



BIBLE BASED CHARACTER EDUCATION

The LifeWise Academy mission is “to positively impact students, schools and communities by providing a Bible-based, character-focused released time religious instruction program.”

Released time is a legal program by which religious instruction is accessible to public school students during the school day, allowing them to leave school (with parental permission) to attend off-site classes which are both academic and religious in nature.

Who Benefits



Students

Students receive a practical Bible-based education for the betterment of their academics and character. Independent research has documented that students participating in released time programs do better academically (GPA) and have fewer behavioral problems than those students who do not participate.



Schools

Schools see improved academic performance, mental health and classroom behavior. Public schools with a local released time program can attract families who may opt out of public education for lack of religious instruction.



Communities

Communities benefit from the investment in creating a generation of citizens with stronger morals and character.

How It Works

1 We Keep It Legal

LifeWise Academy is keenly aware of the necessity to keep public and religious institutions separate. We diligently adhere to relevant laws and policies, namely, the maintenance of a program that is: privately funded, off school property and parent-permitted.

2 We Keep It Simple

LifeWise focuses on the central messages of the Bible. We avoid getting bogged down in the finer points of religious doctrine. Instead, we focus on foundational themes that speak to the issues common to all people.

3 We Keep It Practical

LifeWise Academy seeks to create real and lasting change for students, schools and communities, so we continually look for ways to make instruction not only conceptual, but also actionable.

Public Schools & LifeWise

While schools cannot officially encourage or discourage students' participation in released time classes, administrators are welcome to cooperate with LifeWise Academy personnel to optimize class schedules, distribute and collect parent permission slips, coordinate transportation and discuss other matters to ensure a successful and impactful program.

The Impact



“Released time helped our students learn respect and kindness for others in the world urgently needing these values.”

– Beth Peugh, Retired Elementary Principal



The best way to get a feel for the vision of LifeWise Academy and its potential to impact your community is by watching the 3-minute demo video at lifewise.org.

Learn More: Download our “What Educators Need to Know” booklet at lifewise.org/educators