

# Lightkeeper Academy

**Mission:** We will pursue a transformative educational environment that embraces project-based learning, nurtures the inner leader, and is rooted in Christian faith.

**Vision:** To empower leaders who shape the future with authenticity and purpose.



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## Authentic Leadership

We nurture authentic leaders who inspire, influence, and shape the future with integrity and purpose.

- Focus: Cultivating leadership skills, character, and faith-driven decision-making.
- "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

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## Servant Heart

We instill a love for serving others, reflecting Christ's example of selflessness and compassion.

- Focus: Active community service, empathy, and using gifts to bless others.
- "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." – Mark 10:45

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## Active Living

We value learning that engages the mind, body, and spirit, emphasizing the importance of movement, focus, and discipline as keys to personal growth and success.

- Focus: Daily outdoor experiences, fostering a strong mind-body connection, and building habits that support resilience and achievement.
- "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." – Colossians 3:23

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## Grit and Growth

We empower students to approach challenges with determination, think like entrepreneurs, and turn obstacles into opportunities for success.

- Focus: Building resilience, fostering creative problem-solving, and developing the confidence to take risks, adapt, and grow from experience
- "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." - Romans 5:3-5



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# About Us:

Lightkeeper Academy is a 501c3 private school that aims to bring education back to its foundation. Understanding child development, we look to nurture and meet the unique learning styles of each child as we prepare them for their future. Lightkeeper Academy provides a maximum of 12:1 classroom ratio which allows for more individualized attention. The school was created by Jill & John Kowalski and Michelle & Tom Bulow who felt there was a gap between traditional school and homeschooling within the community. Fostering the entrepreneur spirit, they created Lightkeeper Academy.

We employ a diverse range of curricula, texts, novels, units, and experiences to deeply engage students in their learning. Lightkeeper Academy takes a distinctive approach to education by blending homeschool-designed curricula with project-based learning. In addition to mastering core subjects, students participate in multi-disciplinary, project-based units that promote cooperative learning across various grade levels.

Central to our mission is a focus on nurturing the whole child, equipping them with the tools needed to become successful, well-rounded members of society. Our aim is to instill grit in every student's daily mindset, fostering their courage, resolve, and strength of character. Through small class sizes and a supportive, inclusive environment, we cultivate personal drive, passion, and perseverance, ensuring every student has the opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential. This is achieved through daily activities designed to reinforce virtues such as courage, resilience, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving.

To enhance learning and foster a sense of community, Lightkeeper Academy offers a range of enriching experiences both on-site and beyond. Service opportunities allow students to connect with their community, develop empathy, and understand the importance of giving back. Field trips are a key part of our curriculum, providing hands-on experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom. Students can look forward to one monthly Friday field trip and meaningful service projects throughout the year.

We believe that education should balance the mastery of core academic skills with opportunities for students to explore and pursue their passions. By combining academic rigor with experiential and service-based learning, we inspire curiosity, purpose, and a lifelong love of learning.



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