

*Virtuti litteris artibus*



## **Charter of the LCD**

**Respect, Solidarity, Responsibility**

**Excellence and Competence**

**Tradition and Classical Culture**

**Literature, Art, Creativity**

**Scientific Thought and Innovation**

**Communication and Dialogue**

**A Place of Living and Learning**

**A Vision Open to the World**



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## Respect, Solidarity, Responsibility

The members of the school community of the LCD (teachers and students, board of directors, parents, administrative and technical staff) pledge to live together in an atmosphere of mutual respect, tolerance and solidarity. They oppose all acts of physical and verbal violence, all acts of discrimination and repression. They are conscious of their social and environmental responsibility and commit themselves to projects of social, humanitarian and ecological issues.

## Excellence and Competence

The LCD enables its students to acquire a thorough knowledge of general and specialized subjects to cope with their studies at university level, thus ensuring them a real chance of success when they enter the labour market and fully integrate into society.

The teachers assist the students of both educational levels (classical and technical) to improve and perfect their intellectual, artistic, physical and human competences. Working closely together with the SPOS (Service of Psychology and School Orientation), the teachers advise and guide the students through their studies.

On the one hand, the LCD stimulates its talented students and those who aim at excellence; on the other hand, it encourages and helps with varied methods of support those students who have difficulty meeting the expected requirements.

## Tradition and Classical Culture

Proud of its rich and manifold traditions rooted in an experience stretching over two centuries, the LCD aims at maintaining these traditions by adapting them to present-day requirements. In the spirit of a humanist education, the LCD continues to offer its students the option to take up ancient languages. Moving out beyond its strong links with Luxembourgian history, the LCD openly faces the challenges of tomorrow and strives to develop visions realizable in the future.

## Literature, Art, Creativity

Conscious of the increasing importance of multilingualism, the LCD focuses on a sound knowledge of European languages and literature, as well as on the history and culture of Luxembourg and Europe, while urging its students to keep a keen eye on the global dimension. All forms of artistic expression are upheld: theatre, pantomime, art, music, audio-visual media (cinema, video, photography etc). The LCD has specialized in new media and offers updated optional courses to all students interested in an area whose importance is widely acknowledged in the 21st century.

## Scientific Thought and Innovation

With the rapid evolution in nearly every field of learning, the teachers are at pains to awaken and stimulate their students' intellectual curiosity, as well as their desire for innovation and scientific rigour. Apart from teaching the exact, natural and human sciences as stipulated by the normal syllabus, the LCD encourages its students to participate in national and international projects, exhibitions, conferences, workshops, special courses and other diverse activities to experience the usefulness of their academic knowledge in realistic contexts. The LCD incites its teachers to follow special training courses to keep abreast of the latest teaching methods.

## Communication and Dialogue

The LCD attempts to create an atmosphere of confidence, which encompasses all the members of the school community and favours honest communication and open dialogue based on respect, politeness and mutual understanding. The school partners – in close collaboration with the various boards of teachers, parents and students, and the Council of Education – encourage the free expression of personal opinion and respectful, constructive criticism, and vow to solve all problems and conflicts through counselling and mediation.



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## A Place of Living and Learning

The LCD is aware that a school is also a place of living: it endeavours to offer its students and its teachers a positive and inspiring environment conducive to both learning and teaching.

## A Vision Open to the World

The LCD favours an open, unrestricted vision of the world to allow the greatest possible number of students to experience various real world situations, to represent their school and their country abroad and to identify with common European values.

All the partners of the school community are invited to participate in Luxembourgian, European and international projects stimulating a cultural, professional and social enrichment: conferences, visits, contacts with the economic world, cultural trips etc.

The LCD takes an active part in exchange programmes and welcomes teachers and students from other schools all over the world in an atmosphere of cordial hospitality

The rights and duties of the students, the teachers and the parents are defined in a code of conduct which upholds and maintains the principles set out in this charter by rules of behaviour governing everyday life at our school.

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