

Lakeland Christian School

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SCHOOL PROFILE

2016-2017

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Keith Overholt, Secondary Principal;

Darren Copeland, Assistant High School Principal; Scott Cunningham, Assistant Middle School Principal

The School

Lakeland Christian School is located on a twenty-seven acre campus in the heart of Lakeland, Florida (Polk County). The school was established in 1954. It continues to operate as a non-denominational Christian school governed by an independent Board of Directors. Enrolling students of various abilities, the school exists to provide a challenging academic program that includes a biblical perspective on life and learning.

Accreditations

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)
Florida Kindergarten Council (FKC)

Associations

Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (FAANS)
Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA)
Florida Vocal Association (FVA)
Florida School Music Association (FSMA)

The Student Body

Lakeland Christian School provides classes for students in four-year-old kindergarten through grade twelve. Total school enrollment at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year was 1075. The elementary school enrollment, which includes K4 through grade five, is 423. Secondary school enrollment in grades six through twelve is 652. There are 83 students in the senior class. School families represent over 170 different local churches. The student body is made up of a cross section of social and economic groups.

Faculty

The men and women who comprise the Lakeland Christian School faculty are Christian teachers who desire to help students learn from a biblical perspective. They come from a wide variety of educational backgrounds and work together to help prepare students for life. There are 6 administrators, 31 elementary, 50 secondary, and 6 part-time faculty members. Teachers are required to maintain current professional certification in their fields. Thirty-eight percent of the faculty hold master's degrees. Forty one percent of the teachers have taught at Lakeland Christian School for ten years or more. Overall student to faculty ratio is 15:1.

Elementary Curriculum

In grades 1-5 we offer an accelerated program and flexible grouping. In lower elementary, students are placed in clusters and have a main academic teacher. In upper elementary, students are placed in a homeroom and will attend a math and reading class which is appropriate to the students ability level. Students with mild learning disabilities are assisted by certified teachers in the Special Programs Department. Students participate in Open Court or the Foundations and Framework reading program. These programs provide extensive instruction in reading by using literature to develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving, and written expression. The K4-K5 students begin to picture numbers in their minds as they "play with numbers" and increase their number sense. Primary Mathematics or "Singapore Math" is used to equip our 1st—5th graders with a strong understanding of mathematics and critical thinking skills. Rocket Math is used to increase math fact fluency and automaticity. Social Studies and inquiry-based science are taught in every grade. K4/K5 students visit the Fab Lab to participate in literature-based hands-on science activities. 1st through 5th graders complete science labs in the wonder room. Classes in art, music, physical education, Spanish, and library skills are also offered for essential components of child development. Electives for 4th and 5th grade include Spanish, choir, bell chimes and missions. 5th grade may also participate in band.

Middle School Curriculum

The middle school program encourages character development and focuses on biblical principles for building life relationships during this time of physical and emotional change. The curriculum reinforces the basics of the elementary program and prepares students for the rigors of high school academics. Math, science, language arts, social studies, Bible, and physical education are taught at each level. A unique program which begins in middle school is the RISE Institute with its focus on STEM learning and the INTEL research model for enrichment in science and engineering. Student electives include band, choir, piano, rise, Spanish, music, computer, journalism, living skills and art. The middle school teachers integrate technology in the daily instructional program. This is enhanced through a one to one iPad program.

High School Curriculum

Although the high school program offers both general and college preparatory diplomas, over 90% of the students choose a college preparatory track. Curricular offerings include Advanced Placement, honors and dual enrollment courses. Available electives include computer, art, drafting/AutoCAD, criminal justice system, intro to healthcare profession, western civilization, and journalism. All students must be enrolled in six academic subjects each semester. One credit is equivalent to 36 weeks of instruction consisting of five, 47-minute periods per week. All courses are divided by semester. Core academic classes have comprehensive exams each semester.

Graduation Requirements

Students receiving a College Preparatory Diploma must earn 26 credits: 4 units of English; 4 units of mathematics (Algebra I and above); 3 units of science (with lab component); 4 units of social studies (including U.S. History, World History, Government, and Economics); 2 units of foreign language; 4 units of Bible; 2 units of physical education (including Life Management Skills and Personal Fitness); 1 unit in performing arts; and 2 elective units.

Students receiving a general diploma must earn 24 credits. Graduation requirements are similar to the College Preparatory Diploma with the following exceptions. Only one unit in foreign language is required; four math credits must be earned including Algebra I and Geometry. Only one additional elective is required.

Grading Scale and Class Rank

All courses are used in computing the Grade Point Average. Students in grades 9-12 are ranked on a weighted, cumulative G.P.A. Advance Placement and Dual Enrollment courses are awarded an additional quality point. Honors and Dual Enrollment courses receive an additional 1.0 quality point. The range of percentages and quality points are listed below:

Grading Scale Prior to 2013-14

		Regular	Honors	AP/DE
A	100-90	4.0	4.5	5.0
B	89-80	3.0	3.5	4.0
C	79-70	2.0	2.5	3.0
D	69-60	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	59-00	0.0	0.0	0.0

Grading Scale Beginning 2013-14

		Regular	Honors	AP/DE
A+	100-98	4.2	4.7	5.2
A	97-93	4.1	4.6	5.1
A-	92-90	4.0	4.5	5.0
B+	89-88	3.2	3.7	4.2
B	87-83	3.1	3.6	4.1
B-	82-80	3.0	3.5	4.0

		Regular	Honors	AP/DE
C+	79-78	2.2	2.7	3.2
C	77-73	2.1	2.6	3.1
C-	72-70	2.0	2.5	3.0
D+	69-68	1.2	1.7	2.2
D	67-63	1.1	1.6	2.1
D-	62-60	1.0	1.5	2.0
F	59-00	0	0	0

Testing

All Lakeland Christian School students take the Pre-ACT test in their sophomore year and the PSAT in their junior year. All seniors earning a College Prep Diploma must take both the SAT and ACT and meet minimum test score requirements. Students earning a general diploma are required to take either the SAT or ACT. Average scores for the 2016 LCS graduates are listed below.

Tests	LCS Students	National Average	Florida Average	LCS College Prep Students
SAT Verbal	502	494	481	521
SAT Math	505	508	475	528
SAT Writing	490	482	462	510
SAT Total	1497	1484	1418	1558

ACT Composite	21.7	20.8	19.9	24.1
ACT English	21.6	20.1	18.9	24.3
ACT Math	21.4	20.6	19.5	23.9
ACT Reading	22.2	21.3	21.1	23.6

Student Activities Program

Lakeland Christian School's athletic program offers opportunities for participation in a wide range of sports for both boys and girls. Currently, there are thirty-one competitive teams in twelve different sports. A complete vocal and instrumental music program is also provided. A unique piano program offers private lessons for students in second through twelfth grade. A keyboard lab is also utilized by students. Other extracurricular activities offer leadership opportunities through The National Honor Society, Math, English, Music, Science and Foreign Language Honor Societies, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, school publications, drama, and on-campus clubs. A special event for seniors each year is a six-day class mission trip.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS

BIBLE

Bible 9- New Testament Survey
Bible 10-Church History/Doctrine
Bible 11-Bible Study Methods/Life Calling
Greek
Bible 12- Apologetics/Implications of Christianity

SOCIAL STUDIES

American Government (Semester)
Honors American Gov. (Semester)
AP Government (Semester)
World History
Honors World History
AP World History
United States History
Dual Enrollment United States History
AP U.S. History
Economics (Semester)
World Cultures
Psychology (Semester)
Sociology (Semester)
Dual Enrollment Western Civilization I and II

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Latin I
Honors Latin II
Spanish I, II
Honors Spanish I
Honors Spanish II
Honors Spanish III
AP Spanish

LANGUAGE ARTS

English I, English I Honors
English II, English II Honors
English III, English III Honors
English IV, English IV Honors
AP English Literature
AP English Language

SCIENCE

Physics
Biology, Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry I
AP Chemistry
Honors Physiology
Marine Biology
Honors Physics
AP Environmental Science
RISE—Honors Experimental Science
Forensic Science

MATH

Algebra I, II
Honors Algebra II
Honors and Dual Enrollment Statistics
Geometry
Honors Geometry
Honors and Dual Enrollment Pre-calculus
Liberal Arts Math I
Liberal Arts Math II
AP Calculus AB
Math for College Readiness
Honors Algebra I (8th grade)

PERFORMING/ FINE ARTS

AP Music Theory
Art I, II, III-Honors
AP Art 2D, 3D, & Drawing
Band
Honors Band
Concert Chorus
Honors Chorus
Honors Ensemble
Drama
Piano & Voice Lessons
Guitar
Music Composition
Drafting I
Auto CAD II, III, IV
Graphic Design
Fabric Construction (Semester)
Dual Enrollment Speech (Semester)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Team Sports
Life Management Skills (Semester)
Personal Fitness (Semester)
Weight Training

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Driver's Education (Semester)
Honors Journalism
Journalism
Honors Yearbook
Yearbook
Personal Finance (Semester)
Food Preparation (Semester)
Computing for College and Career
RISE—Honors Leadership and Entrepreneurship/Medical
Dual Enrollment American Justice System
Dual Enrollment American Court System

FACILITIES

ACADEMIC

57 Classrooms
Science Lab
Life Science Lab
2 Computer Labs
Choral Music Room
Piano Studio/Keyboard Lab
Library
Art Studio
Cafeteria/Auditorium
Fully-equipped Stage
Home Economics Lab
Special Programs Center
Outdoor Learning Amphitheatre

EARLY CHILDHOOD

EDUCATION CENTER

K4 Complex (2 Classrooms)
K5 Complex (4 Classrooms)
K4/K5 Playground
Assembly Area

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2 Elementary Playgrounds
Baseball Field
Football/Soccer Stadium/Artificial Turf
Physical Education/Practice Field

ACTIVITY CENTER

Gym (2 full-length courts)
Physical Education Locker Room
Weight Room
Band Room
Aerobics Room

College Acceptance

Ninety-five percent of the Class of 2016 and approximately 95% of all Lakeland Christian School graduates have pursued post-secondary education in schools across America. More than 85% of each graduating class plan to attend four-year colleges. The following colleges and universities are representative of those which have accepted graduates of Lakeland Christian School during the last ten years:

Abraham Baldwin College	Furman University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Art Institute of Tampa	Geneva College	Simmons College
Anderson University	George Washington University	Southeastern University
Appalachian State University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Southern College
Asbury University	Georgia Southern University	Stetson University
Auburn University	Georgia Southwestern University	Tallahassee Community College
Baptist College of Florida	Gordon College	Temple University
Baylor University	Hillsborough Community College	Tennessee Tech University
Belmont College	Houghton College	The Citadel
Berry College	Indiana Wesleyan College	The King's College
Bethany Lutheran College	Jacksonville University	The Master's College
Bethune Cookmon University	Johns Hopkins University	Toccoa Falls College
Biola University	Keiser University	Trinity College
Bob Jones University	Lake Sumter State College	Trinity International University
Brevard Community College	Lancaster Bible College	Trevecca Nazarene University
Bryan College	Lee University	Troy State University
Carson-Newman College	Le Tourneau University	US Air Force Academy
Cedarville University	Liberty University	University of Alabama
Charleston Southern University	Louisiana College	University of Central Florida
Clemson University	Louisiana State University	University of Colorado
College of Charleston	MidAmerica Nazarene University	University of Florida
Columbia International University	Mercer University	University of Maryland
Cornell College	Messiah College	University of Miami
Concordia University	Middle Tennessee State	University of Mississippi
Covenant College	Middle Georgia College	University of Mobile
Davidson College	Mississippi College	University of North Florida
DePaul University	Mississippi State University	University of South Carolina
Eckerd College	Moody Bible Institute	University of South Florida
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Montreat College	University of Tampa
Emory University	New College of Florida	University of Tennessee
Erskine College	North Greenville University	University of Virginia
Evangel University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	Valdosta State University
Faulkner University	Pensacola Christian College	Valencia Community College
Flagler College	Penn State College	Vanderbilt University
Florida Atlantic University	Philadelphia Biblical University	Wake Forest University
Florida Gulf Coast University	Polk State College	Warner University
Florida Christian College	Reinhardt University	Washington and Lee University
Florida Institute of Technology	Rollins College	Webber International University
Florida International University	St. Leo University	West Virginia Wesleyan
Florida Polytechnic University	Santa Fe College	Western Carolina University
Florida Southern College	Sewanee: University of the South	Wheaton College
Florida State University	Samford University	Word of Life Bible Institute

Statement of Mission

The mission of Lakeland Christian School is to educate students in the light of God's word to equip them for a lifetime of learning, leadership, service, and worship.

Vision Statement

To be a Christian school of influence, characterized by academic excellence and caring community.

