



Dear Parents:

By now, I am sure that many of you are aware that the Little Chute Area School District is home to a high school charter school. While many of you may be aware of the existence of Little Chute Career Pathways Academy, it is quite possible that you really are not sure who we are or what we are all about. This letter marks the beginning of what will be an effort by me and my colleagues to tell you the story of LCCPA “straight from the horse’s mouth.” We will spend the next two months trying to convince you of the great educational opportunity that your student has if he or she chooses LCCPA as a secondary school option.

I want to begin by telling you who we are as a school, and the easiest way to do that is to describe our mission. As a school, we strive to provide our students with **high level** academic AND career preparation. The traditional view of the purpose of a high school education is, quite simply, to prepare a student for college. Our view of education at LCCPA is far more extensive and dynamic than this traditional view. We realize that there are many different paths that a student can follow in order to lead a successful, fulfilling life. Some students will choose a four year college, while others find incredible success through a technical college program or by entering the work force directly out of high school. At LCCPA, we can provide your student with phenomenal academic preparation while, at the same time, immersing your student in an unparalleled program of career exploration and experience.

As a public school, we have the obligation to meet the same academic standards for which all Wisconsin high schools are responsible. The way we do this, however, is distinctly different than most traditional high schools. We allow students to control the pace of their learning through our “curriculum in the cloud” that is accessible anytime and anywhere. This means that students who are academically advanced can proceed through the curriculum at an advanced rate and are not bound by the time constraints of a traditional schedule. Many of our talented and highly motivated students are able to earn more academic credit than their peers in a traditional school because we award credit based on mastery of academic content rather than seat time. Similarly, students who struggle academically can take the time to actually master academic content at a comfortable pace without the pressure of having to finish at the same time as everyone else.

At the same time, we engage our students by allowing them to explore careers to connect their high school experiences with their future goals and dreams. All of our students are involved in **extensive** career exploration activities that allow them to see what careers are truly like and learn directly from individuals who have a great deal of real world experience in business and industry. In addition to these career exploration activities, each year our students have the opportunity to work collaboratively with our industry partners on meaningful projects or volunteer opportunities that allow the application of academic skills in a real life setting.

One letter is certainly not enough to fully explain the unique, innovative model of education that we have developed at LCCPA. All Little Chute 8th Grade students (LCMS and SJS) will be attending a student informational day at LCCPA and LCHS on Monday, January 8th, and we will be hosting a family informational meeting on the evening of Monday, January 15th at 6:00 P.M. in the high school auditorium. And finally, you can always feel free to contact me at spvolk@littlechute.k12.wi.us at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Volk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'V'.

Shawn Volk
Lead Teacher, Little Chute Career Pathways Academy