



OUR VISION & MISSION

The vision of Laurel Nokomis School is to prepare our students to be life-long learners and independent, responsible citizens.

Laurel Nokomis School is "Can Do, Work Hard, Get Smart".

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LAUREL NOKOMIS SCHOOL

Laurel Nokomis School is home to the most talented students, passionate teachers/staff, and highly supportive parents. Our school culture is defined by a powerful sense of family and community. We are fortunate to experience support from the best school community in Sarasota County. This unmatched level of support helps teachers and students meet the demands of high achievement. Our caring staff employs their best skills and expertise to provide high-quality customer service for all stakeholders. The attitude of teamwork is the driving force behind our consistent "A" recognition.

LNS has been recognized as a "5 Star" School. Test scores are far above the state average indicating that most of our students perform at or above grade level. According to the Niche Report (2022), out of 1,103 middle schools in Florida, Laurel Nokomis is ranked #99 and #183 out of 2,193 elementary schools. LNS ranks in the top 10% of Florida public schools for student achievement! Cutting-edge technology promotes high expectations and innovation to prepare students for the changing, more global needs of the 21st century.

Laurel Nokomis School is the only pre-kindergarten through the eighth-grade program in Sarasota County. We also provide convenience for families with multi-aged children.

The "Lightning Way" encourages students to be DEDICATED, PREPARED, RESPECTFUL, APPROPRIATE, & PROMPT. When students demonstrate these values, they feel good. When students feel good, optimal learning occurs.

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**EVERY STUDENT.
EVERY DAY!**



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

ADVANCED WORK CLASSROOMS (GRADES 1-5)

Laurel Nokomis School challenges every student to do their best. We provide students in grades 1—5 the opportunity to explore, excel and be enriched through a variety of advanced work learning experiences.

AUTISM CLUSTER

LNS provides innovative and evidence-based instructional practices for students with ASD. Students benefit from mainstream experiences through our specials/ exploration offerings. The instructional staff approaches each day with heart and dedication to help students grow academically and socially.

CO-EXISTENCE CLUB

This club is open to students in grades 5-8. The Co-Existence Club aligns with the “Embracing Our Differences” initiative by promoting diversity and respecting differences within the school community. The club participates in community service events.

COLLEGE, CAREER, AND LIFE READINESS

Students are provided 25 minutes per week to work with teachers and the Career Advisor to explore careers and options related to a post-secondary future. Opportunities outside of the CCLR time include guest speakers so students can explore professions and ask questions to someone in the field. Financial experts also visit campus through the Career Advisor to provide workshops on budgeting, planning, and financial success through the Junior Achievement initiative.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

We offer middle school students high school credit courses which include Spanish 1, Algebra 1, Geometry, Physical Science Honors, and Computer Science Discoveries to ensure that our students have a rigorous program and experience a smooth transition into high school.

HORTICULTURE (ELEMENTARY)

LNS offers this unique program for elementary students to learn about the art, science, technology, and business of growing plants in our community.

K-9 FOR KIDS THERAPY

Every now and then a student needs a boost. What better way to achieve academic success than having access to a therapy dog! In partnership with the Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office, students are paired with therapy dogs to enhance decision-making skills through self-esteem building, responsibility, respect, conflict resolution, and role-playing.

LIGHTNING LEADERS

This signature program provides opportunities for 4th and 5th-grade students to take leadership roles within the school and community. Activities include fundraisers, clothing drives, book donations, beach clean-up, JDA walk participation, etc.

LIGHTNING STUDENT COUNCIL

This unique program provides opportunities for all middle school students to take leadership roles within the school and community. Activities include fundraisers, food drives, snack donations, concessions at sports activities, school events, etc. On occasion, students also meet with the administration to share ideas and concerns from the student body.

MAGNET GIFTED EDUCATION MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUSTER (MID-COUNTY)

Laurel Nokomis School offers students a wide variety of accelerated coursework to encourage our students to shine even more.

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The Parent-Teacher Organization representing Laurel Nokomis School is unparalleled and they work hard to ensure the success of our teachers, school leaders, and students through their ongoing support. Whether it’s volunteering or hosting a fundraising event, the strength of the PTO members is unwavering.



AN A-RATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS IN FEBRUARY FOR THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR.