

Learning Resources

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Learning Resources Philosophy

Information management skills are requisite to a successful life in a complex, fast-changing society. The Learning Resources Division at Lyons Township High School, comprising both Library Media Services and the Discovery Centers, seeks to help students learn to access, use, and create information in order to gain and share knowledge accurately, efficiently, responsibly, and ethically throughout their lives.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTERS

Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Print Resources

- 40,000 volumes
- 200+ periodicals
- Interlibrary loan

Information Services

- Research project assistance
- Staff development resources
- Class instruction

Special Programming

- Parent/Student Evening Booktalks

Electronic Resources

- Networked computer classrooms in each library
- Online databases with home access
- Internet/online searching
- MS Office applications
- Online catalog for print/non-print resources
- Scanning
- Laser color printers

Audio Visual

- Media production planning
- Media production
- Video
- Slides
- Photographs
- Audiovisual Equipment for the classroom
- CD's/Laserdiscs

DISCOVERY CENTERS

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

North Campus: Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - South Campus: Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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- 2 networked classrooms at each campus
 - Scanners, digital cameras
 - Laser color printers
 - Microsoft Office Applications
 - Microsoft Publisher
 - Software related to curricular areas
 - Edline support for students and parents

- Internet
- Peer tutoring at South Campus
- Classes/drop-ins
- Specialized technology assistance
- Open evenings for students and community
- Community access
- Community programs - Holiday Write Night

Standards for Student Information Management Skills

Information management skills are requisite to successful life in our complex, fast-changing society. The goal for all LTHS students is to learn to use information to gain and share knowledge accurately, efficiently, responsibly, and ethically throughout their lives. The following Standards for Student Information Management are intended to help students become literate, competent, and independent learners. They also provide departments and divisions a guide by which to incorporate information skills into their programs, courses, and instruction. These standards have been posted in each lab, library media center, and classroom within District facilities.

Students will...

1. recognize the need for information.
2. select appropriate resources and multiple search strategies to solve a problem.
3. evaluate the nature and quality of information.
4. synthesize and apply accumulated knowledge of others and personal understanding to solve real world problems and create new knowledge.
5. share knowledge with others, using technology and personal communication skills.
6. use information and technology ethically and responsibly.

Library Media Services

The LTHS Library Media Centers offer students access to a wide variety of print and electronic resources. Computer networks at both libraries provide thousands of full-text magazine and newspaper articles, as well as other full-text materials and indexes. Home access is available. In addition to web access, the networks also support the Internet and the online catalog, Follett. The periodical collections include subscriptions to monthly and weekly magazines and several local and national newspapers. Professional materials for faculty and staff are also provided. Both libraries are open school days from 7:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The staffs at both campuses encourage teachers to bring students to the libraries for research projects. Librarians are always available to consult with teachers to help develop research-based assignments through which students gain experience in gathering information and in using critical thinking skills. While support of the curriculum is one of the primary goals of the Library Media Center program, the librarians also promote and encourage leisure reading by students and faculty. The Audiovisual staff is also available to help students with media production. AV specialists work with both individuals and classes to develop videos, slide-tape programs, photographs, tapes, and other visual or audio projects which enhance student presentations.

As a member of Metropolitan Library System, the LT libraries can obtain materials from other area public and academic libraries via fax and inter-library loan. The librarians are skilled in online searching and using the Internet, and they offer these services to students and staff. Special programs, such as ESP (Enrich-Support-Provide) evening booktalks for parents and students, are also held in the libraries.

Discovery Centers

The Discovery Centers at each campus consist of two computer rooms and independent work areas. Microsoft Office Applications (including Word, Excel, Access, and Powerpoint) are networked throughout each Center. Microsoft Publisher is also on the network. In addition, the Discovery Centers offer a wide variety of other programs designed to help students in all areas of the curriculum. Access to the Internet is provided throughout the Discovery Centers for student and faculty use.

Teachers from every discipline can schedule lessons in one of the classrooms, and Discovery Center staff members are available as consultants to help faculty develop methods for integrating technology into their lesson plans. Students benefit from the Discovery Center Peer Tutoring program which enables them to get help from honors students in most areas of the curriculum. Peer Tutoring is available at the South Campus Discovery Center before and after school, as well as during certain periods of the school day. Students and parents can get help with Edline by contacting Discovery Center Staff.

The Discovery Centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily. Both centers offer evening hours: the North Campus Discovery Center is open Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the South Campus Discovery Center is open Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students may use either facility, and community members are invited to use the Discovery Centers during evening hours. Students are encouraged to use the Discovery Centers independently before or after school, during study hall, or during their lunch periods. Community service is provided through Holiday Write Night.