### Contact / Communication

Main Number: 682-772-2214 Call or Text

Email:

lifthomeschooltx@pm.me

Website: <u>liftschoolhouse.com</u>

Location: 706 Creek Bluff Drive, Keller 76248

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 - 3:00 Wednesday & Friday by appt

You must be available by phone and able to pick students up within 30 minutes in case of illness or emergency.

School Year 2021-2022: Sept 7 - May 13

Closed DECEMBER 18 - JANUARY 18 Closed NOVEMBER 23 - 27 Thanksgiving Week Closed MARCH 15 - 18 for Spring Break

### What To Bring

All Students

Lunch

**Daily Snack** 

Pantry Snacks to share (optional)

Water and some snacks provided

School supplies, books, curriculum, science lab materials, cleaning supplies, paper products, etc are <u>included</u> in your posted fees.

# **High School Electives (optional)**

Some optional electives may require a laptop or other materials and we will inform families of any of these items that may not be available from our resources or covered in fees.

# **Dress for Fun and Messy Projects**

We do get messy while doing projects or playing outside. It's also a good idea to wear clothes that work for weather since we spend a lot of time outside. During summer, kids may want to have a sweatshirt to wear inside if a/c is too cold for them.

**Donations Students Appreciate** 

**Snacks** 

**Drinks** 

**Educational Toys** 

**Art Materials** 

## Appointments, and Visits

Meetings regarding your account can be via text, phone or in person by appointment.

### Meeting with Teacher or Leadership

(Teachers are not available during class hours and are not required to arrive early or stay late for a drop-in meeting unless you have made a confirmed appointment through the below email)

Make appointment through lifthomeschooltx@pm.me or 682-772-2214

### LIFT Visitors

**New Families:** 

Contact us to plan a visit.

Parents and family members:

You are welcome to visit, observe classes, or come for lunch. You will need to sign in and wear a name tags while you are with us.

Unless you have had a background check through us, you will also need to be with a LIFT adult during your visit.

# Drop-off and Pick-Up, Habitual Lateness Policy

Drop-Off 9:00 - 9:30 Pick-Up 2:30-3:00

Times are scheduled at enrollment so we can stagger our traffic and don't have a line at the house.

MY DROP-OFF TIME: \_\_\_\_\_\_

If you will be more than 15 minutes late, please let us know so we can make any adjustments necessary.

For working parents or those that live further away, we understand that there may be times that something keeps you from being on time and we only enforce out lateness policy if it becomes a habit or interrupts other students.

As LIFT policy states and as determined by LIFT representative: Habitual lateness that disrupts the learning experience of others or requires unexpected care outside of posted hours can result in fees, suspension, and/or termination of enrollment.

All un-enrollment rules apply so you would remain responsible for fees and tuition during suspension or upon termination.

Late Charges Per 6 months

1st - warning / 2nd - \$25 / 3rd - \$75

More than 30 minutes = 3rd offense

4th - suspension/termination

### **Environment**

Students enjoy celebrating birthdays, especially with their friends and classmates!

We typically include birthday celebration in our seasonal activities. If you would like to send treats, please feel free to do so!

#### **TREATS**

If you would like to send treats to share, please let the class know in advance so those with allergies can provide an alternative for their child. Most students prefer fruit or cookies if you'd like a suggestion. Non-food items like play doh, stickers, novelties are fun too.

### CELEBRATING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If students are planning to invite schoolmates to a birthday party, please do so outside of class time unless inviting the entire group. Parents can communicate about this through our member site forum if you need list of class names or the directory if you want to find contact information for ones your child is inviting if not the whole group.

We strive to maintain a respectful and friendly environment and, although the following have not been an issue, we want to be clear what the boundaries are when in our group.

We ask that students refrain from:

- discussion of topics that aren't age
   appropriate or are private matters
   ex; movies rated PG-13 and above, murder, sexuality,
   suicide, drug use, abortion, NO tiktok, YouTube, etc
- using language that is generally considered as swearing, name-calling, mocking, or derogatory
- bullying, criticizing, inciting others to join in isolating or ostracizing or otherwise causing pain to others
- $\sim$  willfully going against the boundaries set in place at LIFT

Note: regarding language, we know all families have their own beliefs and rules about word usage. We ask that students let a teacher know if they are concerned about another's language. We find that students telling each other what words you are "not supposed to say" can lead to students discussing all the words we "aren't supposed to say".

### Communication

Talk to Jody if you have any concerns, questions, or issues so we can find solutions or address concerns. As per the Attendance Agreement; ask for help when needed. This refers to anything and everything happening at school, whether academic, social, behavioral, procedural, policies, concerns about teachers or students, the campus, or anything else that may come up.

#### **Financial**

Ask Jody about: Changing status during the school year, registration, pricing, and quotes. Account set up, Payment plan set up, making payments, questions about your account status, questions about your post-dated checks.

### Lessons, Homework or Student Progress

#### **Email LIFT to:**

~Ask for information regarding your child/s progress.

~Ask for assignments if missing scheduled school hours. (Minimum 10 day notice if you will be out of town and want assignments while you are gone.)

~See next column for missed days due to illness.

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

We practice hygiene in the form of washing hands prior to using shared items such as games or manipulatives. We wash shared surfaces daily, sometimes more often as use determines. An example is if transitioning table use from art or science to eating or vice versa.

We ask that you use wisdom and common sense in whether or not a child is sick and needs to stay home:

### **Key Factors:**

IF anyone in the household has or has had a fever within 24 hours.

IF you can tell your child is not their usual self and is coming down with something.

IF you have congestion that is not clear and not confirmed by doctor as allergies.

LIFT Schoolhouse meets in a home and could possibly close due to illness. We cannot be responsible for childcare for working parents and you must have your own back up plan in the case this occurs.

Students are generally able to make up missed lessons upon their return since we teach individually.

# Placement, Special Situations

LIFT seeks to provide support to homeschool families in education and training of children while the family remains legally responsible for following Texas homeschool laws.

LIFT evaluates each student, whether advanced, gifted, self-paced, or with serious learning challenges, on an individual basis to determine our ability to meet your need, where they fit best, and if they would receive what you seek here.

### Later Learners / Advanced:

Our Math and Language lessons are individually taught so a student would be taught at their level regardless of age/grade and grouped with agemates for other activities like PE or lunch.

For Enrichment, students are grouped with likeminded students for academics and age-mates for social or other activities.

### Placement, Special Situations, cont.

# Special Needs, Dyslexia, etc:

Slight adaptations in academic requirements are supported by LIFT for learning challenged students. Any variances in requirements will be in conjunction with parental involvement as the responsible homeschooler. Parents are accountable to help the learning challenged child or youth develop lifelong study skills but we will attempt to support you in doing so.

Parents of children with severe learning issues are encouraged to seek qualified help from experts. LIFT teachers are not trained to teach to specific learning challenges unless specifically shown in class description. While we are able to provide individualized lessons, there may be some situations in which a student would need a different environment in which to learn.

### Other Policies

LIFT Schoolhouse does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, religious, or ethnic origin in administration of its policies or programs.

We do ask that all that attend are respectful of others at all times in spite of any differences in beliefs.

Conflict Resolution: Please share any concerns or questions with us. Our aim is to hear your questions or concerns and address them to the satisfaction of all to the best of our ability.

Worldview: We seek to foster an educational community that benefits homeschool families and their children. Our educational philosophy is based on best practices according to child development, encouragement of progress at each student's pace and ability, and the moral principles found in the Bible and America's founding documents as laid out in the Constitution.

#### Fees and Due Dates

Intermediate Group: Ages 8 - 12

\$250 Annual Family Registration due May 30.

\$600 Deposit due June 30.

\$3000 Tuition is due August 15.

OR Payment Plan 10 checks for \$350 turned in August 15

Fees and Tuition are Annual and non-refundable due to purchases made and staff hired.

Students are enrolled for a full school year whether you pay in full or set up a payment plan and payments continue whether students attends or not, whether by school or family choice.

Annual Programs do <u>not</u> offer a month-to-month enrollment, however, as a courtesy we have payment plan options available. Payment plans must be set up with director prior to August 15.

7th - 12th grade group

\$250 Annual Family Registration due May 30.

\$600 Deposit due June 30.

\$2500 Tuition is due August 15.

OR Payment Plan 10 checks for \$300 turned in August 15

Fees and Tuition are Annual and non-refundable due to purchases made and staff hired.

Students are enrolled for a full school year whether you pay in full or set up a payment plan and payments continue whether students attends or not, whether by school or family choice.

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## **Payments**

Payment Types Accepted:

Cash

Check

Post-dated Check or Bill-Pay Check

Apps like CA\$H, Venmo, PayPal, Zelle may also be used. Ask us for account information if this is your desired option.

Family is responsible for any fees incurred in using any payment type, including NSF checks or fees from apps.

There is a late fee of \$25/week for any missed payments.

Tuition and fees are due as noted in program descriptions. Some programs offer discounts for those that pay in full as it decreases bookkeeping costs. LIFT Schoolhouse Hygiene Policy: Read & Keep

Working with kids means we always have a cleaning and disinfecting regimen as well as a routine the kids are taught to follow in order to learn and maintain hygiene habits.

LIFT's best practices of cleaning and hygiene include the following;

Daily cleaning of bathroom, table/desk/counter or other surfaces, doorknobs, and light switches.

We all practice washing of hands before and after eating.

Staying home when sick or when someone in household is sick.

Students wash hands upon entering building.

As LIFT Schoolhouse meets in the Daniels Family Home, we reserve the right to closure due to illness, although this would only occur in the case that we could not safely quarantine or protect students from possible infection OR in the case that a household member needs to recover and cannot do so with school in session.

We typically strive to make up any missed classes by having make-up dates during the month of June if at all possible but cannot guarantee exact hours to be replaced.

We don't use masks as there is no way to control the cleanliness of personal masks or for us to monitor and eliminate touching and adjusting for breathing and comfort which creates more face and mouth touching while also touching other surfaces and items. The burden lies instead on the highly effective hygiene regime and handwashing which has a much higher degree of protection.

Data has not shown that masks are an effective deterrent to a virus as the ratio of the virus to the fabric in a mask is not conducive to deterring something at the microscopic level.

We are following best practices based on known, proven science.

We cannot guarantee that no sickness will be spread so those that are not willing to take that risk should not attend in person until they are comfortable with the inherent risk of being around others, no matter what precautions are taken. No remote options are available at LIFT and tuition and fees are due whether students attends or not.

#### Responsibility of Families

Stay home if anyone in your household has had a <u>fever</u> in the previous 24 hours or has a sore throat.

Monitor and inform if exposed to lice, chicken pox, conjunctivitis (pink eye), staph, strep, or other communicable diseases, including coronaviruses such as flu, cold, or covid.

Stay home with congestion or productive or bronchial cough or nasal discharge that is not clear and that is not confirmed by doctor as allergies.