Lee Means Elementary
Fine Arts Academy
Enrichment Parent Handbook



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School District: HCISD
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Enrichment Hours: Monday -Thursday
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
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2026-2027

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Lee Means Fine Arts Academy. We value our partnership with you and know that when parents and schools work together, we achieve the greatest success.

We hope that you find this Parent Handbook to be a useful resource throughout the year. Our hope is that you will be an active participant in your child's enrichment program. Communication is important and we encourage you to contact us whenever you have a question, concern or success that you would like to share, and we will do the same. We believe that a strong partnership between parents and teachers is necessary for the greatest support of our children and their learning.

Thank you for working together with us this year!

Sincerely,
Sandra Luna
Enrichment Coordinator
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Lee Means Elementary Fine Arts Academy is dedicated to providing a wonderful learning experience for our children. We have prepared this PARENT HANDBOOK as a guide for our enrichment program. We hope it will answer some of your questions regarding virtual sessions.

Our Vision

- While still emphasizing the academic core and strong character values, Lee Means Elementary Fine Arts Academy will inspire a culture of creativity that extends beyond traditional learning. We will be successfully embedding the arts into our enrichment programs to allow our students to embrace their own strengths.

What is the Value of Fine Arts?

- Engagement in the fine arts stimulate learning and improve overall academic performance. The arts can teach life skills, inspire students, and allow them to experience the world in a different way. Involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence and teamwork!

About our Program

Our Enrichment Classes will begin on September 8, 2025. Students are able to participate in two classes per week, depending on the availability of slots. It is important to note, that parents must register their students in the Fall and Spring semester for enrichment classes. Students will engage in their classes and be able to participate in a final end production showcasing what they have learned in their chosen classes.



Behavior Expectations

Behavior Philosophy

At Lee Means Fine Arts Academy, we believe our school should provide a safe, orderly, positive learning environment so that:

- Teachers can teach and students can learn.
- All students and staff are respected.

We want students to:

- Make wise decisions about their actions.
- Understand, expect, and accept the consequences of their decisions.

Lee Means Fine Arts Academy adheres to the policies and procedures in the HCISD Student Code of Conduct. If the student receives three incident reports from their enrichment teachers, they will be **removed** from the program.

Attendance Policy

Students are in danger of being removed after three unexcused absences or three early pick-ups from our enrichment classes.

Arrival

HELP Students registered for Enrichment classes will be escorted to the cafeteria at 3:15 pm for "snack time". Students will then be guided to different areas of the campus to begin Enrichment Classes at 4:00 pm.

Dismissal

Our regular dismissal time is 5:30 pm. HELP students in enrichment at will be taken back to HELP at 5:30pm. If you must check out your student early you must go through the cafeteria and sign out the student with a staff member. If a student is **NOT** assigned/enrolled in the HELP Program arrangements must be made to have students picked up by 3:15 pm.

Health

We are concerned for the health and well-being of all our students. Please help us by keeping your child home if they have a sore throat, runny nose, upset stomach, undiagnosed rash, or other symptoms.

Responsibilities and Rights

Students are expected to abide by rules and guidelines outlined in the HCISD student code of conduct.

Enrichment Closures during Bad Weather

We will follow the HCISD protocol for bad weather and parents will be notified.

Telephone Usage

We do not interrupt enrichment instruction to call children to the telephone except in an emergency. We will, however, convey messages to children. If a cell phone should ring during enrichment classes, the teacher will confiscate the cell phone until it can be returned to a parent.

Transportation

Parents will be responsible for picking up students. No transportation will be provided by the school.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I find out about school closures or changes in schedules?

The district immediately contacts the local news media and requests that alerts are issued when there is a school closure or other emergency situation. Watch major local television stations and listen to the radio. Closure information is also available on the district's web site at https://www.hcisd.org/.

Does my child need to pass in order to participate?

YES, students must be passing in order to participate in our after school enrichment program. Students must also attend tutorial sessions as recommended by the teacher first, before attending any enrichment sessions.

Will my child be given a snack during Enrichment hours?

Yes, all students participating in our after-school enrichment program will be given a school snack.

Non-discrimination Disclosure

The Fine Arts Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, nor on the basis of age against persons whose age is over forty (40).

Have a Great Year!!

Each school year is a delight. It is inspiring to watch each child grow socially, academically, and most importantly, in self- confidence, self-discipline, independence, and interdependence. When we look at the children, it reaffirms our choices to provide enrichment. Thank you for sharing your child with us this year!

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FINE ARTS ACADEMY

STUDENT BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

Student's Name (Print) _____ Grade _____

Teacher's Name (Print) _____

Parent(s) Name (Print) _____

Email Address _____

Phone Numbers (H)_____(C)_____ (W)_____

School procedures and rules will apply during the after-school enrichment program!
Students, it is extremely important that you take these programs seriously and enjoy the great experience this enrichment program has to offer. This contract is intended to make both students and parents aware of the after school program contract. As a student participating in after school programs, I am aware that:

1. Same school procedures are expected of me, and I will follow the student code of conduct. My name will be removed from the program if I receive three incident reports.

2. Inappropriate language, gestures or behavior will not be tolerated and will result in my removal from the program.

3. I must maintain a 'C' average in each class in order for me to continue to participate in the after school enrichment program. Below 'C' average will result in removal from the after school enrichment program.

4. My Name will be removed from the after-school enrichment program after three absences or three early pick-ups.

Student Signature _____ Date_____

Parent Signature _____ Date_____