

9. Special Programs: Please add your comment regarding special programs.

(24 responses)

1 Spanish or something

2 Programs need to be sustainable and not change every year - gets kids excited and then it disappears - sends mixed messages

3 Sports/Physical education activities making use of the gymnasium

4 Of the programs mentioned in number 8, foreign languages is the most important and would be best implemented in grade K or 1.

5 A better music program would be great. What happened to the flute-ophones in the 3rd-4th grades?

6 There are already some plays for the various programs, so drama is less important. Art would be good. Spanish would be excellent.

7 Would like more hands-on science. I think we're a bit too small for a good band.

8 I would definitely support the addition of language & art programs.

9 bring back Spanish for all grades. This is when they learn best!

10 Would love to see after school sports...track and field has been requested by my daughter

I believe any or all of these options would be a fantastic addition to a any program. The logistics of how to find more minutes in the school day to fit them is the problem. I would not want to take away from the instructional minutes. Perhaps an after school optional program.

12 I liked that Spanish was being taught in kindergarten.

13 Just because the school resides in the mountains doesn't mean its sheltered from the rest of the communities. The fact that you'll need some type of Foreign language skills to interact with the rest of the state and the rationale for not having anything offered does a great injustice to the kids. Also the boards reason for killing the program last summer didn't sit well with a lot of parents.

14 Use music with drama

We believe all enrichment programs are beneficial to the children. Developmentally their age group could be learning foreign languages at a faster pace than if they wait until they are older. Art is extremely important for visual learning, development of creative skills, and a healthy way to express themselves. Drama, chorus, and band are good ideas, but are more successful at the middle school level. The current music and movement programs are giving them a good foundation for their future classes in these areas.

16 The Lexington IB program sets a high standard for foreign study programs. Go big or stay home.

17 I am surprised there is not more art at Lakeside. My child has done some great work in the after school program, I would like to see a lot more. Painting not so much ceramics

I feel very strongly that our students would benefit greatly from foreign languages. They are only so many hours for the basics. I would consider one day less for music to add a day of Spanish or my second choice would be to offer Spanish as an after school class.

19 Makes Lakeside a special school.

20 Foreign languages is my TOP choice. PLEASE bring back SPANISH. Children have a window where they soak up languages like a sponge. We should be taking advantage of that.

21 A instrumental music program would be great

I hate to see Kristin go, but I hope that you will be able to find another teacher as vibrant and well-schooled in music as she is. I thought that the foreign language instruction was going to be expanded over the years, but then it was dropped entirely . What is up with that? Wasn't it funded by PTA or Foundation and don't they have the money to continue these important building blocks in our children's development?

I am seriously disappointed that the foreign language program was dropped!

23 I think children should be given the option to participate in either dance or team sports, not required to dance.

24 I'd like to see all of the mentioned special programs offered, but have selected art and foreign languages as the two I think are most important for grades 1-5.