



*"Transcend traditional solutions by forging a path toward a third option.
A third alternative moves beyond this way or that way to a higher and better way—
a far better place than either had envisioned.
With the third alternative everyone wins."
- Stephen Covey*

Welcome to The Lesson Lab™

This FAQ has been prepared to answer parent questions about The Lesson Lab™ and to help parents decide whether or not it would be a good fit to support their child's education for fall.

What is the purpose of The Lesson Lab™?

The Lesson Lab™ is a way our business (Caledonia Dance & Music Center) can support local schools by keeping enrollments in local districts. It's also a way to offer support for parents who may not be comfortable going back to traditional school this fall and who also may be looking for more support and socialization than may be available at home.



Is this only for children in Caledonia Community Schools?

We have explored many models of service, and will prioritize serving Caledonia Community Schools' students only until August 19, at which time open slots will become available to students in any area district.

How is The Lesson Lab™ different from a school?

The Lesson Lab™ is a service offering at Caledonia Dance & Music Center, an independent youth learning facility, which does not operate under the same guidelines as public schools. As a private organization, we are able to set our own class sizes, educational best practices and standards of care. Caledonia Dance & Music Center follows our national association guidelines and is independently youth protection certified.



Where will the The Lesson Lab™ be held?

All classes will meet at Caledonia Dance & Music Center, 131 E Main Street SE, Suite E in Caledonia. The facility has up to 5 instructional rooms available.

When does The Lesson Lab™ begin?

Class at The Lesson Lab™ will begin on Monday, August 31.

What grades will The Lesson Lab™ serve?

The Lesson Lab™ is for students entering grades K through 12 at this time. We are exploring options to serve pre-school and young fives programs in the future.

What is the daily schedule?

We have two options: Half days (9:00am-12:00pm) or full days (9:00am-3:00pm). According to our current understanding of the virtual schedule, mornings will be focused on virtual learning (at appropriate lengths for different ages) and afternoons will be for extended study and/or enrichment activities. There will also be time each day for lunch and physical activity.

What are class sizes?

Each class will be limited to 10 students, which will be considered a cohort. Each cohort will stay together for learning, lunch and enrichment activities to minimize community exposure.

Our initial offering will be 3 different cohorts of 10 students each. Grades will be combined to make groups of 10. For example, if there are three 6th graders, three 7th graders, and four 8th graders, they would be combined into one cohort of 10.

What if I try to register and it's full?

We will keep a waiting list and reach out if a space opens up.

Who will be supervising the students?

The Lesson Lab™ will be staffed by background checked, adult Instructional Guides whose role is to help the students to log-in and navigate virtual learning each day. Our current team of Instructional Guides also happen to be school teachers. Our Instructional Guides are also there to create a sense of community, foster safe socialization and facilitate daily enrichment activities among learners. In some cases, there will be one instructional guide for the morning and one for the afternoon to minimize teacher exposure and to maximize classroom coverage for when subs are needed.

Why is there a fee?

Weekly fees are charged to cover expenses such as the hiring of staff, background checks, training, administration, equipment, wifi, materials, cleaning and space.

Would my child with special educational needs be welcome?

At this time, we are not set up with proper support for programming for students with special needs or IEPs.

What protections and procedures are in place to fight community spread of COVID-19?

Caledonia Dance & Music Center follows the More Than Just Great Dancing!® Safer Studio™ policies and procedures which focuses on a hierarchy of measures beginning with avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms, followed by frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices, amplified cleaning, and minimizing contact and mingling.

What measures are put in place to foster a sense of normalcy for children in a pandemic world?

The mere act of getting up in the morning, getting dressed and “going to school” can be a significant anchor for a child in a turbulent time. Daily routines are stabilizing for children. Our small class sizes and structure minimize risk and maximize the joyful parts of schools such as socialization. Our classrooms are well lit and cheery. Important routines of school such as classroom greetings, newsletters, enrichment activities and community building are not only still present in our program, they are more important than ever.





Do you do temperature checking?

Our staff is temperature checked on a daily basis, but we do not temperature check students.

Will the staff and students have to wear masks?

Our staff have been wearing masks all summer and will continue to do so while it is mandated by our Governor.

State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-147 requires all students over the age of five to wear a face covering while indoors. Students do not have to wear a face covering while outdoors if spread out appropriately from other children. Once the emergency order expires, parents will be allowed to make their own decision for their children regarding masks and face coverings unless another order is put into place.

What is your illness protocol?

Staff, parents and students should know the symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea (watery)
- Sore throat/congestion
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle and joint pain (multiple)
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of sense of smell

Staff and students should notify The Lesson Lab™ administrators and contact healthcare providers if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness and will be asked to STAY HOME until they are symptom-free for 72 hours. Any student who becomes unwell during the school day will wait in a special isolation area, which is supervised by a staff member, until a parent or guardian can arrive.



Students or staff who test positively for COVID-19 will follow the country's current recommendations for self-isolation. Students may take up to a two week leave of absence and keep their place in the program. If there is a positive report of COVID-19 in our learning community, we will follow the county's current guidelines for notifications.

How do I register?

- Registration begins Monday, August 17, at 9:00am. The first round of registration will be those who are seeking FULL DAY, 5 DAY placement. Remaining spaces will be made available on Tuesday, August 18, at 12:00pm for those seeking half days or fewer than five days per week.
- Registration requires a \$75, non-refundable registration fee. Weekly fees will begin on Friday, August 28, and will be charged weekly on Fridays for the next week.

Other

On Monday, August 24, all enrolled students will receive a student profile form so that we can get to know your student better and complete necessary waiver forms.

You can expect to hear from your Instructional Guide the week before school and private tours of the facility will be made available at that time as well. A private FB page will be started for our learning community at the end of the month to foster a sense of community between families and students.

Welcome to The Lesson Lab™! We are looking forward to meeting you!