



# The Lawson Academy News

THE BEST RESOURCE FOR PARENTS WHO CARE ABOUT THEIR STUDENTS'  
LEARNING LIKE YOU

## What?!? We Made the News



Thanks to Channel 13 Localish for a great story on Student Learning and Meals at the Academy. Not every school can do what Lawson does!

## Do You Need a Laptop for Learning?

Computers have been checked out to many Academy students. As of mid-April, there are some students who are still using their phone for learning.

Call the District Office (713.741.3600 ext 101) and get on our waiting list. More computers are coming soon!



## Health Update for Academy Families and Staff

Everyone,

By staying apart for the time being, The Lawson Academy is working to ensure that we are limiting the spread of COVID-19 in our community. In service of this, I want to share a one-minute video that reminds us of the most important actions we can take as individuals to reduce risk for ourselves and others:

- Practice social distancing
- Wash your hands
- Stay home as much as you can, especially if you have a cough, fever, or shortness of breath

I encourage you to watch this video with your family. And be sure to share it with family and friends on social media and via email.

Even though we are currently apart, we look forward to coming back together as a community soon.



STAY HOME

## 8th Grader Refunds

Parents who paid for the 8th Grade Grad Package are due for a refund. Checks are being prepared in the District Office and will be mailed on May 1st.



A Small Part of the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony in May, 2019

What will graduation look like in COVID-19? We are working on that. Stay tuned.



## Headphones, Anyone?

Every student at The Lawson Academy has a set of Headphones, provided at no cost in the District Office. Pick yours up today.

**District Office:**  
5220 Scott Street  
WALIPP Senior Residence  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays

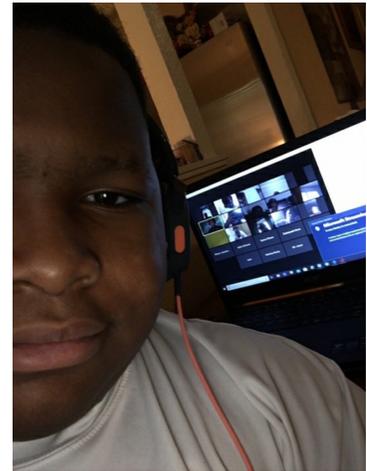
## Successes in Distance Learning

1. Attendance has grown from 53% in week one to 93% in week three
2. Teacher instructional delivery include live interactive sessions with time for small group and one to one student support
3. Students are provided virtual 100% student focused and engaged instruction throughout the school day
4. 100% staff participation, from food service, monitoring attendance, and student engagement in class to ensure the success of every student
5. There has been an increase in the use of interactive resources in all content areas that allows students to demonstrate content understanding and mastery in varied ways
6. Increased teacher knowledge and familiarity with the distance learning tools which allows them to effectively connect the students with the content
7. Integration of music, educational games, and competitions all support to create a lively learning atmosphere for the student
8. Ongoing measurement of student progress through daily quizzes and weekly exit tickets



## Helping Your Child Succeed in School at Home

1. Make sure your home has high speed internet services (check out Comcast Internet Essentials with 60 days of free Internet, below)
2. Students should not walk away from instruction -- there are daily transition times (for bathroom breaks) and a long lunch break -- keep students "at school" until at least 2:30 p.m. every day
3. Every teacher is available between 2:30 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. to provide additional support for any student who needs it
4. Unauthorized participants in Zoom learning sessions will be refused entry
5. If students leave the Zoom learning session without contacting the teacher, they may not be let back in
6. Switch from personal phones to tablet or laptop (see article about District laptops, above)
7. Provide a quiet space to be for the student to work free of distractions and noises that can interfere with student concentration
8. Have a positive attitude toward school and learning; take an interest in how your child is doing at school so he (or she) will believe that learning is important

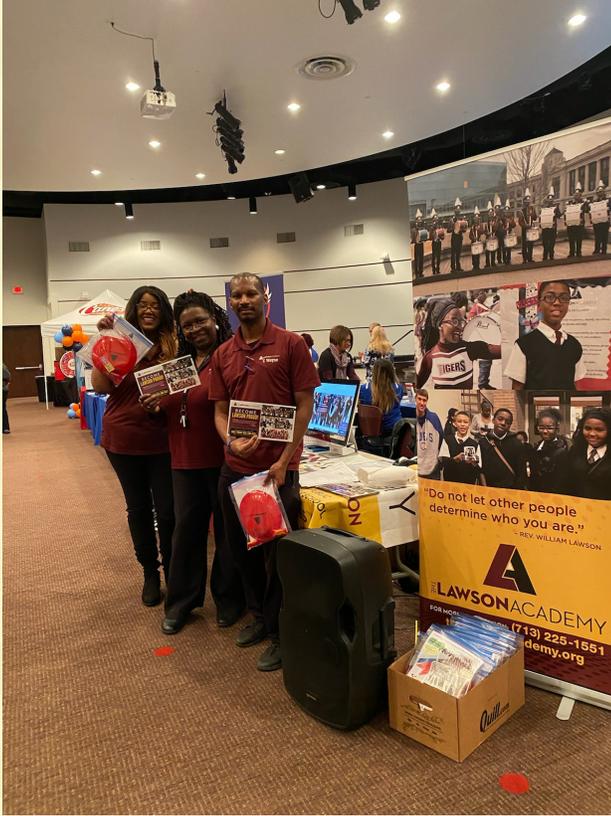


## Your Voice Matters!

Will you take two minutes (really, only 2 minutes) and help The Lawson Academy improve? Just tell us what we can do to make our school better... and watch us make it happen.

[Stakeholder Feedback](#)





## Recommend Us To Your Friends

Every parent at The Lawson Academy is part of our Recruiting Team. Share information with your friends and neighbors about our program. Let them know how great we are, and give us a chance to prove it!

### ApplyHouston

**ONE APPLICATION. MULTIPLE SCHOOLS.**

**NOV 1 APPLICATIONS OPEN**

Start exploring your school options on [ApplyHouston.org](http://ApplyHouston.org), and identify schools that would be a good fit for your child.

## Comcast Internet Essentials

For families that want Internet, join our Comcast partner for \$9.95 per month free for 60 days! Eligible households must:

1. Have at least 1 child who is eligible for the free lunch (you have that)
2. Live in an area where Comcast Internet Service is available
3. Have not subscribed to Comcast Internet within the last 90 days and
4. Have no outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than one year old.

Apply online at [InternetEssentials.com](http://InternetEssentials.com) or call 1-855-846-8376 (1-855-8-INTERNET).

You can also purchase a laptop or desktop for only \$149.99 from Comcast which includes Microsoft Office, 90-day warranty and Norton Security Suite.

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