



Introductory Packet Spring 2026

Mission Statement

Longmont Little School Homeschool Enrichment is founded on the principle that all children are creative, curious beings and deserve an education where they can retain their autonomy, spend time outdoors, be protected from bullying, and experience an individualized education.

Our goal is to provide a rich environment where children feel comfortable and can be themselves. We focus on the development of academic, extra curricular, and socio-emotional skills. Students experience the freedom to develop naturally through play, engaging activities, and experience-based learning. Our program is designed to support and enhance your homeschooling journey by supplementing your home instruction, providing opportunities for your child to socialize and thrive.

Educational Philosophies

Melding the methods from [Charlotte Mason](#), [Maria Montessori](#) and Rudolf Steiner ([Waldorf](#)), LLHSE is a multi-age classroom model geared toward supporting mulit-faceted development . Montessori focuses on direct teaching, using hands-on materials while Waldorf tends more toward allowing children to discover concepts on their own through engaging learning opportunities and unstructured play. Mason suggests the importance of the atmosphere of the learning environment and uses “living books.” She posits that spending time outdoors, learning language, art, and music benefits the “whole child.” We draw from all three philosophies, understanding that children learn as they grow, that every child can learn, and that we are merely stewards of their development.

“I believe profoundly that we don’t grow into creativity; we grow out of it. Often we are educated out of it.” ~~~ Ken Robinson, *Out of Our Minds: Learning to be Creative*

Qualify for erBOCES Funding

Longmont Little Homeschool is partnering with Education reEnvisioned BOCES (click [here](#) for more information) to offer tuition free enrichment classes to homeschool and non-traditional students. The program is built into the regular LLHSE day and provides one full day or two half days of **tuition free** enrichment for non-traditional students.

In order to participate you must:

- Be five by October 1st
- Choose one of the following [3 ways to homeschool](#) in Colorado.
 1. submit a NOI to homeschool with your district local school
 2. Choose an independent umbrella school ([Longmont Little School](#))
 3. Hire a certified teacher
- Commit to participate in 90 hours (5-5.5 hrs per week) of instruction per semester.

Our Spaces

We meet in The Journey Church, Longmont, Calvary Bible Church, Erie, [Ocean First](#), Boulder, [Chautauqua Park](#), Boulder and [Paswaters Acres](#), Ft. Lupton, and the [Museum of Boulder](#) on very cold days. While our meeting spaces are sometimes in churches, our program is wholly secular. We do not teach religion or uphold any particular religious view. We do not discriminate based on religion, race, gender, or ability.

Umbrella School

Longmont Little School is now recognized as an independent, non-public school through the Colorado Department of Education and is serving as a new umbrella option for homeschool families. Meeting requirements for state compliance is easy and support is available for your homeschool.

Through an umbrella school, one of three ways to legally homeschool in Colorado, your child is considered a private school student. The school provides administrative oversight, record-keeping, and guidance, while parents remain fully in charge of curriculum and daily learning. Families enrolled in an umbrella school **do not** file an NOI. Standardized testing, and grade reporting are not required in grades K-8th but families follow basic record keeping and submit evaluative summaries in the fall and spring.

[Enroll Here](#)

Class Descriptions

Spanish

Using a variety of resources, lessons promote conversational language skills. It is important to understand that early language development comes through the natural means of communication. Grammatical understanding develops later. We use *La Classe Divertida*, as well as direct instruction to give children a great start in second language acquisition.

Music

[Lacey Wheeler of Harmony Tree Music](#) studio will teach a dynamic class of her own creation. She introduces a new composer and instrument each week! Children love her lively songs and the creative movement infused into each class.

Visual Art

[Kate Otte of The Artist's Tree](#) brings her expertise immersing students in the world of art as they journey through different artists and styles each week. Students create a masterpiece inspired by the featured artist and style, and take home a piece of their own artistic expression each week.

STEAM

Twice monthly Emma Miller, Ms. Bioscience, brings the lab directly to us through our innovative mobile laboratory service. Lessons are hands-on experiments tailored to enhance understanding of biology and related sciences. When left to our own devices, we study Nature, Physics, Chemistry, Mechanics, and Biology incorporating the scientific method into each class.

Literacy/Social Studies

This is a thematic study class where students will discover different countries and cultures around the world from the USA to far reaching places. Projects may include mapping, cooking, crafts, stories, and video presentations and more.

Equine Sciences-Thursday AM (K-4th) and Friday Full Day (5th-12th)

Classes meet in Ft. Lupton at [Paswaters Acres](#) equine facility. Three wonderful horses lend a hand, including a cheeky little Shetland pony, Popcorn. We groom, ride and feed lots of carrots to our equine friends. Covering groundwork, riding, grooming, anatomy, and care of the horse. Topics in breeds, pasture management, veterinary care, feeding, and farriering will be covered.

Ocean First

Students will participate in [Swim Lessons](#) and Marine Science classes in each session taught by trained staff, using curriculum created by Ocean First's in-house educational team. The sessions are divided by age/grade level so that the content is accessible for the whole group. Twice weekly options will become available in the spring.

Wild Child Edventure HOWL

[Wild Child](#) HOWL (Hands On Wilderness Learning) is an integrative, STEAM based, wilderness enrichment program taught by experienced outdoor education guides. Students explore the outdoors while learning foundational concepts of science in a natural setting. *When temps reach below 32 degrees, the program moves indoors.* We hope to add full day options in the spring term.

Field Trips

Field trips are available on Fridays and possibly Wednesdays this spring. We will visit a variety of educational and enriching places. Past trips have included the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, The Denver Children's Museum, The Butterfly Pavilion, Recreation Centers, Historic Sites, Farms, NCAR, The Wild Animal Sanctuary, and the Denver Aquarium. Payment is required in advance. There will be no refunds given to students who are absent as we prepay for entrance tickets, materials, and staff for these days based on the number of students registered.

Tuition Price Points

LLHSE offers both full and part-time options, ***state-funded and self-paid***. You may register now for state funded programming in the 2026-2027 school year (next Fall). This funding covers one full day or two half days/sessions. Beyond that or, instead of, you may choose to self pay. Tuition is required on the first of the month.

Classical Enrichments (Full Day)-\$85.00

Classical Enrichments (Half Day)-\$45.00

Ocean First-\$60.00

Equine Science (K-4th)-\$60.00

Equine Science (5th-12th)-\$85.00

Wild Child Edventures-\$60.00 (Full Day-\$85.00)

Field Trips (Full Day)-\$85.00

Spring 2026 Schedule

There are multiple scheduling options. You may choose one or more full days or 2 half days. Half days can be mornings, afternoons or a combination. Please look over the schedule and determine what works best for your family. Keep in mind that your state funding will cover one full day or two sessions or half days per week.

Classes begin January 12th and run through May 22nd, 2026

Planned School Closures

February 16th: Presidents Day

March 16th-27th: Spring Break

Apply

Enrollment is open and rolling. Funding is available for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please apply by following the link here: [Playground](#)

Websites

BOCES/State Funding: longmontlittlehse.com

Tuition Based:longmontlittleschool.com

Umbrella Option: longmontlittleschool.com/UmbrellaSchool

Contact us with any questions!

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Longmont Little School Schedule_Spring 2026					
Monday Full Day (Longmont)					
9:00-9:30	Greetings/Read Aloud				
9:30-10:15	Music With Lacey				
10:15-11:00	Spanish				
11:00-12:00	Art With Kate				
12:00-12:30	Lunch/Play				
12:30-1:30	Literacy/Social Studies				
1:30-2:30	STEAM				
Tuesday AM (Ocean First Boulder)		Thursday AM (Ft. Lupton)			
AM	Grades K-12th	AM	Grades K-4th		
8:30-10:30	Swim Classes/Marine Science-Ocean First Boulder	9:00-11:30	Equine Science-Ft. Lupton		
Tuesday PM (Erie)		Wednesday AM (Boulder)			
1:15-2:15	Art with Kate	9:00-12:30	Wild Child-HOWL-Boulder		
2:15-2:30	Snack/Outdoor Play	full days/different days may become available			
2:30-3:15	Literacy/Social Studies				
Friday Full Day (Ft. Lupton/Firestone)					
Full Day	Grades 5th-12th				
9:00-2:45	Equine Science-Ft. Lupton/Firestone				

**Classes and schedules may alter slightly as we approach the spring term. Wild Child Edventures may offer a full day and multiple sessions, Ocean First will offer a new class time as well. Monday and Wednesday field trips may become available. Let us know what interests you!*

