



# Lakeland Christian School

## Application Process

We appreciate your interest in applying to Lakeland Christian School. If you have questions at any time during the application process, please contact the admissions office at (863) 688-2771.

Your child's application is considered complete and ready to process when the school has received the following items:

### FOR K4 OR K5

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| <input type="checkbox"/> completed enrollment card (orange)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> copy of certified birth certificate                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> application fee (\$150, <i>non-refundable</i> )                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Reference Form*  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> completed family information sheet<br>( <i>front and back</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Reference Form* (if previously enrolled in a preschool program) |

\*Pastor and Teacher Reference Forms should be completed by those individuals and returned directly to the school by mail or fax.

### FOR 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> completed enrollment card (orange)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> previous report cards (last two years)<br>( <i>must include current school year</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> application fee (\$150, <i>non-refundable</i> )                 | <input type="checkbox"/> complete transcript<br>( <i>for students entering grades 11 or 12</i> )               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> completed family information sheet<br>( <i>front and back</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> most recent standardized test results   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> copy of certified birth certificate                             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Reference Form*  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Reference Form*   |  |

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***The Admissions Office must receive these documents before testing or interviews are scheduled.  
The Application Process continues as outlined below:***

**Testing:** Entrance testing is administered as determined by the principal. There are no additional fees for testing (with the exception of additional special education admissions testing, if required). **All** K4 and K5 students will be screened.

**Interview:** After you have submitted the above items, you will be contacted by the school's registrar to schedule a parent interview with the principal. In grades 6-12 a student interview is also required. You will be asked to share about your personal faith and current level of involvement in your church. The principal will briefly explain the purpose of Christian education, provide an overview of our program, and give you time to ask whatever questions you may have concerning the school. Parents will also meet with the business office to discuss financial arrangements.

**Admissions Committee:** After completion of all of the above, your application will be sent to our Admissions Committee. You will be notified in writing as to your child's acceptance. If your child meets the admissions requirements but there are no spaces currently available in that grade, you will be given an opportunity to keep your application active in the waiting pool.

**Enrollment:** With your acceptance letter you will be sent forms which must be completed and returned, with applicable fees, to the Admissions Office before your child is officially enrolled. At least one parent must attend an orientation meeting with the Headmaster prior to the student attending class. Meetings will be scheduled monthly. Dates and times will be included in the acceptance letter.



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The school maintains its viability as an institution because its mission and purposes are clearly understood and supported by its constituency. The admissions policies are designed to admit families who desire and support the philosophy, purposes and standards of the school. Lakeland Christian School does not discriminate on the basis of race, national, or ethnic origin in its admission policies, or in the administration of its programs.

## Philosophy

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 young people. Students are encouraged to place their faith in Christ as their personal Savior and to interpret all of life from a biblical perspective.

**The Home:** The Christian home is one in which the knowledge of the scriptures and application of biblical principles are a priority. A commitment to Christ and to spiritual growth are evidenced by personal Bible study and prayer and by faithful participation in a local church. Parents endeavor to apply biblical principles in the raising of their children.

**The Church:** Local, evangelical churches are an essential part of the Christian's spiritual growth. They recognize the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only infallible and inerrant Word of God. These churches demonstrate this commitment by placing a priority on the preaching and teaching of the Bible. Since a biblical commitment to Christ is always accompanied by a commitment to His church, it is expected that every LCS family will faithfully attend a church that will meet its spiritual needs. Students are expected to participate in children's and youth activities.

**The School:** Christian education begins with the premise that all truth is God's truth. God has revealed the truth about Himself in the scriptures. We discover truth about His creation as we diligently study the natural world and the intangible truths within creation. A high quality, rigorous curriculum is provided with a sense of high expectations, in order to encourage the students to develop their God-given gifts to the fullest.

**The Savior:** When our students place their faith in Christ as their personal Savior it conveys their understanding that a relationship with God is established by God's grace, through personal faith in the work of Christ on the cross. The gospel shapes our relationship with God and with our fellow man.

## Admissions Standards

**Shared goals:** LCS is most effective when working with families who share our commitments. Therefore, priority is given to these families in the admissions process. Applications will be declined from homes that involve living arrangements such as cohabitating couples or homosexual/lesbian relationships as they do not fit within the scope of the school's mission.

**Cooperative Spirit:** Each family and each student admitted to LCS is expected to exhibit a cooperative spirit. Parents and students should read the Family Handbook for a description of the School's standards and expectations. The school only admits students who want to attend to LCS. Negative attitudes about the Christian faith or the school prevent admission. A student application, interview, and references are used to determine a student's suitability for admission.

**Academic Record:** An applicant's academic record must indicate that the student is adequately prepared for the instructional program at LCS. Students are expected to take their academic responsibilities seriously. Students who have exhibited a persistent lack of effort or an uncooperative spirit will not be admitted.

**Disciplinary Record:** LCS does not admit students who have a history of disciplinary problems. Students who have been expelled from other schools will not be admitted.

**K4, K5 and First Grade:** Students must meet the age and maturity standards of the School. All immunizations and the required physical examination must be documented prior to final admission.

## Trial Period

A trial period of nine weeks is required for all new students. The work load, discipline and environment require a considerable adjustment for many students. Should a change be necessary at the end of this period, a conference with the parent will be arranged.

## Financial Commitment

Christian education involves financial sacrifice for many families. The school works hard to plan effectively and control tuition costs. It is essential that families meet their obligations to the school in order to maintain financial stability. Please note that if a student is withdrawn during a semester, the full semester's tuition is due.