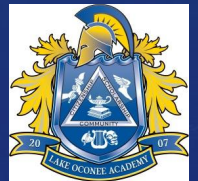


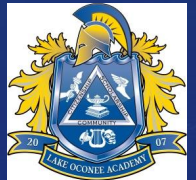
New Parent Orientation

2021-22 School Year



LOA's Mission

The mission of Lake Oconee Academy
is to
increase student achievement
by
building a culture of high expectations
for
all students.



General Philosophy

- LOA is a school of choice.
- LOA partakes in nothing that is more important than the health, safety, and well-being of our students.
- After student safety and well-being, the school's primary focus is on providing a strong academic program.
- All students, parents, teachers, volunteers, guests, and administrators will treat others with respect.
- Students will, at all times, act with honesty and integrity.



Parental Involvement

What it is...

- Following the Community Characteristics of Excellence as specified in the LOA Handbook.
- Having your child to school in person on time and in uniform.
- Supporting LOA faculty and administration as they fulfill their duties.
- Maintaining respectful and productive communication with faculty and staff. Appropriate communication includes scheduling appointments in advance and corresponding via email (social media).
- Allowing your child to take age-appropriate risks and experience soft failures.
- Modeling good social media behavior.
- Partnering with the school to advance the mission of LOA.
- Sharing your time, talent, and treasures.



Parental Involvement



What it isn't...

- Drop in visits/meetings that disrupt class or in some way disrupt the education process without first scheduling an appointment with the teacher or administration.
- Being late for or missing scheduled meetings with the faculty or administration.
- Sharing misinformation among other parents or the community (model good social media usage). Please contact a school administrator at any time, if you have any questions or concerns, to receive accurate information.

LOA's Expectations

Expectation #1 - Strong Academics

Students will demonstrate knowledge and skills based upon standards of proficiency defined by Georgia Standards of Excellence as evidenced by GA DOE mandated tests that include Milestones (End of Grade and End of Course) and, for the 2021-22 school year, NWEA testing.



LOA's Expectations

Expectation #2 - College and Career Prep (2035!)

By providing a well-taught rigorous curriculum, LOA will prepare a greater number of students from a diverse student body to enter, compete, and succeed in post-secondary educational opportunities and careers of their choice.



LOA's Expectations

Expectation #3 - Respect

All students, parents, teachers, volunteers, guests, and administrators (SPTVGA) will treat others with respect:

- LOA SPTVGA make kind, warm welcomes when meeting others;
- LOA SPTVGA make eye contact when speaking and being spoken to;
- LOA SPTVGA speak at an appropriate audible;
- LOA SPTVGA say “please and thank you” and speak with kind words;
- LOA SPTVGA take care of their academic resources;
- LOA SPTVGA act respectfully to the facilities, fields, school equipment, technology, and all facets of the school.



LOA's Expectations

Expectation #4 - Focus on Scholarship, Citizenship, and Community

LOA students respect and value education.

- Students revere those who work hard to become educated, community-minded citizens.
- No one student has the right to interfere with another student's opportunity to get an education.
- LOA students help each other to master the educational skills needed to prepare them for post-secondary education and careers.
- LOA students understand that nothing or no one person supersedes the education process.
- LOA students are human and make mistakes...which is part of the learning process.



School Day Schedule

7:00 a.m. 300 and 900 carlines open

7:00 a.m. Breakfast service opens

7:10 a.m. 100 carline opens

7:20 a.m. PK-8 students released to class from cafeteria

7:25 a.m. Breakfast service closes

7:30 a.m. 9-12 students released to class

7:35 a.m. Warning Bell, students must be on campus and moving to class

7:40 a.m. Tardy Bell, class begins

2:30 p.m. Dismissal for all students (unless scheduled for Titan Focus tutoring*)

3:15 p.m. Titan Focus tutoring dismissal* (same location as your child's regular carline)

* **Titan Focus** runs from 2:30 to 3:15 (Monday-Thursday) and is used for tutoring and extra help. **Titan Tech** is the school's afterschool program, which costs \$12 per day and runs from 3 until 5:30.



Accessing Student Info

- Infinite Campus for schedules and grades
 - Contact Ms. Robin Weir for access to the Infinite Campus parent portal
- Canvas for all instructional materials related to classes



Carline Procedures

Morning Drop-Off Locations

1. 100 Car line (Titan Circle by the pond) – open 7:20 – 7:35 a.m., access via South Campus Drive (all grades EXCEPT Pre-K)
2. 300 Car line (Lower School Gym) – open 7:00 – 7:35 a.m., access via North Campus Drive (PreK - 5 only)
3. 900 Car line - (High School Gym) - open 7:00 a.m. (grades 6-12 only)

Afternoon Pick-Up

During afternoon dismissal, LOA utilizes the [PikMyKid](#) app-based dismissal system. Further information will be provided to get you registered as we approach the start of the 2021-22 school year.

Locations

1. 100 Carline (Titan Circle by the pond) – Grades K, 2, 3 and older siblings*
2. 300 Carline (Lower School Gym) – Grades PK,1 and older siblings*
3. 700 Carline (The end of the 700 bldg) - Grades 4, 5, and older siblings*
4. 900 Carline (High School Gym/Titan Center) – Grades 6-12 with no younger siblings
5. 500 - Walkers & Student drivers who pick up younger siblings in grades PK-8 (siblings will be directed to the 500 building for pick-up)



Uniform Policy

- Please see [LOA Handbook](#) for details about new uniform policies.



School Lunch

- Food service (for breakfast and lunch) will be provided in both cafeterias
- Students also may bring snacks, lunch, and Titan Tech snack from home
- Free and Reduced Lunch Information and Application, and My Payments Plus links available on the LOA website under [Resources/Parent Resources](#)
- Note: LOA is a **PEANUT-FREE** school!



Discipline

The basic principle behind discipline at LOA is to help students learn from their mistakes and to avoid repeating them. When mistakes are made, the school works with students and families to administer appropriate consequences.

Please see the [LOA Handbook](#) for more information about the student behavior code, including the Honor Code, which governs academic and social life on and off campus. You may need to click on hyperlinks for more details.



Athletics

Our mission is to develop leaders through an education-based athletics program.

Current offerings include softball, football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, cheer, soccer, baseball, golf, and tennis

Please see the [Athletics page on the school's website](#) for more information.



Medical

Please see the [LOA Handbook](#) for more details about medical issues and policies, including immunization requirements, forms, medical care, Telehealth, and more.

- School Nurse: Lesli Rubin lesli.rubin@lakeoconeeacademy.org
- Please note: All medications and Epi-Pens must be registered with Nurse Rubin prior to the first day of school.



Daily Screening at Home

All parents/guardians should screen their own children every day before sending them to school:

- Fever or chills
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Recent loss of sense of taste or smell
- Fatigue or muscle/body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea

If your child has any of these symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider and **DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.**



Administrative Team

Please see the [staff page on the LOA website](#) for a complete listing of administrators and teachers, which includes grade levels and emails.

In terms of communication, please use email to reach out to the most appropriate person with questions, concerns, or issues that need to be addressed. You may cc Dr. Otho Tucker, CEO. He will answer or direct your question to the appropriate person.

If you are unsure whom to contact, please email or call Ms. Kerry Minster or Ms. Jamison Baynes, who can also direct you to the right person.



Administrative Team

New team members for 2021-22 include:

Mackenzie Hull - instructional coordinator (grades PK-3)

Chrishandra Perkins - scheduling and testing

Katelyn Mellow - gifted program and mentoring program

Eric Harper - instructional coordinator (grades 9-12)



Administrative Team

Returning team members include:

Jen Harper - instructional coordinator (grades 4-8)

John Noto - director of college and career counseling

Chris Ingle - director of athletics and activities

Jay Cawley - director of technology

Robin Weir - director of admission

Chris Harth - chief operating officer



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