

"It is almost a miracle that modern teaching methods have not yet entirely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry; for what this delicate little plant needs more than anything, besides stimulation, is freedom."

- Albert Einstein



learn
freely.

Liberty was founded to address the needs of teens unable to function at their best in a traditional educational setting. The most common reasons for enrollment in Liberty are:

- **Desire for more experiential learning opportunities**
- **Previously poor academic performance**
- **Behavior issues**
- **Dropouts who desire to finish high school**



CENTER FOR FREE LEARNING

OUR MISSION

is to provide a high school education by drawing from every student a lifelong love of learning.



"Until Liberty, I
thought no one cared."



Liberty CODE OF HONOR

WRITTEN BY Liberty STUDENTS TO UPHOLD
GOOD CHARACTER AND MORALS.

Students and mentors are to always be honest, trustworthy, respectful and accountable to themselves as well as other Liberty members.

We are to maintain integrity at all times.

We should always demonstrate a readiness and enthusiasm to learn.

We are to show respect in every way such as being punctual, listening, showing a general interest in whatever is going on around us, being courteous, watching our language, knowing one another's limits, and being sensitive to other's interests and feelings.

Liberty students are not to bring in non-members without an appointment with an available mentor.

Students and mentors will never discourage another's learning.

Liberty students will always hold a high level of discipline, honor, and a lifelong love of learning.

(Written by Liberty students in September, 2008.)

THE DOCUMENTED DROPOUT RATE IN TEXAS IS

[**1** out of **3**]
— STUDENTS —

Through Liberty's intensive adult mentorship and training in 21st century skills, Lubbock teenagers' lives are literally being saved from the street and they are graduating with full high school diplomas.



[**BILLY RODDY, MENTOR**]

Liberty LEARNING CENTER

Traditional education methods often suppress the creativity and spirit of inquiry and discovery which was so active prior to compulsory school enrollment. Liberty's Individual Education Plans are the crux of revitalizing highly engaged learning.

Mentors as Teachers

Our approach is intensive adult mentorship coupled with a customized educational plan built around each student's personal interests and learning strengths. A successful mentoring relationship helps the student clearly define and achieve short-term goals, promoting a pattern of success. Mentors also act as liaisons between Liberty LEARNING CENTER and potential employers often resulting in gainful employment for students who may otherwise have become dependents of the state.



DO STUDENTS EARN A FORMAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WHILE ATTENDING Liberty LEARNING CENTER?

A: Yes, Liberty LEARNING CENTER awards a formal high school diploma. There are two tracks for study toward graduation; a traditional transcript track and a Wisdom Based track for those students who choose to design their educational plans around life experiences.



[**CHERI ISETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & MENTOR**]

How is it Funded?

***Liberty DOES NOT CHARGE TUITION AND RECEIVES NO GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

Liberty's Board of Directors made the decision to remain tuition-free in order to serve even the most financially needy of Lubbock's teenagers. They also want to operate free of government funding in order to avoid the current trend toward high-stakes standardized testing. Liberty relies upon private donations from individuals and organizations that recognize the value of their student-centered approach to engaged active learning.

ANNUAL FUND CHALLENGE

Liberty **LEARNING CENTER** has a current annual fund need of \$145,000 to meet all projected expenses and serve each student in our care.

Please consider partnering with us on a monthly or annual basis — together we can change lives.

Liberty LEARNING CENTER

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NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

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Liberty LEARNING CENTER is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.