



The Lakeland Christian School Discovery Program is an educational program for students with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a related disorder characterized by similar traits as ASD who require a modified classroom setting.

The Discovery Program consists of three classrooms with specific curriculum and daily activities designed for students with a diagnosis of ASD.

## WHY LCS?

Lakeland Christian School is one of the nation's premier private Christian schools. We strive to provide challenging academics, championship athletics and award-winning fine arts. Our primary distinction, though, is the Biblical worldview that permeates every facet of school life. LCS truly sharpens minds and shepherds hearts by offering a life-shaping education in the light of God's Word.

## LEARN MORE

For more information about the Discovery Program at Lakeland Christian School, please visit our website: [lconline.org/discovery-program](http://lconline.org/discovery-program)

If you have further questions about the Lakeland Christian School Discovery Program, please contact

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LAKELAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



**DISCOVERY  
PROGRAM**

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## ABOUT THE LCS DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Our mission is to provide individualized education with the goal of teaching the whole child in the light of God's Word. Small group instruction is given based on your child's individual needs in reading and math. Each child will receive an IEP written by the Discovery teachers driven by data from nationally normed assessments and personal interactions with the student. An annual meeting will be held to discuss student needs and appropriate goals.

By the beginning of the second semester of a child's fifth-grade year, students are assessed to determine the appropriate next step for the middle school years.

\*Children in the Discovery Program must be non-aggressive, non-eloping, and be able to work or play for a developmentally-appropriate amount of time as determined by the Discovery Program team. They must be able to complete all toileting needs independently. Parent partnership is important to help foster growth.

We accept the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES-UA), offer financial aid, and provide speech/language and occupational therapy services to support students' unique needs.

## WE PROVIDE:

- Offered for grades K4-5th\* (\*age appropriateness is based on the discretion of the administration)
- Small Group Instruction
- State Certified Teachers
- Comprehensive Curriculum with tiered interventions
- Paraprofessional Based on Student Needs
- Supportive Learning Environments and Collaboration with the General Education Classrooms
- Academic Focus in the Following Areas:
  - Reading and Math
  - Independent Functioning
  - Communication
  - Social Skills

The Discovery Program (DP) offers a specific curriculum and level of support designed to meet the needs of children in a modified academic setting. We strive to allow children to develop at their most appropriate rate. DP is tailored to meet the needs of children who benefit from small group instruction, social skills development, occupational therapy, and/or speech/language therapy.

## PROGRAM LEVELS

### LEVEL 1

The child is able to participate in all academics and Specials held in the general education classroom independently. Sensory breaks and social skills groups will be provided as needed. The Discovery teacher will meet with the team of teachers to assure the child is meeting/exceeding goals. The Discovery teacher and classroom teacher will develop and maintain the IEP. The child may attend a social skills class in Discovery if needed. The child will receive up to two sessions per week of Occupational and Speech / Language therapy as needed. \$24,500

### LEVEL 2

The child will receive a customized academic schedule which will include time spent in both the Discovery classroom and the general education classroom. The child will receive instruction or support in the Discovery classroom for Math OR Reading and participate in all of the Specials (P.E., Art, Music, Recess, Chapel, and Library) with their general education class without the support of a paraprofessional. The child will receive up to two sessions per week of Occupational and Speech / Language therapy as needed. The child may attend a social skills class in Discovery if needed. \$28,250

### LEVEL 3

The child will receive all core academics in DP with no para needed in Specials OR they will receive DP instruction or support in either Language Arts or Math with para support in Specials. All Level 3 students will have the opportunity to participate in Specials (P.E., Art, Music, Recess, Chapel, and Library) with their general education class. The child will receive up to two sessions per week of Occupational and/or Speech/Language Therapy as needed. \$30,350

### LEVEL 4

The child will receive all academic instruction in the Discovery classroom. The student will attend some or all of the Specials (P.E., Art, Music, Recess, Chapel, and Library) depending on what is appropriate for the child and if the child is ready to do so. The child requires and will receive paraprofessional support at Specials. The child will receive up to two weekly sessions of Occupational and Speech / Language therapy as needed. \$32,600

