

Critical Thinking Communication Collaboration





FSWC—Lee is firmly rooted in seizing every opportunity to help students become <u>independent learners</u>. At the core of our effort is a desire and an operational capacity to make the maximum positive impact on each and every student every day. Across the board, three core skills provide a foundational balance and continual connection to the "real-world." STEM, as a building wide priority, provides further direction. Staff are encouraged to develop and deliver curriculum, assessments, and lessons that move students as individuals toward mastery of established standards. Other key beliefs and features include:

- Rigorous content is a means to teach academic and social skills.
- Time and operational details are variables that can and should be maximized.
- Deliberate interdisciplinary planning and lesson delivery matches students' perspective on a school day.
- Staff model and participate in critical thinking, communication, and collaboration and select their own Deliberate Practice(s).
- Students are ultimately responsible for their own success; we are here to provide the opportunity and challenge.
- School culture is rooted in an "others first" mentality to provide an emotionally safe environment for students to stretch themselves.
- The best way to prepare students for the "real-world" is to not "play school."
- All classes taught in a blended format using a LMS; teachers custom create all resources using multiple texts, web based resources, and activities.
- All students have an Office 365 account to allow work from home and there is a computer available for every student, every day at school.
- Everything is "on the table" every day. We try to work by consensus and deliberately consider opposing perspectives.
- Jr and Sr students participate as FULL TIME Dual Enrollment students at FSW and can earn an A.A. degree simultaneously with their H.S. diploma.