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LRCA Learner Services Update

July 22, 2009

Dear LRCA Families:

I have enjoyed meeting or speaking with many of you and your children as we have explored how to help them reach their God-given potential. We are committed to that and are grateful for your trust. In a recent meeting Dr. Arnold shared from his morning devotional the verses from Luke 12... “everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.” And I agree, that is a perfect summary of our work here each day with your children.

One of my responsibilities this year has been to review LRCA’s Discovery and Academic Support services, research how students with learning differences are being supported in other schools, and to make necessary adjustments to further develop LRCA’s approach. I celebrate what has been done here over the past 31+ years, as students have been genuinely cared for and supported through the work of the teachers and professionals LRCA has been blessed to call their own. It is on their shoulders and in keeping with their legacy that we move forward.

Beginning in August 2009 all academic support for learners K-5 – 12th grade will be called LRCA Learner Services. Our goal is to embrace the learning differences of our LRCA students within their classrooms through differentiated instruction and when necessary through one-on-one or small group experiences. Some of our students will receive additional support or challenge during class with members of the Learner Services team and others will receive additional support or challenge outside of class with members of the Learner Services Team. Responses to learning differences will be determined through referrals, observations, interviews, and assessments. Families, teachers, and Learner Services team members will be completely involved in this process as goals for each learner are developed and progress is assessed throughout the year. This is a highly individualized approach and one that we believe best meets the needs of our students and our mission. Because these responses are supplemental and require additional staff, facilities, and materials, there is an additional tuition charge for all students K-5-12th. Families who have signed appropriate Learner Services paperwork will be billed monthly for Learner Services fees (see Fees attachment).

It is an honor to shepherd your children as we together pursue truth from a Christ-centered worldview. We believe that truth includes the awesome reality that God has created each LRCA student as an individual who has great personal potential for eternal purposes in the world. They are “fearfully and wonderfully made” and we know that full well!

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Elementary Learning Services Fees for 2009-2010:

- 1 weekly meeting with member(s) of the Learner Services team outside of regular classroom; consultations with teacher, family as needed = \$65 per month.
- 2-3 weekly meetings with member(s) of the Learner Services team outside of regular classroom; consultations with teacher, family as needed= \$80 per month.
- 4-5 weekly meetings with member(s) of the Learner Services team outside of regular classroom; consultations with teacher, family as needed = \$100 per month.
- Daily, ongoing, documented with-in class support or challenge for identified students; consultations with teacher, family as needed = \$50 per month.
- Study Skills assessment and weekly training; consultations with teacher, family as needed = \$50 per month (available to 4th and 5th graders only).

Middle School Learning Services Fees for 2009-2010:

- 1 weekly meeting with member(s) of the Learner Services team outside of regular classroom; consultations with teachers, family as needed = \$65 per month.
- 2-3 weekly meetings with member(s) of the Learner Services team outside of regular classroom; consultations with teachers, family as needed = \$80 per month.
- 4-5 weekly meetings with member(s) of the Learner Services team outside of regular classroom; consultations with teachers, family as needed = \$100 per month.
- Study Skills assessment and weekly training; consultations with teachers, family as needed = \$50 per month.

High School Learning Services Fees for 2009-2010:

- Distraction-free testing or assignment setting and management, consultations with teacher re: appropriate responses = \$50 per month.
- Distraction-free-testing or assignment setting and management; individual testing responses or support; assignment support; consultations with teacher re: appropriate responses; consultations with tutor(s); teacher, family, Learning Services Team conferences as needed = \$100 per month.
- Study Skills assessment and weekly training; consultations with teachers, family as needed = \$50 per month.

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In addition to these services, we are excited to offer comprehensive or partial educational testing/analysis by contracted professionals and Learning Services team members for students enrolled at LRCA. Comprehensive evaluations include testing/analysis in these areas:

- Intelligence
- Achievement
- Auditory discrimination/processing
- Speech/language, articulation, voice, fluency
- Reading – phonemic awareness, word recognition, silent and oral reading fluency, decoding, vocabulary and comprehension
- Cognitive/executive skills
- Visual perceptual/visual motor/processing
- Sensory processing
- Motor planning
- Handwriting
- Behavior

Comprehensive evaluation fee - \$800.00 includes full examination, consultations, written report, and one conference with family (and student when appropriate), classroom teacher(s) as appropriate, and Learner Services Team. Partial evaluations or reevaluations fees would be prorated and determined on an individual basis.

Please contact me with questions, etc.

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See the Learner Services link under Academics on the Little Rock Christian website for more information.