

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Admissions Information and Policies



Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds
and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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PURPOSE AND FOCUS

Mission Statement

The mission of Lighthouse Christian Academy is to partner with Christian parents to provide a biblically integrated and academically excellent education to develop each child's Christ-like character, intellectual ability and physical health to the glory of God.

Vision Statement

LCA is an interdenominational school that glorifies God in supporting Christian families by providing a biblically integrated and academically excellent education. An LCA student will be equipped to impact his world by exhibiting strong, Christian character including service to God and to others, and by demonstrating academic achievement, biblical leadership, and the ability to articulate and defend a Christian worldview in all areas of life.

Core Values

Commitment to God
Commitment to Biblical Truth
Commitment to Support Christian Families
Commitment to Academic Excellence
Commitment to the Overall Development of Students
Commitment to Care for Teachers
Commitment to Stewardship
Commitment to Ministry and Service

Statement of Faith

- We believe the Bible, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the only infallible, inspired and authoritative Word of God.
- We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that God created man, male and female, in His own image.
- We believe that Adam and Eve's disobedience to God brought sin into the world. Man thus alienated himself from God, his neighbor, and the world. All mankind except Jesus Christ are born sinners, have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
- We believe Jesus Christ is the ONLY Savior of sinners, the ONLY way to the Father. Christ died as a substitute for sinners and was raised from the dead so that man could be reconciled to God.
- We believe that eternal life is a gift of God received personally through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. Eternal life is neither deserved by anyone nor can it be earned by good deeds.

- We believe that the Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.
- We believe that the true Church is composed of all persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, are united together in the body of Christ. The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity; where the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced; and where loving fellowship is maintained.
- We believe that God has charged parents with the responsibility of bringing up their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4) Christian schools can be of great assistance to the parents in this crucial task.

Philosophy of Education

The Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA) philosophy of education is based upon the Biblical teaching that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. God, being the only Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, and the only Savior of men otherwise hopelessly lost in sin, being infinite in contrast to the finite limitations of the human intellect, must be at the head and at the core of the educational process for that process to be valid. Since God has revealed Himself in the Incarnate Word (Jesus Christ the Eternal Son) and in the Written Word (the Bible), the knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible becomes the key and the coordinating principle of education that is Christian.

The ultimate goal of all education, according to 1 Corinthians 10:31, is to help man achieve life's purpose: to glorify God and to serve Him in every area of life. The Word of God is the explicit revelation of God and is the primary means by which we pursue the goal of education. In light of this fact, emphasis must be placed on learning and applying the Scriptures during the school day. Christian education should also encourage the student to develop attitudes and behaviors consistent with biblical principles, including the teaching of absolutes that are necessary for making decisions that affect one's relationship to God and interactions with others.

The training and education of children and youth is primarily the responsibility of parents (Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Psalm 78:1-7). LCA assists and supports parents in training up their children in the way they should go, so that when they are old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6). LCA strongly encourages parents to be actively involved by being aware of the process, content, and progress of their children's education. Since the Bible gives primary responsibility to parents to bring up their children in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4), LCA does not replace parents but, rather, acts in cooperation with them. Parents are biblically responsible for the Christian character and behavioral development of their children.

According to Psalm 24:1, all of creation and all its aspects belong to God. In Genesis 1:27-28, we are told that man is created in God's image and is given charge as a

steward of this creation. Because of this, students are to be taught to understand the creation in all its aspects, not as an end in itself, but as a means to knowing and serving God. Hence, an effective education will expose them to the fullness of creation, help them develop fully in every part of their lives, and give them skills necessary to serve God as well as society. Since a true understanding of the world in which we live cannot be gained apart from knowledge of the Creator, all aspects of the curriculum should incorporate a distinctly Christian world and life view, taking into account God's revelation of Himself.

A primary portion of our service to God as outlined in Exodus 20:1-17 and Mark 12:30-31 is to center around loving our neighbors. To this end, a full education must include an emphasis on acquiring and understanding the tools for communication and learning. In addition, students should understand the history and state of the culture within which they will serve God through their dealings with their neighbors. A Christian education should lead to the development of a strong, Christ-like character and a lifestyle of service, displaying the fruit of the Spirit through living in the truth of God's Word and serving our neighbors and the broader society.

LCA takes seriously the responsibility to carefully choose teachers who will support the mission of the school by being exemplary in their craft and in their conduct. LCA is committed to supporting its faculty in carrying out the vision and mission of the school.

ADMISSIONS

Lighthouse Christian Academy accepts students who meet the admissions requirements. The Administration will interview all applicants and parents. Enrollment will be approved or denied at the discretion of the Administration after careful review of the applicant and the admissions materials.

Currently enrolled students and their siblings are given the first opportunity to re-enroll for the following school year, during the Priority Enrollment period. Re-enrollment will not be considered complete until a re-enrollment form is completed, current bills are paid in full and the registration fee is paid.

Waiting Lists

Once a maximum number of students have completed the enrollment process, for a particular grade a waiting list will be started. Acceptance will be granted as spaces become available.

Criteria

1. LCA requires at least one parent to sign the registration or application form giving LCA permission to teach the elements of the Statement of Faith and agreeing to support the school as it encourages and guides the child in applying those doctrines to every day living.
2. Each prospective LCA enrollee, except those applying for kindergarten, must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (4.0 scale) for the last year of academic studies.

3. Each student must demonstrate that he has a history of behavior that would be in accordance with the standards and expectations of LCA.
4. Testing: All applicants must take the admissions test (TerraNova 3 Achievement Test). Additional placement testing may be required. If such testing is required, additional fees may be assessed to the student's family.

Junior and Senior High School:

5. Interview: Each student and his/her parent(s) must meet with the Administration. A part-time student must meet the same admissions standards as a full-time student.
6. Student Portfolio: The Administration will consider all factors relating to each individual part-time student and determine how much of the Student Portfolio requirement must be completed.
7. Transfer of Credits: Approval for transfer credit and their weighting is at the sole discretion of the Administration. As a guideline, a student who transfers in as a senior must earn at least 12 credits from LCA in order to receive a diploma. The Administration may review individual circumstances

Admissions Process

To apply to LCA, please complete and/or provide the following:

1. Completed application with all requested documentation
2. Previous school records including academic, discipline and attendance records
3. Admissions testing and possible placement testing
4. Admissions interview with the candidate and parent(s)
5. Additional information as requested by the Administration

Age Requirements

Kindergarten students must be age 5 by July 1st to enroll in the program. Requests for exception to this requirement must be evaluated by the Administration.

Probation Period for New Students

All new students will be on General Probation Status for their first nine weeks of school. This provides the staff with the opportunity to get to know the students and evaluate any behavioral, social or academic challenges that are not in keeping with the Vision Statement, Mission Statement, or policies established by LCA.

High School Student Policy for Full-time Students

All full-time high school students should be enrolled in a minimum of five subjects per semester. A diploma will be awarded after a student completes 4 years of full-time course work and meets all graduation requirements. All students must pass the Indiana End of Course Graduate Exams and complete the Student Portfolio requirements to receive a diploma. Exceptions in course load will be made on a student by student basis for seniors.

Lighthouse is primarily a college preparatory program. Students will be counseled on course selection and advised on schedule arrangements. Parents should regularly review his or her student's progress towards the completion of graduation requirements.

Part-time or Home School Students in the Junior High and Senior High Programs

LCA offers a part-time option for home-schooled students seeking to supplement their home education. A part-time student must fulfill admissions requirements and may take up to four courses per semester and will pay a per-course fee. Part-time students enrolled at LCA may not graduate or receive a diploma from Lighthouse Christian Academy. Part-time students will receive a transcript for all coursework.

High School Promotion

Grade assignment will be determined in accordance with the number of credits earned each year of High School. A credit is given for earning a passing grade in a course that meets daily for one semester or is completed through an accredited online or secondary level school. All courses are recognized as one credit per semester.

- ❑ **Freshman Level:** Grade 9, have completed 8th grade (0-6 credits)
- ❑ **Sophomore Level:** Grade 10, have completed a minimum of 10 credits including 2 English and 2 Math credits, as approved by the Administration
- ❑ **Junior Level:** Grade 11, have completed a minimum of 20 credits including 4 English and 4 Math credits, as approved by the Administration
- ❑ **Senior Level:** Grade 12, have completed a minimum of 30 credits including 6 English and 4 Math credits, as approved by the Administration

LCA Diploma Tracks

Academic Honors* 52 credits (3.0 GPA)	Technical Honors 51 credits (3.0 GPA)	LCA Academic 47 credits	IDOE Core 40 41 Credits
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STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Lighthouse Christian Academy values each student and the relationship it shares with their parents. Students with special needs and accommodations may be eligible for admission. Special needs may include but are not limited to IEP's, Section 504 Plans, and medical and physical considerations.

Admission to LCA will be determined by the school's ability to provide support and assistance in partnership with the student's parents, and will be considered on an individual basis. Admissions eligibility and placement options will be determined by using the following criteria.

The parent(s)/student will:

1. Provide professional documentation of the student's diagnosis/conditions.

2. Request academic accommodations as well as provide scope and degree of same.
3. Request for medical/physical accommodations and provide scope and degree of same.
4. Establish and maintain effective time management skills and study habits.
5. Maintain required academic standards of progress.
6. Comply with standards of appropriate behavior and social interaction.
7. Commit to established communication processes.
8. Participate in annual conference evaluations.

The Administration and the parents will meet prior to the beginning of the school year to review the agreed upon accommodations. The accommodations in place are to enable the student to meet or exceed the established behavioral and academic standards set forth by LCA. All accommodations agreed upon will be put in writing and used during the annual conference evaluation.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

The Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff, and all of the volunteers of Lighthouse Christian Academy are committed to providing quality, Christian education for our students in keeping with the Vision and Mission Statements. We strive to work closely with parents in an open and caring atmosphere, an atmosphere that emphasizes God's love and His holiness, for the benefit of each child whom God has placed here.

God gives parents the responsibility of teaching their children. At LCA, our desire is to help you with this task. When your child is accepted into Lighthouse Christian Academy, we will work diligently, honestly, and biblically with your family to help your child's abilities, positive behavior, and talents develop to their fullest. This partnership of home and school creates a stable, nurturing environment in which to prepare your child successfully for this life and the life to come.

Non-discriminatory Policy

Lighthouse Christian Academy admits students of any race, color and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, tuition assistance and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.