not run in the halls, lunchroom or lavatories.
- You may not use any profane or vulgar language while in these areas.
- You may not yell, scream, hit lockers or otherwise make excessive noise while in these areas.
- You may not draw graffiti, post fliers or write on walls, bulletin boards, doors, desks, books, or any other school property.
- You must do your part to keep these areas clean and safe.
- Do not leave belongings on the floor outside of or on top of your locker.
- Make sure you clean up after yourself and appropriately dispose of all trash.
- Report any leaks, spills, or other problems in the lavatory to a teacher or the office immediately.
- Do not roughhouse, push, or wrestle.
- Do not trip other students.

Students are not permitted in the halls during class periods and lunch hour unless they are accompanied by a teacher or have a hall pass from an authorized staff member. Students who are found in the halls without passes will be subject to disciplinary action.

18. RESTRICTED AREAS

After arrival at school, students may not leave the building for ANY reason without written permission of the Assistant Principal or being accompanied by a teacher.

- Students may not use classrooms, gym, or library without the permission or supervision of a teacher/adult.
- Students may not use or remove any item from a teacher's desk.
- The laboratories are out of bounds unless a teacher is present.
- The playground of the school is off limits except when permission given.
- Construction areas, cafeteria cabinets, and refrigerators are out of bounds.
- Any other areas that are determined by the Principal or Assistant Principals are out of bounds.
- All the areas mentioned above are out of bounds for students who are part of any after-school activities.

Teachers on special duty at school have the authority and discretion to correct any pupil and submit referrals to the office.

19. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

LISA Academy-North will offer a range of activities that will enrich student learning during the school day and after school. Because the safety of students is very important to us, specific rules will apply to these activities.

Field Trips

Field Trips offer exciting ways to learn. LISA Academy-North students will have the opportunity to go on field trips at various times throughout the school year. For all field trips, you will be expected to follow these rules:

- You must bring a Field Trip Permission Slip signed by your parents or guardian to school by the specified date. Phone calls will not be accepted as permission for student attendance on school field trips.
- You must wear your school uniform unless otherwise specified.
- You must abide by LISA Academy-North codes of student conduct while on the field trip.
- You may not qualify for field trips due to standards or requirements set by either the field trip leader or by an administrator.
- Students will be responsible to make up the work for any classes they miss.
- No money will be refunded if a student does not participate in the planned trip without a confirmed excuse.
- Students are allowed a five minute window from designated departure time for any field trip.
- Field trip leader or LISA Academy-North is not responsible for the students who are left at the school after the designated pick up time. LISA Academy field trip transportation is provided by parent volunteers and teachers. If there are not enough volunteers to drive, field trips may be cancelled.

After-School Activities

There is no better way for students to enrich their education than by taking part in clubs and after-school activities or working with a teacher. These opportunities will allow you to explore things you already enjoy more deeply and to try other areas that sound interesting. If you stay for an after-school activity, you will be expected to follow these rules:

- You must be with a teacher or other staff member at all times.
- You must arrange for your own transportation; your pick-up or ride should arrive home promptly at the end of the activity.
- You must abide by the LISA Academy-North code of student conduct while participating in the activity.
- You may not stay after school to wait for another student.
- You must clear the school building immediately following after-school activities.
- Your after-school activity privileges will be cancelled if discipline becomes a problem.

A full list and description of after school clubs and activities as well as rules and guidelines will be posted before they start each year. Students and families will have an opportunity to explore each one that looks interesting. Please refer to the afterschool coordinator for further details and policies.

Science Fair

LISA Academy-North organizes a school-wide science fair every year. Due to our high expectations from our students in science, math and technology, each student is required to complete a research project in one of these areas (individual or group). Failure to do so will result in failing the science class.

Science fair handbook is going to be provided to the students by LISA Academy-North school science fair committee. Every student is required to follow the guidelines cited in the Science Fair Handbook.

20. STUDENT ID CARDS

Student ID cards may be issued to each student enrolled at LISA Academy-North. This card allows students to attend school-sponsored functions and the student may be asked to show and use the ID card in order to get breakfast and lunch. If you lose your ID card, go to the main office before or after school to purchase a new one. Students shall return their Student ID cards in case they withdraw from the school.

21. TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLIES

LISA Academy-North will give core course books (Math, English, Science and Social Studies) to the students and use classroom sets for other courses. Each student's parent/guardian will be hold responsible for the condition of the textbook issued at the beginning of the year. Each student should take care to see that these books are not lost, stolen, damaged, or defaced. Students will have to pay to replace any books that are damaged or not returned. Students must return all textbooks and workbooks at the end of the year. Should a student withdraw or be expelled, all textbooks must be returned to LISA Academy-North immediately.

When textbooks are checked out, the textbook will be registered and the condition of the book will be noted. When you return the book, its condition will be checked. If you lose the book or damage it by writing in it or ripping it so that another student cannot use it, you will have to pay the current price value of the book. Fines must be paid before the last nine weeks or the student's report card/transcript will not be released.

Many of the classes will use consumable supplies – from materials to workbooks. Students will be required to pay for these consumable materials. If there is a special circumstance, families should meet with the administration.

Final report cards, transcripts and/or withdraw form will not be issued until all textbooks are returned in good condition.

22. VISITORS

Visitors for educational reasons are welcome at LISA Academy-North. No visitors allowed under the age of 11 years. Visitors must sign in with the office when they arrive. Visitors must present a valid ID to the front office personnel. No visitor is allowed to walk in the school without a visitor pass. Parents must also check in at the front office. Students wishing to bring visitors to LISA Academy-North must complete the Student Visitor Form and receive approval from the principal at least two (2) school days in advance. Do not bring guests to school without prior arrangements. No visitors will be allowed during the last two weeks of each semester and/or during the week prior to any school holiday or testing weeks.

Parents may visit teachers by appointment only, as other activities and clubs are held after school. Parents or other adults may not walk in the cafeteria, hallways, unless a form has earlier (at least 24 hours) been completed to give notification to the principal. The same form must be completed when a parent requests to observe a class.

23. ATTENDANCE POLICY

LISA Academy-NLR is open and free to any child five through 21 years and has not graduated from high school. Children who attain the age of five on or before September 1st, 2009 will be eligible to attend kindergarten during 2009-10 school year. School attendance is required until a student's 18th birthday.

Parents/guardians seeking enrollment of a child in LISA Academy-NLR will provide the following:

- Date of birth documents (The options the parent may provide are certified copy of birth certificate, registrar statements, baptismal certificate, passport, affidavit, military ID or previous school records)
- Proof of address (lease agreement, current utility bill or personal property tax bill)
- The child's immunization record
- Social Security number or request that the District assign an alternate nine-digit number
- Expulsion records if applicable
- All students are required to maintain a level of attendance that will enable them to discharge their responsibility as learners and will enable the school to meet its obligations to the students.

Every parent, guardian, or other person residing within the State of Arkansas having custody or charge of any children age five (5) through seventeen (17) years of age on or before September 1, 2009, both inclusive, shall enroll and send the child or children to public, private, or parochial school or provide a home school for the child or children under such penalty for noncompliance as shall be set by law unless the child has received a high school diploma or its equivalent; or students enrolled in a post-secondary vocational-technical institution, a community college, or a two-year or four-year institution of higher education.

The ARKANSAS Board of Education requires all students enrolled at LISA Academy-North to attend school regularly in accordance with the laws of the State. The success of LISA Academy-North's educational program is based on the daily presence of the students and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation.

Regular school attendance is essential for the student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led activities, to build each day's learning on the previous days, and to grow as an individual.

Excused Absences

LISA Academy follows Arkansas State Laws regarding school absences.

Under the compulsory education law, parents or guardians must notify the school that their child will be absent NO LATER THAN 10:00 AM of their absence. Otherwise the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

Absences due to illness, family or personal emergency, participation in officially approved school-related activities and programs, and absences for other reasons acceptable to the principal are considered as excused.

However, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school of the student's absence and to provide documentation upon the student's return to verify the reason for the absence.

The excuse shall be submitted to the attendance office and filed and part of the student's school record. An excuse for absence from school may be approved ONLY for the following reasons or conditions:

a. Classes Missed for Participation in School Functions

Students or groups of students who participate in school-sponsored activities that are approved in advance by the principal or assistant principal will not be counted as absent during the class periods missed due to that participation. Students are allowed ten (10) excused absences for school related activities such as sports, music and academic competitions.

b. Absences Excused for Religious Holidays and Other Reasons

Any student shall be excused for the purpose of observing a religious holiday consistent with his/her creed or belief. If this holiday falls on a school day, you must bring notice to the school before five days before the day(s) of the absence. Students may be excused upon written request from parents/guardians to observe religious or specific holy days. Such absences, if approved by the principal in advance, will not result in loss of credit. A written request must be provided to the principal at least five (5) school days prior to the absence. Students may be excused from classes for medical or dental appointments; absences due to family emergencies in cases of serious illness or death within the family; or other reasons acceptable to the principal. Absences for college interviews for seniors, with approval by the assistant principal or principal, may be excused.

c. Absences Due to Disciplinary Sanction

When a student is suspended from school or sent home pending a parent/guardian conference, the absence will not be counted as an unexcused absence. The absence will be coded to reflect the type of disciplinary sanction. If the student remains out of school for a period of time in excess of the number of days of suspension or sent home, those days will be unexcused absences.

d. Absences Due to Personal Illness

Students' parents/guardians must call the school office by 10:00AM. Otherwise, the absence will be recorded as unexcused when you are home ill. If it is known the number of days that a student will be absent this can be reported on the first call. When you return to school, students must bring a doctor's confirmation or an explanatory note from their parent/guardian or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. An extended illness is considered an extenuating circumstance under the attendance policy and must be documented by a physician.

e. Absence Due to Illness in the Family

Your parent or guardian must call the school by 10:00AM to explain the situation and estimated days of absence or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. When you return to school, you must bring an explanatory note from your parent or guardian, or the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

f. Absence Due to Death of a Relative

Your parent or guardian must call the school by 10:00AM to explain the situation and estimated days of absence or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. When you return to school, you must bring an explanatory note from your parent or guardian, or the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

g. Absence Due to Professional Appointments

Students should schedule appointments on non-school days or after school hours. If this is absolutely not possible, you must bring a note to the office the day of the appointment stating clearly the time you are to be dismissed. In addition, the following rules shall apply to this kind of dismissal during the school day:

Parent/guardian must sign-out each student in the office when leaving.

Parent/guardian must sign-in each student in the office when returning.

A note from the professional with whom you had the appointment must be provided that day. The next day is sufficient to provide documentation, if the student does not return to school on the day of the appointment.

h. Absence Due to Quarantine of the Home

Your parent or guardian must call the school by 10:00AM to explain the situation and estimated days of absence or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. When you return to school, you must bring an explanatory note from your parent or guardian. Such an absence is limited to the length of the quarantine as fixed by the proper health officials.

i. Absence Due to Family Vacations

Parents must visit the principal regarding vacations at least five (5) days in advance. The principal will make the final decision on this matter regarding vacations days being counted as excused absence days. Request to the principal should be in writing at least five (5) days in advance.

Penalties and Notification Procedures

- a. When a student has missed one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the total number of absences permitted or five (5) unexcused absences in any class during one semester, the school attendance secretary will notify the student's parent/guardian of the number of absences. Notice will be via telephone contact by the end of the school day in which the absence occurred or sent via regular mail no later than the following school day. Also, an administrator will schedule a conference with the student and his or her parent/guardian to discuss the student's absence pattern and its effects, together with appropriate interventions. The administrator will explain during the conference that course credit will be denied if the student receives more than ten (10)

unexcused absences in a semester. Data from the student's New Student Application or Current Student Re-Enrollment forms will be used in this procedure. The parent must provide the school with a current contact phone number.

- b. Course credit will not be denied if a student/parent/administrator conference is not held or if appropriate documentation of the student's absences has not been forwarded to the parent/guardian at the student's address of record. However, a parent's/guardian's failure to attend a conference or respond to notification of a conference will not circumvent the loss of course credit for the student.
- c. Course credit will be denied for each class in which a student has more than ten (10) unexcused absences during one semester and when the administrative conference has been held unless the principal or assistant principal finds there are extenuating circumstances such that to deny credit would be unfair.
- d. If the principal or assistant principal denies course credit, the student may appeal the course credit denial. The student must provide a written appeal within twenty-four (24) hours of the principal's or assistant principal's final decision to deny course credit. An appeal committee will determine if course credit should be denied.
- e. After the tenth (10th) unexcused absence in one semester, the parent/guardian will be notified that a referral to the Pulaski County Juvenile Court has been made in accordance with ACT 1308, adopted by the Arkansas Legislature, March 1997. The student's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) plus costs of court and reasonable fees assessed by the court.
- f. When a student who is fourteen (14) years or older has missed more than five (5) consecutive days without approval of the principal or assistant principal, the school attendance secretary will notify the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DF&A). DF&A may suspend the student's driver's license until the student provides satisfactory evidence that he or she is attending school or has reached age 18. (ACT 1308, 1997).

Unexcused Absences

Any absence not excused by official documentation will be considered an unexcused absence. Makeup work will not be allowed for unexcused absences.

Make-Up Work

Students may only make up work for excused absences and for the first short-term, out of school suspension.

It is the student's and parent's/guardian's responsibility to request make-up assignments from the teachers upon returning from excused absences. Do not contact the front office to get a student's make-up work.

For students with excused absences, make-up tests will be scheduled at a time designated by the teacher. It is the student's responsibility to take the test at that time. If the student fails to do this, the teacher is not obligated to set another time for the make-up. If you fail to make up a test without making other arrangements, the teacher may decide not to give the student the test.

If you know you are going to be absent for upcoming school related events or for a planned absence, make arrangements with your teacher(s) for assignments prior to your absence.

Tardiness

STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE AFTER 7:50 AM MUST BE SIGNED IN BY THEIR PARENTS AS THE SCHOOL DAY BEGINS AT 7:50 AM. Students may not be dropped off. Parent phone calls or notes will not be accepted. A student is tardy when he/she fails to be in their seat in the classroom or other assigned location before the tardy bell stops ringing. There is generally no excused tardy. An exception will be made if the student is delayed due to official school business or for other reasons approved by office staff or administration. The tardy policy becomes effective the second week after the opening of each school year to allow students time to learn their schedules.

It is the responsibility of the student to act in a responsible, orderly, and efficient manner. Therefore, the following penalties will apply:

- Students who are not in their assigned seat before the tardy bell stops ringing will be marked tardy.
- Students detained by a staff member must have a note of verification from the staff member.

Truancy

Truancy shall be defined as absent from school without prior knowledge and consent from parents and/or school authorities. An absence due to truancy will be considered an unexcused absence. Students will also be considered truant if they are over fifteen (15) minutes late to school without a valid excuse.

Early Dismissal of Students from School

Because LISA Academy-North is very concerned about your safety and well being, early dismissal from school is an important issue. In all instances of early dismissal, the following precautions will be taken to insure student's safety.

- The School may release you before the end of a school day only upon presentation of a written or face-to-face (no telephone call) request from your parent or guardian or for emergency reasons.
- You may be released only to a parent or guardian whose signature is on file in the school office or to a properly identified person, authorized in writing by the parent or guardian to act on his/her behalf.
- You may be released "on his/her own" only with verified parental permission.
- No staff member shall permit or cause you to leave school prior to the regular hour of dismissal except with the knowledge and approval of the principal and with the knowledge and approval of your parents or guardian.
- You may not be released from school to any government agency without proper warrant or written parental permission except in the event of an emergency as determined by the principal.
- You must sign out of the building at the front desk after receiving permission to leave school early.

Unexpected Closing of School

In case it would be necessary after students have gone home to close school the next day because of weather or some other emergency situations, the closing will be posted on the school website or local radio or TV stations will be notified. Missed days will be made up at the end of the school's calendar year.

After School Program

After school program consists of clubs (3:10 – 4:00 pm) and the after school care (3:10 – 5:00 pm). Fees for late pick up will be strictly enforced. If you have not called LISA Academy-North by 5:00 PM to notify the office that you will be late picking up your child, LISA Academy-North reserves the right to (1) contact Child Protective Services, and/or (2) terminate After School Program services for your child. All club subscriptions are via the club teachers' prior approval.

24. STUDENT CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

LISA Academy-North has as its goal helping every student fulfill his or her intellectual, social, physical, and emotional potential. Everything in and about the school has been designed to create an orderly and distraction-free environment in which all students can learn effectively and pleasantly. To foster this kind of learning environment, the LISA Academy-North administrators and teachers shall not allow the following types of behavior during school, on school property, or at or during any school-sponsored activity. The school has disciplinary authority over a student:

- During the regular school day, when the student is within 300 feet of the school's real property boundary line.
- During lunch periods in which a student is allowed to leave campus (i.e. Spanish/Turkish lunches).
- While the student is in attendance at any school-related activity, including summer school, regardless of time or location.
- For any school-related misconduct, regardless of time or location.
- When criminal mischief is committed on or off school property or at a school-related event.
- When retaliation against a school employee or volunteer occurs or is threatened, regardless of time or location.
- When the student commits a felony offense in the community.
- Pursuant to any code of conduct adopted at the campus level relating to participation in a student club, organization, or extracurricular activity.
- For any mandatory expulsion offense committed while on school property or while attending a school sponsored or school-related activity of another district in Arkansas.

Note: In addition to disciplinary consequences, misdemeanor and felony offenses committed on campus will be reported to and handled by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Classroom rules in every classroom:

1. Be in your assigned seat, ready to work before the tardy bell rings.
2. Bring pencils, pens, paper, books, and all assigned materials to class.
3. Keep your hands, feet, books and objects to yourself.
4. Do not engage in behavior that keeps the classroom from functioning.
5. Follow directions the first time they are given.
6. No gum, food, or drink allowed in the building except in designated food service areas.
7. Raise your hand before talking. If you are given permission, stand up and talk. (excluding normal class discussions)
8. Every student must have a hall pass with him/her at all times. No exceptions.
9. No students may leave the class without a hall pass.

Substitute teachers, part-time teachers, mentors, club sponsors, parent sponsors and tutors have the same authority and rights as the regular classroom teachers. Homerooms periods and after school class periods are also regarded as class periods in terms of validity and effectiveness of classroom rules.

One or a combination of following consequences for violating daily classroom rules may be implemented:

- Discipline points as part of the DPS
- Written warning
- Teacher's option
- Parent contacted
- Sent to the office or Dean of Discipline

Discipline - Positive Reinforcement

The teacher will reinforce positive behavior through any of these ways.

1. Oral praise
2. Note to parents
3. Phone call to parents
4. Parties
5. Trips, picnics
6. Personal notes to student
7. Notes accompanying report cards
8. Notes on papers, tests, etc.

Discipline: School-Wide Rules

Each student is expected to

- Demonstrate courtesy and respect, even when/if others do not.
- Behave in a responsible manner, always exercising self-discipline/control.
- Attend all classes, regularly and on time.
- Be prepared for each class; take appropriate materials and assignments to class.
- Meet district as well as campus standards for grooming and dress.
- Obey all campus and classroom rules.
- Respect the rights and privileges of all students, teachers, and other district staff as well as volunteers.
- Respect the property of others, including district property and facilities.
- Cooperate with and assist school personnel, including volunteers, in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
- Adhere to all requirements of the currently adopted Student Code of Conduct.

Discipline: Severe Clauses-Immediate Office Referral

Immediate office referral can be warranted when the student does any of the following:

- Commits or threatens to commit physical harm to another student or adult.
- Possesses or uses tobacco and/or drugs on or near the school campus.
- Possesses a weapon or any object deemed as a weapon.
- Damages or destroys property belonging to a student, the school or to a teacher.
- Swears, makes rude gestures, cruel teasing or put-downs

Serious misbehavior or actions occurring outside of a particular classroom are handled at the discretion of the administration. Lack of participation of student and/or parent(s) in the process does not preclude action taken by the LISA Academy-North administration.

25. UNACCEPTABLE TYPES OF STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND CONSEQUENCES

The consequences for each unacceptable types of student behavior are not independent from each other. If a student is suspended for a type of behavior, any other type of unacceptable behavior will also result in a second offense.

As a student at LISA Academy-North, you shall not

1. Fight and Arrange Fights:

School is not a place to arrange fights, whether those fights take place on or off school grounds. Fighting is an instance of physical contact in anger, regardless of whether fists or weapons are used. In all but the rarest of occasions in which one student simply assaults an innocent bystander, any fight will involve disciplining all students involved in the fight. Students who involve themselves in fighting will be sent home for the remainder of the day and he/she will be noted as absent.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parents/guardian contacted. Up to Three (3) day suspension. Possible expulsion.

2nd Offense: Parents/guardian contacted. Possible expulsion

2. Bring Cellular Telephones or Other Electronic Devices:

Radios, Tape or CD Players, iPods, Electronic Games, and/or similar devices are not allowed at school. They disrupt classes and distract others from learning. Students may bring a camera to school with a one-day advance approval notice from the Assistant Principal.

The possession of cellular phones on school property is allowed under the following condition.

All cellular phones must be kept in lockers and turned off between 7:30 am and the dismissal time. Lisa Academy- North is not responsible for any lost or damaged devices. During school hours, parents should continue to call the school for any emergency situation. We will contact your son/daughter. Do not try to contact them by cell phone or pager. The use of camera phones is strictly forbidden on the school premises at any time. Such use may also be in violation of the criminal code.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parents/guardian contacted. Confiscation of the devices with retrieval only by parents/guardian along with a \$15 fee. Lisa Academy-North is not responsible for the confiscated items which are not received one week after confiscation.

2nd Offense: Parents/guardian contacted. Up to Two (2) day suspension. Device will be confiscated and device will be given to parent on or after last day of school along with a \$20 fee. LISA Academy-North is not responsible for the confiscated items which are not received one week after the last day of school.

3rd Offense: Parents/guardian contacted. Device not given back until last day of school. Up to Three (3) day suspension. Possible expulsion.

3. Cheat and/or Plagiarize:

Cheating on tests, plagiarism, and/or any other types of deception to get credit is unacceptable conduct. There must be clear, objective, evidence of cheating for this policy to be used. Examples are cheat sheets, answers on hand, copied tests, copying from another student's test, giving away the answers, passing notes or answers during quizzes or tests, copying homework or class assignments and plagiarism (to take ideas, writing, answers, etc. from another and pass them off as one's own.)

- Looking on or in the possession of notes, papers, books, or other information not allowed by the teacher during any type of examination.
- Looking at another student's work during any type of examination.
- Allowing another student to look upon or use your information for any type of examination or activity.
- Talking about the test or test related information during any type of examination or activity. Plagiarism during the writing of a research paper or any type of assignment that is an obvious attempt to use somebody else's work. (without proper citation)

Each teacher sets his/her own standards of behavior for the classroom, and students are expected to know the standards and procedures for each of their classes and the expectations their teachers have. The administration has reviewed and accepted and will support individual teacher standards and procedures for cheating and plagiarism.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Student will receive zero for the assignment. Administrative discretion. One day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Student will receive zero for the assignment. Administrative discretion. Possible expulsion from the school.

4. Abuse and/or Misuse of Computers and Laboratory Equipments:

Computer hardware and software, and lab equipments are for the benefit of all students. No student may purposefully tamper with the hardware, software, or tools and equipment so that it is inaccessible to other students. Computers and lab equipment are in the school for educational purposes only. Abuse and or misuse of computers includes

- Loading private software, accessing inappropriate web sites or web pages using school equipment.
- Violating computer use policies including, rules, or agreements signed by the student and/or agreements signed by the student's parent.
- Using the Internet or other electronic communications to threaten one or more student or employee or to cause a material or substantial disruption of the educational environment.
- Sending or posting electronic messages that are abusive, materially or substantially disruptive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal.
- Using e-mail or Web sites at school to encourage illegal or materially or substantially disruptive behavior and/or to threaten school safety.

All science lab equipment and materials are to remain in the lab unless otherwise instructed.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parents/guardians contacted. At Administrative discretion, under supervision, you will repair, undo, reset, delete, replace or whatever needs to be done to undo the tampering. You may have to pay for computer or lab technicians to undo tampering. Up to two (2) day suspension

2nd Offense: Parents/guardians contacted; Administrative discretion. You will repair, undo, reset, delete, replace or whatever needs to be done to undo the tampering under supervision. You may have to pay for computer or lab technicians to undo tampering; Up to three (3) day suspension

3rd Offense: Parents/guardians contacted. Administrative discretion, student will be banned from using any computer and science labs at LISA Academy-North. Under supervision, you will repair, undo, reset, delete, replace or whatever needs to be done to undo the tampering. You may have to pay for computer or lab technicians to undo tampering. Recommendation for expulsion.

5. Disrupt Learning:

Disrupting learning includes any behavior that prevents other students from learning. It may include but is not limited to use of inappropriate written and verbal language, eating or drinking during class, chewing gum, insubordination, and making noise.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Teacher discretion with the recommendation of detention, and/or up to one (1) day suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion including possible detention, and/or up to two (2) day suspension.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion including up to three (3) day suspension, and/or expulsion.

6. Uniform Violations:

Students shall come to school in uniform and in line with specific uniform and appearance limitations described in this handbook. Students will not be allowed to attend class until they are in proper attire. All missed work must be made up.

Consequences:

1st Offense: You will be sent to the office to fix the violation. Parent/guardian contacted. If the violation cannot be corrected, your parent/guardian will be contacted to bring proper attire. Possible one day suspension.

2nd Offense: You will be sent to the office to fix the violation. Parent/guardian contacted. If the violation cannot be corrected, your parent/guardian will be contacted to bring proper attire to you. Possible one (1) day out of school suspension.

3rd Offense: You will be sent to the office to fix the violation. Parent/guardian contacted. If violation cannot be corrected, parent/guardian will be contacted to bring proper attire to you. Up to two (2) days out of school suspension.

4th Offense: You will be sent to the office to fix the violation. Parent/Guardian contacted. If the violation cannot be corrected, your parent/guardian will be contacted to bring proper attire to you. Up to three (3) day suspension with possible expulsion.

7. Use of Drugs and/or Alcohol and Sale or Intention to Sell Drugs and/or Alcohol:

Use of drugs or alcohol means to knowingly possess, consume, use, handle, give, store, conceal, offer to sell, sell, transmit, acquire, buy, represent, make, apply, or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, tranquilizer, non-prescription or prescription drug (except when under the direction of a physician/parent and within school procedure), alcoholic beverage, intoxicant, solvent, gas, or any mood-altering chemical, drug of abuse or any counterfeit-controlled substance of any kind including butane lighters. This prohibition also applies to any type of drug related paraphernalia. If caught, the student will be expelled and law enforcement officials may be contacted.

The sale, distribution, possession, or use of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants, and look alike drugs is prohibited anywhere on school grounds, at any school activity, and on any school transportation. Many drug abuse offenses are also felonies.

Consequences:

Parent/guardian contacted. Direct expulsion proceedings.

8. Give A False Fire Alarm:

Issuing a false fire alarm is a violation of State law. Any student who issues a false fire alarm will be reported to appropriate legal authorities. The penalties for this, especially if any injuries result, are immense; ranging from fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000 and/or jail terms. Making false 911 calls is also a violation of State law. Any student who issues a false call is subject to prosecution by legal authorities. There will be \$100 dollars fine for each false call.

Consequences:

Parent/guardian contacted. Recommended for expulsion. Restitution for any damage. Possible prosecution by legal authorities.

9. Forgery

Any attempt by a student to sign a teacher's, administrator's, parent's/guardian's, or another student's name to any school document is considered forgery.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Two (2) day suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Three (3) day suspension.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Recommendation for expulsion

10. Gamble and Play Cards:

Gambling includes but is not limited to card playing, dice shooting and sports pools and involves the transfer of money or personal belongings or assistance from one person to another. Bringing, trading, and playing any cards such as Pokémon cards, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, non-sports cards, and any other trading cards are prohibited.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. One day out of school suspension and confiscation of the card(s), dice etc. with retrieval only by parents/guardians. LISA Academy-North is not responsible for the confiscated items which are not received one week after confiscation.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Up to two (2) day suspension. Card(s) will be confiscated and they will be given to parent only on or after last day of school. LISA Academy-North is not responsible for the confiscated items which are not received one week after last day of school.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Three (3) day suspension. Recommendation for expulsion

11. Possession of Inappropriate Materials:

Possession or distribution of pornographic, criminal, hate related, etc materials.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Three (3) day suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Recommendation for expulsion.

12. Harass another Student and/or a Teacher, Administrator, or Staff Member:

Harassment means making unwelcome advances or any form of improper physical contact, gesture or sexual remark and any speech, written communication or action that creates a hostile, intimidating or offensive learning environment. Harassment is a violation of Federal Law and is contrary to the Board of Education's commitment to provide a physically and psychologically safe environment in which to learn. Even if harassment occurs as a "joke," the student will experience consequences for his/her behavior.

Consequences:

Parent/Guardian contacted. Administrative discretion with a recommendation for suspension. Possible expulsion. Possible prosecution.

13. Disrespect to teachers or staff or using inappropriate language and behavior.

Responding in a rude and/or impertinent manner (i.e., rolling eyes, sucking teeth, not being cooperative, or talking back). Follow the directions first time given.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Up to two (2) day in school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Up to two (2) day suspension.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Three (3) day suspension. Possible expulsion.

14. Hazing Students:

Hazing means to plan encourage or engage in any hazing activity. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act of initiation into any student or other organization that causes or creates a substantial risk or causes mental or physical harm to any person. Permission, consent or assumption of the risk by an individual subjected to hazing does not lessen the prohibition contained in this policy. Hazing may also carry heavy legal consequences.

Consequences:

Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion with a recommendation for suspension. Possible expulsion. Possible prosecution.

15. Smoke or Use of Other Tobacco Products and/or Bring Such Products to School:

This includes cigarettes, cigars, herbs, and smokeless tobacco. Possession of tobacco products in purses or lockers is prohibited under this policy.

Consequences:

Parent/Guardian contacted. Possible expulsion.

16. Steal and/or Vandalize Private Property

This means to cause or attempt to cause damage to private property or steal or attempt to steal private property either on school grounds or during a school activity, function, or event on school grounds. It also includes defacing or damaging school property—including but not limited to textbooks, lockers, furniture, and other equipment—with graffiti or by any other means. Students and their parents or guardians will be held responsible for any theft/vandalism that their student commits on school property. Please Note: The school may file a police report in cases of theft and vandalism. Either offense can carry heavy legal penalties.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Restitution if required. Up to three (3) day suspension. Possible expulsion.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to three (3) day suspension. Restitution if required. Possible expulsion. Police report filed.

17. Be Habitually Tardy:

This means to be late for the beginning school day and/or late for classes.

Consequences:

See Tardy Policy of LISA Academy-North.

18. Display Threatening Behavior:

Threatening behavior can include verbal threats, both face to face, over electronic media (phone and/or computers), hand written notes, and/or non-verbal threats, including "hard" stares, gestures, and so on, that cause or attempt to cause any student, teacher, administrator, or staff member to feel frightened or intimidated.

Consequences:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up two (2) day school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Three (3) day suspension recommended.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Possible expulsion.

19. Be Truant:

Truancy means failing to attend school without excuse for either 9 or more days or parts of days within a six-month period or 4 or more days or parts of days within a four-week period. There are school and legal penalties that accompany truancy; in all cases a truant officer may be contacted and consulted.

Consequences:

Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion on full range of disciplinary measures.

20. Bring Any Kind of Weapon to School:

A weapon includes, but is not limited to, conventional objects like guns, pellet guns, knives, smoke bombs, stink bombs, fireworks, or club type implements as well as mace, tear gas, or other chemicals. It may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon. It also includes objects converted from their original use to an object used to threaten or injure another. The Administration reserves the right to all final decisions regarding the definition of what is a weapon. School personnel may search lockers, book bags, gym bags, coats, and/or any other containers if they reasonably suspect the presence of a weapon.

Consequences: Parent/guardian contacted. Recommendation for expulsion. Possible prosecution.

21. Gang and Secret Society Symbols:

Disruption and/or intimidation caused by the wearing of any type of clothing/jewelry or by writing of any signs identified as or associated with gangs. Students can not promise to or be members of a gang, secret society, illegal club, sorority or fraternity.

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to 2 day suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to three (3) day suspension.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Possible expulsion.

22. Possession of Stolen Property:

Having in one's possession property obtained without permission of the owner.

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to three (3) day suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Possible expulsion.

23. Arson:

Intentionally starting any fire or combustion on school property,

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Possible expulsion.

24. Public Display of Affection

Inappropriate behaviors of affection, which are not for public places such as kissing, hugging, physical contact, etc.

1st Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Conference with student. Up to 2 day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to three (3) day suspension. Possible expulsion

25. Provoking/Intimidating Behavior Encouraging or Urging Other Students to Violate School Rules:

1st Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. One day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to two (2) day suspension.

3rd Offense: Parent/guardian contacted. Administrative discretion. Up to three (3) day suspension. Possible expulsion.

26. Bullying Policies

"Harassment, intimidation, and bullying" means any gesture, written or verbal expression, or physical act that a reasonable person should know will harm another student, damage another student's property, place another student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or damage to the student's property, or insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education of any student. "Harassment, intimidation, and bullying" include, but are not limited to, a gesture, written, verbal or physical act.

1st Offense: Parents/Guardian contacted. Up to Three (3) day out of school suspension. Possible expulsion.

2nd Offense: Parents/Guardian contacted. Possible expulsion.

27. Conspiracy

Any two (2) or more persons mutually agreeing to do any unlawful act.

1st Offense: Parents/Guardian contacted. Up to two (2) day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parents/Guardian contacted. Up to Three (3) day out of school suspension. Possible expulsion.

28. Providing Incorrect Information to the School Personnel

Refusal to provide name and/or other information when asked to do so by a staff member.

1st Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Up to Two (2) day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Up to Three (3) day out of school suspension. Possible expulsion.

29. Leaving Campus without Permission

Leaving campus without prior consent and authorization from school administration during school hours.

1st Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Up to Three (3) day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Possible expulsion.

30. Trespassing

Entering any school property or into any school facility without proper authority. Includes any entry during a period of suspension.

1st Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Up to Two (2) day out of school suspension.

2nd Offense: Parent/Guardian contacted. Up to Three (3) day out of school suspension. Possible expulsion.

31. Inappropriate Postings

Students will be held responsible for posting, publishing or sending any "illegal or inappropriate" material (text, image, audio, and video) on campus, in newsletters, local newspapers, radio and TV programs, and over the internet or blogs such as YouTube, MySpace, Xanga, Facebook, etc. about the school, administrators, teachers, parents, and other students. Students must get a written approval from a chief administrator (i.e., superintendent or principal) to post, publish, or send any material pertaining faculty and staff, administrators, and all school activities.

Consequences: Up to three day school suspension or possible expulsion.

32. Not Attending Tutorials

Students are required to attend tutorials that they have been assigned to. Failure to attend the designated tutorials may result in suspension or other disciplinary action at the discretion of dean of discipline. Parents are responsible for arranging transportation.

FOR ANY ADDITIONAL CASES, WE REFER TO LISA ACADEMY –WEST STUDENT HANDBOOK

Decision Making Process:

The principal designates one of the assistant principals to be in charge of discipline. The discipline referrals were submitted to the dean of discipline. The dean of discipline may form a discipline committee to make decisions regarding discipline. The decisions of discipline committee or the dean of discipline may be appealed to the principal within two days of the date the decision was made. The principal decision's is final. For expulsion, see the expulsion policy.

DISCIPLINE POINT SYSTEM

Along with the established disciplinary procedures, LISA Academy-North will implement a Discipline Point System (DPS) in which students will be given points for unacceptable behavior. Each teacher and staff must use this system and the administration has the discretion to implement certain consequences for students who have earned points above a set limit. Parents will be notified about the consequences and the behavior resulting in DPS system.

Rules of Discipline Point System

1. Every unwanted behavior has a numerical point. (See Discipline Point Case File)
2. If a student does not have any DPS points within 5 consecutive school days, 5 points will be deleted from his/her total detention points in the following day.
3. A teacher can give points only once for the same incidence for one class period. The teacher shall fill out a Discipline Referral Form if the same case continues, and contact an Assistant Principal.
4. A student receiving 10 points in a week (week is defined as from Tuesday to Tuesday), then he/she is required to attend Saturday Detention. Students and parents will be notified no later than Thursday.
5. Students required to attend Saturday Detention are rewarded -5 points for attending Saturday Detention and obeying rules of conduct for Saturday Detention. Students may receive more DPS points, however for an unwilling behavior.
6. Failing to attend a Saturday Detention without any confirmed excuse may result in a 2 days out of school suspension.
7. An accrument of 25 points or more within a year may result in Saturday detention.
8. An accrument of 50 points or more within a year may result in 1 day out of school suspension.
9. An accrument of 70 points or more within a year may result in 2 days out of school suspension
10. An accrument of 90 points or more within a year may result in 3 days out of school suspension.
11. An accrument of 110 points or more within a year may result in 5 days out of school suspension.
12. An accrument of 130 points or more within a year may result in long-term suspension.

13. DISCIPLINE POINT CASES

Case	Points	Case	Points
Lack of materials	1	Inappropriate cafeteria/recess/gym behavior	2
Not working on assigned tasks	1	Eating/drinking in class	2
Unexcused tardy to class	1	Chewing gum	1
Passing notes in the class	1	Tapping	1
Makeup outside of restroom	1	Disorderly conduct	2
Bringing pop or drink to class	1	Disturbing class	2
Inappropriate behavior to friend	1	Misbehavior outside of school	2
Sleeping in class	1	Vulgarity	2
Running in hallway	1	Excessive Makeup	1
Lack of cooperation	1	Profanity to another student	3
Antagonistic behavior	2	Throwing things in class/hallway/cafeteria	1
Horse-playing	3	Dress code violation	2
Not being in assigned location	1	Passing notes in the class with profanity	4
Talking back to teacher	3	Buying/selling/trading something	5
Cheating	5	Back-pack in the classroom	1
Refusal to follow a reasonable request	3	Leaving the classroom without permission	5
Humming/Singing/making noises	2	Drawing/writing in/on school property (i.e. books, desks, walls)	2
Leaving paper/trash on the floor	1	Disrespect to faculty and staff	2
Not having hall pass when it is needed	1	Not receiving any DPS point within consecutive 5 school days	-5
Excessive talking	2	Serving Saturday Detention	-5

More DPS cases may be added through out the year if needed.

26. TYPES OF CONSEQUENCES

A. SATURDAY DETENTION

All students attending Saturday detention must arrive by 7:50 a.m. ready to serve Saturday detention. Failing to attend a Saturday Detention without any confirmed excuse may result in a 2 days out of school suspension. Uniforms are a must during Saturday Detention. If you are not in LISA Academy-North uniform you will be asked to leave and return the following scheduled Saturday Detention.

Any changes to this handbook will be posted on the website and the school bulletin board.

B. SUSPENSION

LISA Academy – North will use two kinds of suspension: short term suspension and long term suspension.

SHORT TERM SUSPENSION (Up to 10 Days)

The principal or his designee will give notice of suspension and the reason for the suspension to the student in writing after hearing the issues involved in the situation. If you are suspended, you will be allowed to make up homework and tests only for the FIRST suspension – and it is the responsibility of the student and/or parent to make that request. Parents may request and pick up assignments during the first suspension period, but may make them later than 48 hours after the student returns to school following the suspension. The work must be completed within five (5) days following a short-term, out-of-school suspension.

Suspended students are not allowed on school premises; therefore, a parent/guardian must pick up the requested work, and the student must complete it at their residence. Students are not allowed to participate in outside of school activities(basketball games picnics, etc.)

You and your parent/guardian may appeal a suspension within twenty-four (24) hours of the suspension being issued. This appeal will be made to the principal and heard by a disciplinary committee made up of three (3) teachers. You may not attend classes until the appeal is heard, but you will be able to turn in work for the classes you miss while waiting for the appeal and receive credit for that work if the suspension is overturned by the committee. All disciplinary committee hearings will be held within two (2) school days of the appeal being made. No lawyers and/or representatives other than the parent/guardian may be present during short term suspension proceedings. The decision of the disciplinary committee is final.

LONG TERM SUSPENSION (More than 10 Days)

The decision to suspend any student for a long term will be made in writing and will include the reason for the suspension by the principal after hearing about the events involved in a situation.

You and your parent/guardian may appeal a suspension within two (2) school days of the suspension being issued. This appeal will be made to the principal and/or LISA Academy-North school board. You may not attend classes until the appeal is heard, but you will be able to turn in work for the classes you miss while waiting for the appeal and receive credit for that work if the suspension is overturned by the board. All disciplinary LISA Academy-North school board hearings on long term suspensions will be held within Ten (10) school days of the appeal being made. The decision of the LISA Academy-North school board is final.

27. DAMAGE TO SCHOOL PROPERTY

Students who accidentally damage school property must report this promptly to the principal or classroom teacher. If the damage (e.g., a broken window) results from careless behavior, the student will be expected to pay the cost of repairs. Unreported damage will be regarded as vandalism.

28. DUE PROCESS

All students at LISA Academy-North are entitled to the rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, and their rights will not knowingly be denied by the required code of conduct or by any disciplinary actions taken by the school. Any student who exhibits any of the "Unacceptable Types of Student Behaviors" listed in this handbook or added to this list at a later date will suffer immediate consequences. These consequences range from notification of parents, detention, and emergency removal from a school activity to suspension, expulsion, and criminal prosecution.

All students at LISA Academy-North have the right to feel that they are physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe.

Therefore, if at any time you feel you are the subject of harassment, hazing, threats, or other intimidating behavior, you should immediately speak to an administrator about the problem. The situation will be investigated as soon as possible; similarly, if you are concerned about the safety of another student who seems to be the subject of harassment, hazing, or threats, you should immediately speak to an administrator about the problem. The situation will be investigated as soon as possible.

29. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

When a student must withdraw from LISA Academy- North during the school term, he/she will report to the office on the morning of the day he/she leaves. There, the student will receive a withdrawal form that will be taken to each of these teachers for "clearance" showing that the following responsibilities have been fulfilled:

1. Has returned all textbooks and checked out materials
2. Has checked in all assigned equipment;
3. No make-up work due;
4. Fees are paid;
5. Release of student records signed by parent.

The withdrawal form will then be returned to the office for official release. Students going to another school will take with them a copy of the completed withdrawal form that gives grades earned to date in current period.

A PARENT SIGNATURE MUST BE ON ALL WITHDRAWAL FORMS.

30. COMMUNICATION

The administration and staff will use all means (mail, e-mail, phone, etc.) to communicate with the parents. In the event of a change of address, telephone number, or e-mail address, please notify the school office immediately. The school may not be held responsible for lack of communication unless parent contact information is updated regularly.

Communication is the key word for success in education. You have many ways to contact our teachers. Possible ways are listed;

- 1- You may directly call the teacher's extension during school hours (8:00 am. thru 4:30 pm.). Call 501-945-2727 and dial teacher extension number you want to reach. If a teacher is having a class, please leave a voice message. Teacher phone extensions are available at the front office.
- 2- You may send an e-mail to teachers. E-mail addresses are available at the front office.
- 3- You can use our website to see your child's academic progress and conduct. Here is what to do: Go to www.lisanorth.org, log in using your student's name and last four digits of their social security number, and click grades.
- 4- Observe the LISA Academy-North sign in front of the school.
- 5- Check Wednesday mail each week.

Please note that it is also Parent's or Guardian's responsibility to monitor student's progress and conduct.

31. GOING TO and FROM SCHOOL

On the way to and from school, students should respect the rights, privacy, and property of the community, neighbors, stores etc. and refrain from loitering, trespassing, littering, or creating noise. If needed, the school may take disciplinary action for reports of complaints from the community.

32. ACTIVITIES

Please see the attendance section above for information on after school care and the clubs.

Fundraising

No person may solicit contributions or collect funds for any purpose from students or school personnel on school property, at school-sponsored events, or on school transportation unless he has the written permission of the school principal or the superintendent of schools.

Sales

Advertising may be permitted if it's for approved school-related activities. Such activities may include school newspapers, yearbooks, and other fund-raising projects. Advertising material that promotes the use of alcohol and tobacco is strictly prohibited. No person may display, offer to sell, or sell any item or service to students or school district personnel on school property, at school-sponsored events, or on school transportation unless he/she has the written permission of the school principal.

Demonstrations or Meetings on School Premises (Non-school-sponsored)

Any student who wishes to promote, organize or participate in a demonstration or meeting on school premises other than those sponsored by the school must obtain prior approval from the principal at least three (3) days prior to the requested activity. The three (3) day period does not include the day of the request or the day of the activity. Before approving the request, the principal will determine if the activity will be orderly and peaceful and will not interfere with the rights of others or disrupt the education process.

Assemblies

Unless otherwise announced, students report to their regularly scheduled class before being excused to attend an assembly. After allowing adequate time for roll call and making necessary announcements, students will be dismissed for the assembly by intercom. Students are expected to attend assemblies when dismissed from class unless a different assignment is given a student by the school administration. A student will be considered truant and disciplinary action will be taken if he/she does not attend an assembly. Students should enter the assembly area quietly, be seated and behave in a mannerly fashion. Appreciation should be shown with applause. No food or drinks are allowed in the assembly area.

Arts and Activity Groups Procedure

The LISA Academy-North philosophy concerning performing arts in education is that the total learning experience involves practice, performance, and evaluation. A student is expected to be evaluated on both practices and performance. Students and parents should be aware of possible conflicts with other activities, both within and out of the school system. The following guidelines of student responsibility to performing arts and activity groups are outlined:

Performing groups have responsibilities in and away from the school, during and after regular school hours, and student members of such groups must adhere to all organizational rules and policies.

Students are expected to attend rehearsals and performances of the school organization of which they are a member. Participation and service in the performing group outside of the classroom will be a determining factor of the grade. Any student who is absent from a scheduled required rehearsal or performance may have his/her semester grade lowered one letter grade because of unexcused absence per performance. In grades 9-12, the student may lose the position in the performing group and become an alternate performer to the main performing group.

The following conditions constitute reasons for an excused absence for a required rehearsal or performance:

1. Out-of-town trip with family provided prior approval obtained from activity director, and five-day prior notice is given to the school in writing.
2. Family emergency.
3. Illness (Director should be notified prior to required rehearsal or performance).
4. Any conflicts of school activities which have been previously resolved with director and principal.

The principal will determine whether or not an activity is a required rehearsal or performance.

The initial responsibility for a review of the policy is that of the student. If an acceptable solution is not reached during a meeting of the student and the activity director, the building principal will be informed of the need to review the request.

The principal will meet with the concerned student and the activity director (instructor) to obtain needed information. A decision by the principal concerning resolution of disagreement will be provided all interested parties.

33. PROTECTIVE ORDERS/RESTRAINING ORDERS

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to notify the school in writing of any special court orders or directives in regard to student safety or sign-out procedures. The school will not be responsible for violations, if copies of court orders are not on file.

34. EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire, lock-down, evacuation, and tornado drill instructions will be discussed in each class. Students need to understand and follow these instructions. This is a life and death matter. The instructions will be posted on the bulletin board in each teacher's room and students should be familiar with the assigned drill areas.

In the event of a lock-down, it will be announced as prescribed by the Principal.

The evacuation procedures will be covered with students by their teachers and announced by staff as prescribed by the Principal. As a backup Fire and Tornado Alert system, hand-held air horns may be used. Each building will have a teacher assigned to use the air horn to alert the students.

SPECIAL NOTE

It is the school's responsibility to publish the student handbook on the school website. Copies will also be given to students. It is assumed that any student attending LISA Academy-North and their parents have read, understood, and agreed with the content of the student handbook.

LISA Academy-North reserves the rights to delete, add and amend any changes to this handbook. Any changes to this handbook will be posted on school web page and parents will also be notified via **Wednesday mail**.

35. STUDENT CONDUCT CONTRACT

Because all of you have elected to apply to LISA Academy-North, we anticipate that all students will not only accept their rights as members of our school community, but also their responsibilities to other members of that community. We ask each of you to carefully read over and sign the student contract on this page and, as the school year unfolds, do your best to behave in ways that will enhance your own and others' ability to learn.

Student Contract

As a student of LISA Academy-North, I will do my best to do the following:

- I will show consideration for the rights and feelings of others, being careful not to hurt them physically or make them feel bad.
- I will speak to others respectfully, not using profanity or uncomplimentary names.
- I will show respect for all people working or helping in the school.
- I will show careful regard for both my property and the property of others.
- I will always ask permission before I borrow other people's things, and I will return them promptly and in good condition when I am finished.
- I will attend school regularly.
- I will be in class on time with all necessary materials.
- I will make good use of class time and complete and turn in assignments on time.
- I understand that I must make up assignments I missed because of an absence.
- I will remain on campus during school time, including the lunch period. I will not leave the school ground without the permission of the principal.
- I will do my best in my schoolwork, and I will let others do their best.
- I will ask for help if I do not understand.
- I will not bring any contraband items to school.
- I will help keep the school building and grounds clean and tidy.
- I will walk in the halls.
- I will not eat or drink in classrooms, and in the hallways
- I will follow the dress code and arrive at school in my uniform.
- I will not participate in any behavior banned by the school.
- I will set my goal to College/University Education
- I agree to follow all requirements of the LISA Academy – North Student Handbook.
- I agree to follow the Student Code of Conduct.
- I will attend all tutorials that I am asked to be in.

By signing and returning this page to LISA Academy-North, I confirm that I have read, understood, and choose to follow all policies, procedures, and guidelines listed within the LISA Academy-North Student Handbook for 2009-2010 school year.

(Student Signature)

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

Options and Requirements For Providing Assistance to Students Who Have Learning Difficulties or Who Need or May Need Special Education

If a child is experiencing learning difficulties, the parent may contact the person listed below to learn about the school's overall general education referral or screening system for support services. This system links students to a variety of support options, including referral for a special education evaluation. Students having difficulty in the regular classroom should be considered for tutorial, compensatory, and other academic or behavior support services that are available to all students.

At any time, a parent is entitled to request an evaluation for special education services. Within a reasonable amount of time, the school must decide if the evaluation is needed. If evaluation is needed, the parent will be notified and asked to provide informed written consent for the evaluation. The school must complete the evaluation and the report within 60 calendar days of the date the school receives the written consent. The school must give a copy of the report to the parent.

If the school determines that the evaluation is not needed, the school will provide the parent with a written notice that explains why the child will not be evaluated. This written notice will include a statement that informs the parent of their rights if they disagree with the school. Additionally, the notice must inform the parent how to obtain a copy of the *Notice of Procedural Safeguards - Rights of Parents of Students with Disabilities*.

The designated person to contact regarding options for a child experiencing learning difficulties or a referral for evaluation for special education is:

Contact Person: Emin Cavusoglu, Principal
Phone Number: 501-945-2727