

# Admissions Information and Policies 2017-2018



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

Matthew 5:16

**LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, INC.**

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## **Mission Statement**

The mission of Lighthouse Christian Academy, Inc. 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 (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- We believe there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons, God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19-20).
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:1, 14; Colossians 2:9), in His virgin birth (Matthew 1:23), in His sinless life (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15), in His miracles (John 2:11, 20:30-31), in His atoning death through His shed blood (1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 John 2:2), in His bodily resurrection (Acts 2:32), in His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Luke 22:69), and in His personal return in power and glory (Matthew 16:27; Acts 1:11; Revelation 22:12).
- We believe that God created man, male and female, in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19:4). It pleased God to create man two distinct biological sexes, male and female, and each man bears the life-long responsibility of confessing and fulfilling God's law and purpose for the biological sex which God alone unalterably assigned him at the moment of conception (Deuteronomy 22:5; Psalm 139:13-16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- We believe that Adam and Eve's disobedience to God brought sin into the world (Genesis 3; Romans 5:14-21). Man thus alienated himself from God, his neighbor, and the world (Isaiah 59:2; Colossians 1:21). All mankind except Jesus Christ are sinners, have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:9-20).

- We believe Jesus Christ is the ONLY Savior of sinners, the ONLY way to the Father (John 3:16, 14:6). Christ died as a substitute for sinners and was raised from the dead so that man could be reconciled to God (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- We believe that eternal life is a gift of God received personally through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone (John 3:16; Acts 16:14). Eternal life is neither deserved by anyone nor can it be earned by good deeds (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- We believe that the Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts (John 3:3-8). He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior (1 Corinthians 2:11-14). Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service (Romans 8:14). He instructs and guides us into all truth (John 16:13), and seals us for the day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30).
- 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 (Romans 12:4-5; Ephesians 2:19-22). The Church finds her visible, yet imperfect, expression in local congregations where the Word of God is preached in its purity (2 Timothy 4:2); where the sacraments of Baptism (Acts 2:38; Matthew 28:19) and the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:23-26) are administered in their integrity; where scriptural discipline is practiced (Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-5); and where loving fellowship is maintained (Acts 2:42).
- We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.
- 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.

### **Biblical Lifestyle**

The Bible prohibits specific behaviors and limits marriage to a covenant relationship between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:21-25; Ephesians 5:22-33). LCA will instruct students in these teachings. Behaviors prohibited in the Bible include, but are not limited to:

- Heterosexual activity outside of one man-one-woman marriage. For example, premarital sex, cohabitation, or adultery (John 8:1-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Hebrews 13:4);
- Homosexual or bisexual activity or any form of sexual immorality (Romans 1:21-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20);

- Practicing alternate gender identity or any other identity or behavior that violates God's ordained distinctions between the two sexes, male and female (Genesis 1:26-27; Deuteronomy 22:5);
- Sexual harassment, use or viewing of pornographic material or websites (Psalm 101:2-3; Matthew 7:12, Ephesians 5:3);
- Sexual abuse or improprieties toward minors as defined by Scripture and federal or state law (Matthew 18:5-6; Luke 18:15);
- Drunkenness or the use of illicit drugs (Ephesians 5:18, Romans 13:13-14);
- The use of vulgar and profane language (Ephesians 4:29, 5:4; Colossians 3:8);
- Deceit- Deliberately falsifying materials or misrepresenting facts by lying (Matthew 5:33-37);
- Theft- The act of stealing (Exodus 20:15, Ephesians 4:28);
- Any illegal activity (Romans 13:1-5).

In situations in which the home life violates these standards, LCA reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to refuse admission of an applicant or to discontinue enrollment of a student.

### **Philosophy of Education**

The Lighthouse Christian Academy, Inc. (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, being the only Savior of men otherwise hopelessly lost in sin, and 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, Inc. (hereinafter Lighthouse Christian Academy or LCA) considers students who meet the admissions criteria. Enrollment will be approved or denied at the discretion of the Admissions Team after careful consideration of the interview and the admissions materials.

### **Criteria**

1. LCA requires at least one parent to sign the 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 these doctrines to everyday living.
2. Each prospective middle school/high school enrollee should have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (4.0 scale) or a "C" average 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. All applicants must take an admissions test. Additional placement testing may be required.
5. Interview: Each student and his parents/guardians must meet with the Admissions Team prior to acceptance for admission.
6. Transfer of Credits: Approval for transfer credits 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.

Transfer students will have their prior course work evaluated for credit at the time of enrollment. All evidence of work or credits earned at another school or college will be considered for acceptance based on an official transcript authenticated by the proper school authority. Scholastic work accomplished through homeschooling will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis upon receipt of an official transcript.

Only grades achieved while enrolled at LCA will be included in the student's LCA cumulative grade point average. Grades and credits for other classes will appear on the student's transcript under the name of the issuing institution and will be credited toward graduation requirements and overall GPA.

## **Admissions Process**

To apply at LCA the following must be completed:

1. 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)/guardian(s)
5. Additional information as requested by the Admissions Team

## **Age Requirements**

Kindergarten students must be age 5 by August 1<sup>st</sup> to enroll in the program. Requests for exception to this requirement must be in writing and will be evaluated by the Admissions Team.

## **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**

All high school students are expected to enroll in a minimum of five subjects per semester. A diploma will be awarded after a student completes 4 years of full-time course work. All students must pass the Indiana Graduation Assessment and complete the Student Portfolio requirements to receive a diploma.

Lighthouse Christian Academy, Inc. prepares students for college and life through an academically-rigorous education with a biblically-integrated worldview. Students will be counseled on course selection and advised on schedule arrangements. Parents/guardians should regularly review their student's progress toward the completion of graduation requirements.

## **Part-time or Home-school Students in the Middle and High School Programs**

Lighthouse Christian Academy's Middle and High School programs are designed to be taken in their entirety by full-time students. It is an important component of our providing a Christian education. Therefore Lighthouse does not enroll part-time students.

LCA understands that home-school parents may desire their students to take courses at LCA. We encourage home-schooled students to supplement their home education by taking advantage of educational opportunities at LCA. Qualified students can audit courses subject to availability and space. No transcript will be provided but documentation of course performance will be provided by the teacher at the end of the term to be used as part of the student's home-school transcript. Students auditing courses are not considered enrolled LCA students for any purposes. Auditing students agree to follow and be bound by all school policies in effect at the time auditing begins.

## 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, completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade (0-6 credits)
- ❑ **Sophomore Level:** Grade 10, completed a minimum of 12 credits including 2-English and 2-Math credits
- ❑ **Junior Level:** Grade 11, completed a minimum of 24 credits including 4-English and 4-Math credits
- ❑ **Senior Level:** Grade 12, completed a minimum of 36 credits including 6-English and 4-Math credits

## SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY

LCA welcomes the opportunity to provide Christian education to students with documented disabilities. However, LCA does not have a formal or separate special needs program. We have limitations on the level of accommodations that can be reasonably supported by our school.

We will work with Christian parents of prospective students to assess what accommodations might be provided or supported by the School. We will also work with parents to see what additional resources can be provided by the local public school district or by the parents.

Any proposed accommodations must be documented by proper written assessments from appropriate professional diagnosticians. The parents will be presented with a letter outlining what reasonable accommodations LCA would be able to provide or support.

Even with reasonable accommodations, LCA special needs students will be mainstreamed in a regular classroom setting and be expected to make demonstrated academic progress consistent with the child's cohort.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Lighthouse Christian Academy has been approved by the Department of Homeland Security to issue I-20's to International Students. Students must be accepted through the normal admissions process. In addition, they must take a language proficiency test. International students must have sufficient proficiency in English to function in regular LCA classes. For more information please contact Dewayne Pinkney at (812)824-2000 ext. 127 or [dewayne.pinkney@mylca.net](mailto:dewayne.pinkney@mylca.net)

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

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The Board of Trustees, administrators, faculty, and staff of Lighthouse Christian Academy, Inc. 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, Inc., 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, Inc. 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, or 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.*