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# Brand Guide



# How to Use Little Light House Branding Guidelines

These guidelines contain recommendations for the various ways you can use the Little Light House name, logos, and language in your materials.

We've included some examples of work so you can see how it comes together as well as links to assets you can download and use.



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# Identity

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## OUR MISSION

"To glorify God by improving the quality of life for children with special needs, their families, and their communities."

## CORE VALUES

**All children** are loved and valued at the Little Light House. Our students were created by God and are loved by Him. In all we do, we aim to glorify God by providing quality, expert solutions to help our students receive the help they deserve.

**Faith** is our foundation. We have faith that God has equipped everyone at Little Light House to impact our families and students positively.

## Innovation is what sets

us apart. We aim to continually improve all facets to help grow into an international authority on Early Intervention Special Needs education. **Teamwork** makes the dream work, literally. There are endless possibilities when our teachers, associates, therapists, and staff work together to change our students' lives.

**Excellence** is in anything and everything that we do.

# The Name

We want Little Light House to be a household name. We are clarifying the name to make sure no one confuses us with other organizations. Follow these rules to make sure we are all consistent with the name usage.

# Little Light House

Never capitalize 'The'	⊗	The Little	e Light House
Never combine 'Lighthouse'	⊗	Little Lighthouse	
Never lowercase all	⊗	little light house	
Never uppercase all	⊗	LITTLE LIGHT HOUSE	
Never broken into two lines or hyphenated	⊗	Little Light House	Little Light- House

## VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Little Light House (LLH) is to be an internationally recognized authority on the early childhood education of children with special needs, thereby having the ability to positively impact their lives and the lives of those around them on a global scale.

# Design

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## Logo

The LLH logo consists of two elements; **the badge and the wordmark.** It is an instantly recognizable element and should be represented consistently throughout all marketing efforts.

To maximize design there are options on how to use the logo shown further in this guide.







### **The Lockup**

The lockup is the full LLH logo where both the Badge and Wordmark come together to create a distinctive and recognizable symbol.



## The Badge

The badge is used as a standalone brand element, as well as part of the logo. By doing this it creates a strong brand symbol.



## Secondary Lockup

The secondary logo can be used anywhere as long as it fits the design better than the main lockup.

## **Logo** Location Lockup

When needing to specify which location you are, include a location tag to the bottom right of the logo, as shown here. Specific font size, color, and typeface can be found on the "Typeface" page.



# Little Light House













# **Logo** Do Not's

Never manipulate the logo badge or lockup in anyway that differs from the correct ways show on the previous spread.

## DO NOT

- tilt
- stack the lettering
- squish or squeeze
- add a dropshadow
- outline the text
- make either part too small
- use a low res file



# Logo Spacing

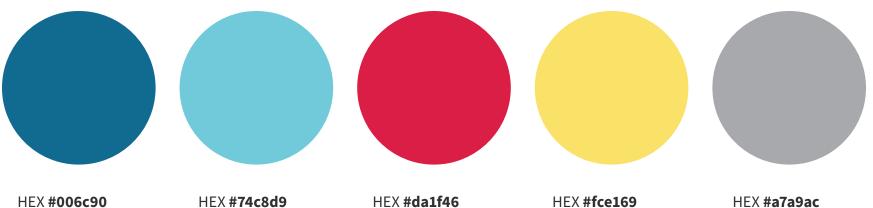
Always give the logo breathing space. Do not cramp it up against other text or other graphics.





# Color

Our brand color palette is meant to connect our marketing communications in order to enhance familiarity and visual recognition. We used muted primary colors to reference our original color palette but create a more inviting color scheme.



HEX **#006c90** RGB **3/108/144** CMYK **90/48/25/10** PMS **7700 C**  HEX **#74c8d9** RGB **114/201/219** CMYK **51/2/13/0** PMS **636 C**  HEX **#da1f46** RGB **218/31/70** CMYK **10/100/72/0** PMS **193 C**  HEX **#fce169** RGB **252/225/105** CMYK **2/8/71/0** PMS **7406 C**  HEX **#a7a9ac** RGB**167/169/172** CMYK **0/0/0/40** PMS **429 C** 

## **Download Adobe Swatches**

# Color Combos







**Little Light House** 



**Little Light House** 









# Typeface

Our typography consists of one typeface, Source Sans Variable.

#### Source Sans Variable

We chose this font because it is clean, professional, and flexible. As you can see to the right, we have laid out how to use the font for specific scenarios. Try to not venture outside of these guides so that all your materials look similar and people can easily read what you are giving to them.

## Fall-back Font

If it is not possible to use our primary font, you can replace it by using Source Sans Pro, but if you are having issues with the primary font please contact LLH Tulsa.

# **Little Light House**

Logo Font - Source Sans Variable Bol / Source Sans Pro Bold

## Foundation, Helping Kids Be Kids

Secondary Logo Font - Source Sans Variable Semi-Bold Italic

TULSA, OKLAHOMA Location Logo Font - Source Sans Variable Regular / 140 Kerning

## **Source Sans Variable Bold**

Heading

## Source Sans Variable Semi-Bold Italic

Sub-Heading

Source Sans Variable Regular Paragraph



## **Usage** Line Heights & Rules for Paragraphs

Always follow a line-height of 135% for paragraphs.

12pt font = 16pt Line-Height

It's also important to keep your paragraph short, sweet, and readable. Separate your sentences in groups of 2-4 so readers do not become overwhelmed by a block of text.

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## Usage Text Lockups

These are examples of how to use the typeface to contrast headings, subheadings, and paragraph text.

Adding contrast between these things makes it easier for the reader to read the content and for you to show what is important.

Most importantly, give your text space to breathe, do not squeeze everything close together. Don't be afraid to delete unnecessary words, adjectives & adverbs, to make text shorter to fit a space.

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# Loren Ipsum

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# Imagery

An image is worth a thousand words. Images used for marketing materials should always show the subject in a positive light.

Always maintain a human element to the photo rather than a "beauty shot". Majority of photos used should show smiles, fun, and excitement.

Do not be afraid to post photos of children not smiling. While we want to portray our students in a positive life, we have to show real life, and real life with a special needs child isn't all smiles.

Taking the time to shoot and edit premium imagery is a win not just for yourself, but for Little Light House as a whole.

## **Editing Tips**

Use bright imagery Bring out primary colors *(Red, Blue, & Yellow)* Clean up food, spit, or messes on children Ensure no distracting or unflattering items in the background.



# Video

Little Light House Tulsa has been blessed by the support of a professional film company called Retrospec Films.

While you can use any of these videos, ensure they are broad and do not apply directly to Tulsa.

Video is a powerful format that can inform and inspire. Be sure that every video created is entertaining, informative, or inspirational.

You don't need expensive equipment to create informative videos. Find videos you like and see the style of shots, how they talk, etc.







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## Language & Copy Tone of Voice

## Fun

We hope to convey how fun it can be to have a child with special needs and how much fun our students have. We know there are hard times but there are so many fun times too.

## Thoughtful

We care about our students, families, donors, staff, and our community and we want our tone to show that.

## Knowledgeable

We are one of the leading institutions for children with special needs and we know that! With 50 years of experience under our belt, we want people to know they can trust us.

### Relatable

We don't want to show the unachievable. We want people to trust us and be able to relate to the families we are helping.

# Fun Thoughtful Relatable Knowledgeable

## **Copy** *Rules and Guidelines*

#### 1. Be friendly

We are inviting people to join a community so talk to them as if they were your friend. No insider language allowed.

#### 2. Be clear, not cute.

Don't overcomplicated a sentence by trying to be cute and entertaining. Be clear and get to the point with facts and Call to Actions.

#### 3. Be positive

While we do need to discuss sad and maybe tragic topics, we need to remain positive in the overarching theme. Never refer to LLH in a negative language. Our audience should never read something from us and feel defeated.

#### 4. Inspire

Inspire our audience to believe that they alone can make a difference. Our audience should feel hopeful and excited to support LLH and help make a difference.

#### 5. No clutter

Remove every word that serves no function: Every long word that can be a short word, "assistance" (help), "numerous" (many), "attempt" (try), every adverb that carries the same meaning that's already in the verb, ("smile happily"), ("tall skyscraper").

## **Copy** *Rules and Guidelines*

#### 6. Punctuation

Don't be afraid to use short sentences. Make sure all sentences are under control from beginning to end so that the reader knows where he/she is at every step of the way. Don't use exclamation points too often unless you are trying to achieve a certain effect and don't use multiple to end a sentence. (!!!!)

#### 7. Contractions

Use contractions. It comes off more personable and fits more comfortably into what you're writing.

#### 8. Avoid overstatements

It's like being trapped in a room with dad who can't stop telling jokes. Don't overstate. The more you overstate, the less the reader is interested and the less they will believe you.

#### 9. People are a who

Remember people should always be refereed to with "who" not "that". As in, "There are thousands of special needs children in the world *who* don't receive therapy."

#### 10. Avoid talking about yourself

Donors don't want to hear about how great Little Light House is, they want to help children with special needs and their families. They want to know how to support them, not Little Light House.

## Social Media **Tips & Tricks**

Keep it short and simple, clear over cute.

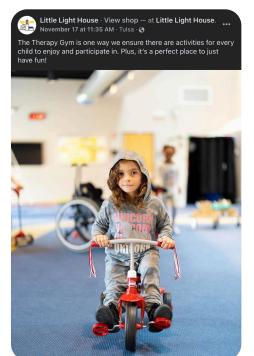
Try to use a vertical image because it takes up more property on someone's screen rather than a horizontal image.

You can use emoji's but don't over do it.

Avoid using links in the caption of a Facebook post. It won't get around as much because of the FB algorithm.

Links don't work on Instagram posts. Instead, create a Linktr.ee account and mention "link in bio" in caption.

Don't over think captions.





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#GivingTuesday is November 30th! While the world is becoming more inclusive, children with special needs are still viewed as less than. It's our goal this #GivingTuesday to help change that narrative We are excited to share two new videos for this campaign with you, so keep an eye out on social media, and we hope you will consider supporting our special needs families on November 30th.





PREMIERE! If you could write a letter to the world, what would it say? What would you ask? As the world becomes more inclusive, children with special needs are still viewed as less than. Take a glimpse into the life of a special needs parent and listen to what her letter to the world says.

Thank you Retrospec Films







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Ilhtulsa Happy 49th birthday to Little Light House! Wish us a happy birthday and keep an eye out for fun events in the future for our 50th!





# Matthew 5:16 11 In the same way, *let your light shine before others*, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.



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