



THE LISA LOWDOWN

Why LISA Exists

LISA exists so that each student, regardless of their personal circumstances, has every opportunity to succeed in school and to do so with dignity.



How It Works

LISA receives aid requests via an online form at [AZLISA.ORG](https://azlisa.org). Requests can be submitted by parents, guardians, school staff and high school students needing assistance. Once a request is received and approved, LISA acts quickly to fulfill the request.

What LISA Does

LISA is unique in that we work directly with school administrators, teachers and families to identify gaps for students. We act to fill those gaps, aiming to give students the same opportunities as their peers. Our results positively impact educational success, holistic student health, inclusion and self-esteem.

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STUDENT FOCUSED. COMMUNITY DRIVEN.

PROGRAM UPDATES

Supporting Students



ITEMS WE SUPPORT

- Athletic Fees
- Books for School
- Cafeteria Fees
- Class Fees
- Clothes for School
- Events Admission
- Graduation Costs
- Haircuts
- Hearing Care
- Hygiene Items
- Instrument Rentals
- Preschool Tuition
- Prom Expenses
- School Fees
- School Supplies
- Sports Equipment
- Student Beds
- Vision Care
- Yearbooks

Supporting Schools



In school year 2025-2026, LISA provides each partner school with a \$5,000 budget for school-related expenses. Funding is used for items that have a positive impact on a significant number of students.

ITEMS WE SUPPORT

- Classroom Field Trips
- Classroom Supplies
- Events & Activities
- Incentive Programs
- School Celebrations

No Cost to Schools

Impacting Futures



LISA provides financial assistance to Verde Valley and Sedona high school students taking classes at Yavapai College Clarkdale campus in qualified **high demand trades**.

- Basic Carpentry
- Basic Residential Trades
- Emergency Medical Tech
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Production Horticulture
- Residential Electrician
- Residential HVAC
- Residential Plumbing
- Viticulture

No Cost to Students

ON THE DOWN LOW



SMART SNACKS

LISA is excited to announce **Smart Snacks**; a pilot program that will provide healthy snacks for students.

Under the leadership of Lyndsay Ludden, agriculture teacher at Oak Creek school in Cornville, older students will prepare the snacks for students at the school.

LISA will purchase a commercial refrigerator, supplies and food for the program.

NEW SCHOOL COLLABORATION?

Word has it there may be another school added to LISA's growing number of partner schools. This new school could go live as soon as January 1, 2026.

We are excited by the possibility of this happening sooner than later. Have a guess which Verde Valley school this might be?

Watch for a press release later this year. For sure, we will let you know in our next newsletter in January.

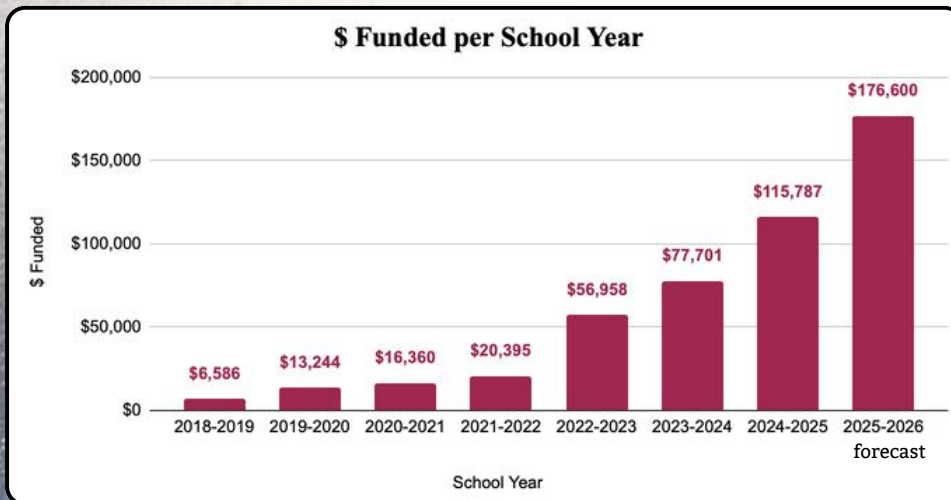
DESIGNED FOR GROWTH



LISA's campus-level model is unique in that we work directly with school superintendents, principals, teachers, office staff and families of students.

LISA has developed internal systems and processes that are designed for growth. These improvements allow us to reach even more students and expand program offerings.

With LISA's latest expansion, starting this school year we now partner with a total of 10 public schools in four complete districts within the communities of Sedona, Verde Village, Cottonwood, Cornville and Clarkdale.



COMMUNITY DRIVEN



LISA is deeply connected to and driven by our community!

- 10 Sedona and Verde Valley partnering public schools
- 4 complete Sedona and Verde Valley school districts
- 300+ school educators and staff
- Parents/guardians of 4,000+ students
- 50+ key LISA volunteers including Board of Directors and staff

LISA is funded in large part by local donors, churches, community foundations, municipalities, businesses and corporations.

We are grateful for the support from our incredible community!

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!

DOUBLE THE FUN

In early October, a student asked LISA for help to pay the \$40 expense of a ticket to homecoming. After giving it more thought, she wondered if we might pay for prom instead. We told her we would be happy to pay for prom AND homecoming. She responded, "I never dreamed I'd be able to go to both! Thank you so much."

A MIRACLE OF GLASSES

During the last week of August, a 10th grader had a life-changing moment when he got his first pair of prescription glasses.

With the help of a caring optometrist and staff, the student was able to see the world clearly for the first time. He tried hard to contain his excitement as his mother was moved to tears. She said, "This is a miracle of glasses for my son."

BACK TO SCHOOL

Girl Scout Troop #1296 packaged 900 bags of school supplies. The bags were handed out at the back to school events at West Sedona School, Cottonwood Community School, Mountain View Prep, Clarkdale Jerome School, Oak Creek School, Dr. Daniel Bright, and Cottonwood Education Services.

What a joy it was to meet so many awesome parents and to see the excitement of a new school year on the faces of their children.

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