The School

About

La Lumiere School is a private, independent boarding and day school founded in 1963 and located in La Porte, Indiana. The school is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and The Association of Boarding Schools, and is accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States.

Mission

At La Lumiere, we form character, cultivate scholarship, and explore faith to grow into more complete versions of ourselves.

Distinctions and Signature Programs

Students are able to hold formal office through the Prefect Leadership Program, which offers positions in student life, admissions, service, spiritual life, residential life, and athletics. Prefects are vetted through a series of intensive peer and faculty interviews, and the Head Prefect is considered through interviews and a student body vote. The Office of Student Leadership also provides extensive support for students who want to serve the La Lumiere community through other means, including working side-by-side with students who are interested in developing special academic and co-curricular programming according to their talents and interests.

Portfolios Writing Program

The English department emphasizes students' growth as writers through a portfolio program. All freshmen take Introduction to Literature and Composition, all sophomores take Literature and Composition, and juniors and seniors take two semester-long seminars of their choice, one in writing and one in literature. As the culminating project in each of these courses, students select their best writing, make revisions, and submit it to their portfolio. To observe their own growth, underclassmen complete written portfolio reflections, while upperclassmen present their selection and process to their peers.

Ethics

Ethics is a senior capstone class that emphasizes social and critical engagement in contemporary ethical issues. This is accomplished by inspiring moral action through experiential awareness of ethical injustices and by developing relevant skills through exposure to logic and Socratic dialogue. The intention of the class is to encourage students to be confident in social dialogue as citizens and individuals on important issues of meaning, morality, and character.

International Study and Service Programs

La Lumiere offers academic and service travel programs during school breaks to various locations around the globe. In the past, these trips have included the Czech Republic, England, Nicaragua, Spain, and Taiwan. Travel programs are designed to provide students with rich cultural and/or linguistic immersion experience. The trip to Nicaragua is a spring break tradition that centers around service through a partnership with Fabretto Children's Foundation in Managua.

Community Service

La Lumiere believes that selfless giving and understanding the needs of one's broader community are integral parts of character formation. We aim to cultivate among our students a willingness and desire to serve, and require participation in community service for graduation.

Co-Curricular Activities

La Lumiere students participate in one co-curricular activity per season. Of these activities, students are required to participate in at least one team activity and one athletic activity per year. Students may choose from a variety of sports teams or offerings in art, music, fitness, Science Olympiad, Academic Decathlon, and Academic Super Bowl.
Grade Distribution by Percentage of Students

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GPA Range

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Class of 2020 Unweighted Grade Point Averages

Highest GPA: 4.23 | Mean GPA: 3.46

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Class of 2019 Standardized Test Ranges

Graduation Requirements

Math

4 credits required
Students must take a math class each semester

CORE OPTIONS

- Algebra 1 - REQUIRED
- Algebra 2 - REQUIRED (Honors available)
- Geometry - REQUIRED (Honors available)
- Finite Mathematics
- Precalculus (Honors available)
- Statistics
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Statistics

Science

3 credits required

CORE OPTIONS

- Biology - REQUIRED
- Chemistry - RECOMMENDED (Honors available)
- Physics - RECOMMENDED
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Ecology
- Advanced Biology (Honors)
- Advanced Chemistry (Honors)
- Biochemistry (Honors)
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2

Social Science

3 credits required
Students must take a World History and US History

CORE OPTIONS

- World History 1 (ESL Available)
- World History 2 or AP World History
- US History or AP US History
- Economics (1 semester)
- Government (1 semester)
- AP Comparative Government
- AP Psychology
- AP US Government

English

4 credits required
Students must take an English class each semester

CORE OPTIONS

- 9th Grade: Introduction to Literature and Composition
- 10th Grade: Literature and Composition
- 11th-12th Grade: Combination of Literature and Writing One-Semester Courses
- AP English Literature and Composition

World Languages

Students must reach the third level of a non-native language

LANGUAGE OPTIONS

- French: 1, 2, 3, 4, AP French Language
- Latin: 1, 2, 3, 4 (Honors), AP French Language
- Spanish: 1, 2, 3, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature

Creative Arts

Class of 2020: 0.5 credit required
Class of 2021 and beyond: 1 credit required

CORE OPTIONS

- Foundations of Art (1 semester)
- Introduction to Drama (1 semester)
- Music Appreciation (1 semester)
- Art Studio 2-D / 3-D
- Advanced Art Studio (Honors)
- Choir
- Jazz Band

Theology/Philosophy

1.5 credits required
Students must take Ethics in 12th grade

CORE OPTIONS

- Biblical Literacy (1 semester)
- World Religions (1 semester)
- Ethics - REQUIRED

Other

0.5 credit required
Students must take Health/Wellness
La Lumiere graduates from 2016 through 2019 enrolled at the following colleges and universities. **Bold indicates matriculation for the Class of 2019.**

Aquinas College  
**Arizona State University**  
Art Center College of Design  
**Ball State University**  
**Bard College**  
Becker College  
**Belmont University**  
Beloit College  
Boston College  
Bradley University  
**Butler University**  
Central Michigan University  
Colby College  
Colgate University  
Colorado College  
Columbia College Chicago  
Columbia University  
Columbus College of Art & Design  
Cornell University  
Creighton University  
**Denison University**  
DePaul University  
DePauw University  
**College of DuPage**  
Duquesne University  
Earlham College  
Eastern Illinois University  
Eastern Michigan University  
Eckerd College  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
Fordham University  
**Franklin Pierce University**  
**The George Washington University**  
Hillsdale College  
Indiana State University  
**Indiana University at Bloomington**  
Indiana University-Purdue University  
Indianapolis  
Iowa State University  
Ivy Tech State College  
John Carroll University  
Kalamazoo College  
Kent State University  
Lake Forest College  
Leiden University College The Hague  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
Malone University  
**Manchester University**  
Marquette University  
**Met Film School (London)**  
Miami University (OH)  
**Michigan State University**  
Montana State University  
Northeastern University  
**Oxford College of Emory University**  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Principia College  
Purdue Polytechnic South Bend  
**Purdue University**  
**Purdue University Northwest**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Robert Gordon University  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Saint Mary's College  
Saint Xavier University  
**San Jose State University**  
**Savannah College of Art and Design**  
Stetson University  
Stony Brook University  
Texas Christian University  
**Tulane University**  
Union College  
United States Military Academy - Army  
University at Buffalo, SUNY  
**University of Alabama**  
University of Arizona  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Cincinnati  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
**University of Dayton**  
University of Florida  
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
**University of Kentucky**  
University of Louisville  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
**University of Missouri, Columbia**  
University of Nebraska  
**University of Notre Dame**  
University of Oklahoma  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Rochester  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of South Carolina  
University of Southern California  
University of St. Andrews  
**University of Sydney**  
University of Texas, Austin  
**University of Washington**  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Valparaiso University  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Western Michigan University  
Wilmington University  
Xavier University  
Yale University