



Common Questions Asked by Prospective VS Parents Answered by Current VS Parents

What is the homework and workload like?

Homework consists of various combinations of online learning assignments, math problems, daily reading, completion of class work, and test/quiz preparation. You can expect your child to spend more time on homework than in the past, 30-45 minutes is average. Due to the later start of the school day, some children have time to work on assignments before school including reading on the bus/car ride to school.

In addition to traditional homework your child will be assigned projects and papers. There is dedicated class time for these assignments so that teachers can track their progress; however, a portion of these assignments will be completed at home. Each assignment comes with a rubric (syllabus) outlining requirements. Students are usually given a couple of weeks to complete the assignment and the teachers try not to have overlapping “big” assignments. This may be a learning curve for your child and for you, as a parent.

The students are learning how to research, write essays, study, and manage their time. It is a new skill and may take time to master. The teachers want your child to be successful and will help you and your child reach that goal.

Is there a hypercompetitive environment?

The teachers do a great job of giving just enough responsibility – building and challenging without overloading the child. The students have a friendly level of competition that is healthy. The teachers instruct the students about developing a Growth Mindset and encourage that kind of thinking as they approach new challenges.

What kind of clubs are offered at Lincoln/Will my child have time to participate in extracurricular activities?

Clubs for both elementary and middle school students include Battle of the Books, Lego Robotics, Math Club (which includes Math Olympiad and MathCounts), Chess Club, Coding Club. Middle school exclusive opportunities include History Club, Science Olympiad, Quiz Bowl, Student Council, and participation in school-sponsored sports. All students are welcome to try out for the fall and spring plays (one of which is a musical). Most of the students are involved with some kind of after-school activity including sports, dance, music as well as free play!

What is market?

Market is a hands-on economic problem-based learning experience for 4th and 5th graders that is held twice a month. The students create a product, apply for a business license, and sell their product at market. Each year the students develop a currency to be used for the year. They earn currency by having class room jobs; having their agenda signed; etc. In addition to selling their product they can spend their earned currency on merchandise created by other students. The products range from crafts like bookmarks, jewelry, fleece blankets or pillows to services like manicures. Products are made at home, at your expense. So, when selecting a product, you should keep the cost and the amount of work involved in mind. The students are encouraged to do extra chores to pay for their materials and/or pay the parents with the currency. The students really do enjoy!



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Will my child be safe at school?

The VS students (4th-8th) are housed in the annex along one hallway. They have their own bathrooms and doors to the outside. All elementary students are escorted to Encores, lunch, and the Media Center by a teacher. The school itself has extensive security measures. All exterior doors are locked at all times. Teachers and staff carry fobs on their key that allow them to access locked doors as they are escorting the students. There is also a full time Security Resource Officer (SRO) on campus.

What are my transportation options?

There are busses that transport the students to and from school, some students are driven to school in carpools, and many do a combination of both. The buses have students riding from grades 4-8. The elementary students are assigned seats in the front of the bus. If a concern is raised both the school and the bus driver take it seriously and respond accordingly.

Does my student have to qualify (or be reevaluated) each year to remain at Lincoln?

Once your student is accepted at Lincoln, they do not have to qualify again. However, they are required to maintain their grades as A's and B's. If they do earn a C for consecutive grading periods or multiple C's in a single grading period, they are put on a *Student Support Plan*. The teachers and staff will work with the student and parents to achieve a positive outcome.

Still have more questions?

Parents of current VS students are willing to communicate with you one-on-one to answer any questions you have or address any reservations you may have about the VS Program. To be connected with one of these parents, please contact Dee Jordan, AG Supervisor, at jordand@gcsnc.com or 336-370-8322.