

## **A Place to Belong for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs**

Teens with disabilities and special learning needs are nurtured in a caring Christian community at Lutheran High School, St. Charles (LHSSC). The LHSSC community values the opportunity to demonstrate Christian love to individuals with diverse learning styles. Learning Center students find Lutheran High is a place where they can learn, make friends, and be an integral part of the school community. Students are encouraged and invited to participate in extra-curricular activities.

### **Application and Enrollment**

Please call Lutheran High School-St. Charles to schedule a tour and find out more about the LASE Learning Center and other learning opportunities available at the school.

### **Location:**

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## **Mission Statement**

*Lutheran Association  
for Special Education will assist  
and support schools to address the  
cognitive, social and spiritual  
development of children  
with special needs so they may fully  
enjoy their God-given potential.*

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**LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION  
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## **The LASE Learning Center**

*Providing hope and a future for  
high school students  
with special needs*



**In partnership with  
Lutheran High School  
St. Charles County**

# Learning Center

## An Innovative High School Program for Students with Disabilities

The LASE Learning Center is an innovative educational program for up to fifteen high school students with disabilities and special learning needs. Students experience academic support and individualized attention in this one-of-a kind program in a Christian school environment. Core academic subjects such as language arts and math are taught in a small group instructional setting along with a supervised resource study hall. Students are included in general education classes with their peers for the rest of the school day. The general education curriculum is modified, when needed, to best accommodate each student.

### Learning Center Mission

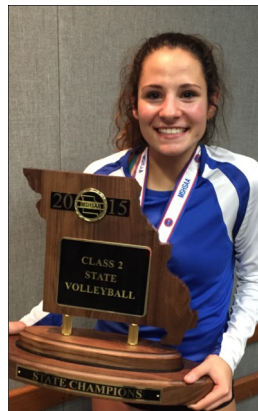
The mission of the Learning Center is based on a Bible verse from Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you”, says the Lord, ‘plans to help you and not to harm you, plans to give you *hope* and a *future*.”

### History

Lutheran Association for Special Education (LASE) in partnership with Lutheran High School of St. Charles County (LHSSC) started the Jeremiah Program in 1997 so high school students with disabilities could fully participate in a Christian high school experience.

## Student Eligibility

Each student will be considered on an individual basis to see if he/she would benefit from the Learning Center. Potential students will be asked to share recent psycho-educational evaluations and a current IEP when applying for the program. The Learning Center provides the opportunities for students with various educational disabilities to find academic and social success. Students with learning disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, language impairment, developmental disabilities, Autism spectrum disorders, and other disabilities or special needs are eligible for enrollment.



## Goals of the Learning Center:

- Provide academic and transitional support for students with disabilities.
- Assist each student to reach full cognitive and academic potential.
- Nurture students to grow in their faith in Jesus and develop relationships with other students and teachers.
- Help students and families make the transition to life after high school.



## Two Program Options for Students

Students may choose from two options for their course of study, depending on their interests and needs.

**Supported Academic Studies:** Students take a variety of academic classes throughout their high school experience. Academic support for general education classes and small group instruction for core subjects continues throughout high school. Students are prepared to be productive citizens after high school.

**The Work Experience Program:** Freshman and Sophomores focus on building work and career education skills while in the classroom. The Learning Center coordinator can assist students pursuing this program option prior to or during senior year with accessing community-based programs that provide onsite work experience and supervision as the program allows.