

Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family are having a great year! The Lumen Charter High School would like to send you our greetings and invite you to consider whether we might be a good choice for your son or daughter. Below are a few highlights about us; we hope to hear from you if Lumen sounds like a good fit for your child.

We offer a rigorous, college preparatory program. Our graduates go on to college in large numbers, get competitive merit-based scholarships, and earn academic recognition. One of our recent graduates was a National Merit Scholar.

We are a small, tight-knit community that fosters the development of social and leadership skills. We invest in team building. Every year our students write a social contract for themselves, and throughout the year they organize parties, lock-ins, gaming nights, bonfires and other events to strengthen and celebrate their ties to each other. Since our first year, Lumen has gotten high marks from students and parents for building a positive, inclusive community.

We offered a project-based, interdisciplinary, academically challenging curriculum that helps our students engage with real-world events and develop real-world skills. Our students monitor local water quality for the DNR, write letters to the editor on the issues of the day, build aquaponics systems, and partner with community organizations for both service and learning.

Our transcript and our diploma are the same as RHS's. While our seminars may have unusual titles, they fall under the heading of English 9 and US History and other conventional course titles, and that is how they are listed on our transcripts, which meet the expectations of colleges and the NCAA. RASD gives the same diploma to all graduating seniors.

Our students are able to “front-load” their graduation requirements and arrange to have a flexible schedule their senior year, if they so choose. Most of our seniors do major projects, take college classes, or do internships or job shadowing for a significant portion of their senior year. Some go off to college with many credits already under their belts. Some are running small businesses (photography, videography, website design, computer graphics) while still in high school.

“Genius Hour” allows students to explore disciplines and develop a wide range of skills. Projects have included film making, instrument building, music recording, novel and short story writing, cartoon production, diesel engine repair, the science of weight-lifting, and in-depth book research on topics ranging from neuroscience to space exploration.

Lumen's student body mirrors the diversity and characteristics of RASD's student body. Our students come from all walks of life, and upon graduation go on to work, higher education, the armed forces, and other pursuits.

If you think Lumen might be the right choice for your son or daughter, we invite you to learn more about us at **5:00 pm on Monday, December 19th, in room #1712.**

We look forward to meeting you!