

# Lakeland Christian School

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## SCHOOL PROFILE 2009-2010

Headmaster – **Dr. Mike Sligh**

**Fred Wiechmann**, Elementary Principal; **Luci O’Byrne**, Primary Grades Principal;  
**Wayne Shimko**, Secondary Principal; **Darren Copeland**, High School Assistant Principal;  
**Keith Overholt**, Middle School Assistant 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 CASI)  
Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)  
Florida Kindergarten Council

#### Associations:

Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (FAANS)  
Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA)  
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 2009-2010 school year was 1,074. The elementary school enrollment, which includes K4 through grade five, is 451. Secondary school enrollment in grades six through twelve is 623. There are 74 students in the senior class. School families represent over 140 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, 25 elementary, 42 secondary, and 8 part-time faculty members and 6 piano teachers. Teachers are required to maintain current professional certification in their fields. Twenty-two percent of the faculty holds master’s degrees. Twenty-eight 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

Students in the Elementary School are taught in self-contained classrooms. Team teaching is utilized in grades four and five. Bible is a core subject in grades K4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students participate in the Foundations and Framework reading program. This is an extensive instructional reading program that uses literature to develop skills in critical thinking, problem solving, and written expression. The Kindergarten through second grade teachers utilize Saxon Phonics with grammar and creative writing. The math curriculum supports mastery of math skills, understanding of concepts, and integration of problem solving. Social studies and inquiry-based science are the other academic subjects. An elementary computer lab is utilized weekly by each class for reinforcement of academic competencies and computer skills. Classes in art, music, physical education, Spanish, and library skills are also essential components of child development. Students are tested annually using the Stanford Achievement Tests. Students with mild learning disabilities are assisted by certified teachers in the Special Programs Department.

### 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 changes. The curriculum reinforces that 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. Advanced courses in math and science are offered. Student electives include band, choir, piano, and a wheel program that includes Spanish, computer, careers, and art.

## **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 and honors courses. Available electives include computer, art, drafting/AutoCAD, home economics, music, 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. Except for designated semester courses, credits and grades are based on yearly averages.

## **Graduation Requirements**

Students receiving a College Preparatory Diploma must earn 26 credits: 4 units of English; 3 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 practical arts or fine arts; and 3 elective units. Students in the class of 2011 will need 4 math credits and 1 credit in performing arts.

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; math credits must be earned in Algebra I and two general math courses; and only two additional elective credits are required. Students in the class of 2011 will need 4 math credits and 1 credit in performing arts.

## **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. Advanced Placement courses are awarded an additional quality point. Honors courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point. The range of percentages and quality points are listed below:

Letter Grade	Percentage Range	Quality Point Scale		
		Regular	Honors	Advanced Placement
A	100-90%	4.00	4.50	5.00
B	89-80%	3.00	3.50	4.00
C	79-70%	2.00	2.50	3.00
D	69-60%	1.00	1.50	2.00
F	59-0%	0.00	0.00	0.00

## **Testing**

All Lakeland Christian School students take the PLAN 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. Students earning a general diploma are required to take either the SAT or ACT. Average scores of LCS students are listed below:

	All LCS Students	LCS Students College Prep Diploma	National Average	Florida Average
Class of 2009				
SAT Verbal	543	550	501	497
SAT Math	523	541	515	498
SAT Total	1066	1091	1016	995
SAT Writing	528	546	493	480
Class of 2009				
ACT Composite	LCS Students 25.2	National Average 21.1	Florida Average 19.5	

## **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, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, school publications, drama, and eighteen 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/  
 World Religions, Greek  
 Bible 12 - Biblical World View

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

English I, English I Honors  
 English II, English II Honors  
 English III, English III Honors  
 English IV, English IV Honors  
 Adv. Placement English Literature  
 Adv. Placement English Language  
 Basic English  
 Journalism, Yearbook

**SCIENCE**

Physical Science  
 Biology, Honors Biology  
 Adv. Placement Biology  
 Honors Chemistry I  
 Honors Chemistry II  
 Honors Physiology  
 Marine Biology  
 Honors Physics  
 Environmental Science

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

Am. Government (semester)  
 World History  
 Honors World History  
 United States History  
 Adv. Placement U.S. History (semester)  
 Economics (semester)  
 Adv. Placement Economics  
 World Geography (semester)  
 Contemporary History  
 Psychology (semester)  
 Sociology (semester)

**MATH**

Algebra IA, IB  
 Algebra I, II  
 Honors Algebra II  
 Informal Geometry  
 Geometry  
 Liberal Arts Math  
 Adv. Topics in Math  
 Pre-calculus Honors  
 Adv. Placement Calculus AB  
 Statistics Honors

**PRACTICAL ARTS**

Computer I, II  
 Mechanical Drawing I  
 AutoCAD I, II, III  
 Home Economics  
 Graphic Design (semester)  
 Practical Keyboarding Skills

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Latin I  
 Honors Latin II  
 Spanish I, II  
 Honors Spanish II  
 Honors Spanish III  
 Honors Spanish IV  
 Adv. Placement Spanish

**PERFORMING/FINE ARTS**

Adv. Placement Music Theory  
 Art I, II, III  
 Adv. Placement Art 2-D  
 Band  
 Band Honors  
 Concert Chorus  
 Honors Chorus  
 Drama  
 Piano  
 Public Speaking

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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

**GENERAL ELECTIVE**

Driver's Education

**Facilities****ACADEMIC**

57 Classrooms  
 Science Lab  
 2 Computer Labs  
 Mobile Computer Lab  
 Choral Music Room  
 Piano Studios/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)  
 Kindergarten Playground  
 Assembly Room

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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

**ACTIVITY CENTER**

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

## **College Acceptance**

Ninety-four percent of the Class of 2009 and approximately 95% of all Lakeland Christian School graduates have pursued post-secondary education in schools across America. More than 78% of this graduating class plans 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 Agriculture College	Florida State University	Savannah College of Art & Design
Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale	Florida Southern College	Santa Fe Community College
American University	Fullsail	Samford University
Anderson College	Furman University	Southeastern University
Appalachian State University	Garner Webb University	Southern College
Auburn University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Stetson University
Baptist College of Florida	Guilford College	Tennessee Tech University
Baylor University	Georgia Southern	Texas Christian University
Belmont College	Harding University	The Kings College
Berry College	Hillsborough Comm. College	The Master's College
Bob Jones University	Houghton College	Thiel College
Brenau University	Indiana Wesleyan College	Toccoa Falls College
Brevard Community College	Johnson Bible College	Trinity College
Bryan College	Lafayette College	Trevecca Nazarene University
Butler University	Lancaster Bible College	Troy State University
Calvin College	Lee University	US Air Force Academy
Campbell University	Liberty University	University of Alabama
Carson-Newman	Louisiana College	University of Central Florida
Cedarville University	Louisiana State University	University of Colorado
Charleston Southern University	Mars Hill College	University of Florida
Clearwater Christian College	Mid America Nazarene Univ.	University of Maryland
Clemson University	Mercer University	University of Miami
College of Charleston	Messiah College	University of Mobile
Columbia International University	Middle Tennessee State	University of North Florida
Cornell College	Milligan College	University of South Carolina
Cornerstone University	Mississippi College	University of South Florida
Concordia University	Mississippi State	University of Tampa
Covenant College	Moody Bible Institute	University of Tennessee
Davidson College	Montreat College	Valencia Community College
Eckerd College	North Greenville University	Vanderbilt University
Emory University	Palm Beach Atlantic College	Wake Forest University
Erskine College	Penn State University	Warner Southern College
Evangel University	Pensacola Christian College	Washington and Lee University
Flagler College	Philadelphia Biblical University	Weber College
Florida College	Polk Community College	Western Carolina University
Florida Atlantic College	Practical Bible College	Westmont College
Florida Christian College	Pratt Institute	Wheaton College
Florida Gulf Coast University	Radford College	Wilkes University
Florida Institute of Technology	Rollins College	Word of Life Bible Institute
Florida International University	St. John's, Maryland	

## **Statement of Mission**

The mission of Lakeland Christian School is to serve as an extension of the Christian home and as a partner with local, evangelical churches in the Christian education of children.

## **Vision Statement**

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