



OUR MISSION

Lion Star Academy offers a loving environment and specialized learning for extraordinary students to discover their unique gifts.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to combine innovative therapies, cutting edge technologies and holistic education to empower students in unlocking their greatest potential.

PROGRAMS.

Lion Star Academy (LSA) has three funding initiatives: [Programs](#), [Capacity](#) and [Innovation](#). These strategic initiatives ensure that we are supporting our students, families and faculty in the most effective ways:

Lion Star Academy addresses the holistic development of our students. Join us as we leverage the Family Centred Approach to work in partnership with families, creating the best environment for a child's mental, physical and emotional well-being. This allows us to connect with families in an intimate and unique way. When our students thrive, so do their families.

We have three Programmatic focus areas at Lion Star Academy:

LIFE SKILLS ✨

LSA is an organization that engages the child fully. We leverage hands-on learning to teach students collaboration, cohesion and collective progress. Focusing on students' sensory and physical needs, LSA provides safe spaces for them to be fully self-expressed:

- **Realistic Independent Skills Education (RISE) Center:** laundry sorting, shopping, filing, money sorting, container organization, kitchen clean-up, teeth brushing, vacuuming, etc.
- **Sensory Room:** engages students' senses, providing necessary neurological input when students are overwhelmed, need to rest, reset, etc.

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"We treat the children like any other child. If you could meet them, you would feel more than joy and light; they remember everything." - LSA Teacher





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EDUCATION ✨

LSA utilizes a variety of curriculum and support materials, implementing modifications and customizations to meet our students at their individual developmental level:

- **BASICS 3:** targets skills in five domains: Functional Academics, Domestic Domain, Community Domain, Vocational Domain, Recreational and Leisure
- **ABLES** (Abilities Based Learning and Education Support)
- **STAR Program** (Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research)
- **CPALMS:** online toolbox of information, vetted resources and interactive tools that helps educators effectively implement the State of Florida's curriculum teaching standards

THERAPIES ✨

LSA offers in-house Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy to improve students' optimal performance and success. We aim to mature the nervous system through active, mindful and intentional tasks. LSA teachers are equipped with in-service training in therapeutic techniques and behavior strategies to continuously enhance their skills, insight and handling.

- **Speech therapy:** focuses on the assessment and treatment of speech language delay, feeding and oral motor development, as well as auditory processing. LSA strives to provide the right support, treatment strategy and equipment needed to improve students' function and independence.
- **Occupational therapy:** focuses on improving functional abilities and independence. We address achieving milestones, sensory integration, self-help, feeding, communication, play and social skills, and any adaptive needs such as splinting, wheelchair adaptation or any other special equipment needed to promote independence. LSA teachers, families and supporting staff work closely to promote participation and adapt the environment to student needs.

We commonly treat: neurological disorders, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, chromosomal abnormalities, autism spectrum disorders, attention deficits, learning disabilities, behavioral challenges, sensory processing difficulties, feeding difficulties

- **Physical therapy:** focuses on motor development, with services such as mobility, positioning, range of motion, play and gross motor skills. Our gym functions as a therapeutic and play space. LSA's therapists develop individualized programs of play activities that address each student's specific need to improve strength, movement and function. We partner with families to educate parents about maintaining daily routines, socialization and physical activity.

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