

Appendix: The Learning Center IRS Form 990 for 2023

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
 Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2023, and ending 12-31-2023

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: THE LEARNING COMMUNITY INC
 Doing business as:
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 2041 REED RD
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

D Employer identification number: 46-2625575
E Telephone number: (260) 424-8852
G Gross receipts \$ 724,881

F Name and address of principal officer:
 BRAD HAND
 3615 HARTZELL ROAD
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46806

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions.
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: THELEARNINGCOMMUNITYFW.COM

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other
L Year of formation: 2013 **M** State of legal domicile: IN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PROVIDE EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 WEEKS THROUGH 12 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE SERVE AS AN ACADMEIC LABORATORY FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THE FIELDS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED FIELDS.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	7
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	6
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	40
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	392,614	35,103
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	-212	245
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	536	0
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,017,955	724,881
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	729,432	796,658
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 0		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	338,016	270,803
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,067,448	1,067,461	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-49,493	-342,580	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	376,209	85,629
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	199,500	251,500
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	176,709	-165,871	

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer: BRAD HAND DIR/ADMINISTRATOR Date: 2024-02-29
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: CHRISTEN SOUERS LLC Preparer's signature: Date: 2024-02-29 Check if self-employed PTIN: P00416034
 Firm's name: CHRISTEN SOUERS LLC Firm's EIN: 35-2110134
 Firm's address: 10347 DAWSONS CREEK BLVD STE C FORT WAYNE, IN 468251905 Phone no. (260) 484-0653

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN AGES 6 WEEKS THROUGH 12 YEARS. ACADEMIC LABORATORY FOR FACULTY AND STUDENTS IN THE FIELDS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED FIELDS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 945,475 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 689,533)

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4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 945,475

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Contains 21 numbered questions regarding organizational requirements and schedules.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding grants, compensation, tax-exempt bonds, and organizational transactions.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, W-2G forms, and backup withholding rules.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Form with questions 2a through 17 regarding IRS filings and tax compliance, including sections on 501(c)(7), 501(c)(12), 501(c)(29), and 501(c)(21) organizations.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (Voting members at end of tax year), 1b (Independent voting members), 2 (Family relationships), 3 (Management delegation), 4 (Governing documents changes), 5 (Asset diversion), 6 (Members/stockholders), 7a (Power to elect/appoint), 7b (Governance decisions), 8 (Meeting documentation), 8a/b (Documentation types), 9 (Unreachable officer).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (Local chapters), 10b (Written policies), 11a (Form 990 distribution), 11b (Review process), 12a (Conflict of interest policy), 12b/c (Disclosure and monitoring), 13 (Whistleblower policy), 14 (Document retention), 15a/b (Compensation review), 16a (Joint ventures), 16b (Joint venture policy).

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 (States for Form 990), 18 (Public inspection methods), 19 (Governing documents availability), 20 (Person with books/records).

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee;	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(1) BRAD HAND DIR/ADMINIST	40.00	X		X			93,730	0	0
(2) JON CHAMPION BOARD MEMBER	0.25	X					0	0	0
(3) JEOFF DINGELDEIN BOARD MEMBER	0.25	X					0	0	0
(4) MARY JO HARDIMAN BOARD CHAIR	0.25	X					0	0	0
(5) LAURA MURPHY BOARD MEMBER	0.25	X					0	0	0
(6) ISABEL NUNEZ BOARD MEMBER	0.25	X					0	0	0
(7) KATHRYN ZIEGLER BOARD MEMBER	0.25	X					0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees *(continued)*

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee;	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							93,730			

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*

	Yes	No
3		No

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*

	Yes	No
4		No

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*

	Yes	No
5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

Table with 4 columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts with sub-rows 1a through 1g.

Table for Program Service Revenue with columns for Business Code, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include 2a PROGRAM FEES, b, c, d, e, f All other program service revenue, and 9 Total.

Table for Other Revenue with columns for (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include 3 Investment income, 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds, 5 Royalties, 6a-6c Rental income, 7a-7c Gain or loss from sales of assets, 8a-8c Fundraising events, 9a-9c Gaming activities, and 10a-10c Sales of inventory.

Table for Other Revenue Misc Amt with columns for Business Code, (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, and (D) Revenue excluded from tax. Rows include 11a, b, c, d All other revenue, e Total, and 12 Total revenue.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	737,280	643,550	93,730	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	59,378	52,178	7,200	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	30	30		
c Accounting	1,895		1,895	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	15,495		15,495	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	27,173	27,173		
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	5,754	5,754		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	15,007	15,007		
23 Insurance	35,037	35,037		
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PROGRAM SUPPLIES	40,279	40,279		
b FOOD	39,161	39,161		
c MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	23,683	23,683		
d STAFF APPRECIATION	17,639	17,639		
e All other expenses	49,650	45,984	3,666	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,067,461	945,475	121,986	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	70,709	1	7,697	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	213,872	2	72	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4		
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	166,134			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	88,274	91,628	10c	77,860
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11		
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15		
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	376,209	16	85,629		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17		
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue		19		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	27,000	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	199,500	23	224,500	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26 Total liabilities: Add lines 17 through 25	199,500	26	251,500	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	176,709	27	-165,871	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28		
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29		
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30		
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31		
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	176,709	32	-165,871	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	376,209	33	85,629		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	724,881
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,067,461
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-342,580
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	176,709
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	-165,871

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b		No
2c		
3a		No
3b		