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ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Total Enrollment: 1189
Lower School: 528
Upper School: 661
Class of 2027: 90

FACULTY

Administrators: 11
Lower School Faculty: 37
Upper School Faculty: 59
48 of 105 hold master's degrees
Six hold doctorate degrees
35 faculty have taught at LCS for 10+ years

CEEB Code: 100888

COLLEGE PROFILE

2026-2027

ABOUT LCS

Founded in 1954, Lakeland Christian School is Polk County's oldest and largest K2-12 independent school. We educate students in God's Truth through academically rigorous programs weaved with a biblical worldview — partnering with parents to raise the next generation of leaders and thinkers.

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

CORE VALUES

Wisdom Through Learning
Spiritual Cultivation
Christ-Centered Community

ACCREDITATION

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

CLASS OF 2026 STATISTICS



96 PERCENT
PURSUED POST-
SECONDARY
EDUCATION



45 PERCENT
QUALIFIED FOR FLORIDA
BRIGHT FUTURES
SCHOLARSHIP



\$9,706,604
EARNED IN
SCHOLARSHIPS



14,582
COMMUNITY SERVICE
HOURS EARNED BY
THE CLASS

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The Lakeland Christian School academic program includes the following minimum requirements:

SUBJECT	HONORS DIPLOMA	STANDARD DIPLOMA
BIBLE	4	4
ENGLISH	4	4
MATH	4	4
SCIENCE	4	3
SOCIAL STUDIES	4	4
WORLD LANGUAGE	2	2
ARTS	1	1
PE*	1	1
ELECTIVES	2	3
TOTAL	26	26

**Students may qualify for a PE waiver by participating in two seasons of JV or Varsity sports in high school.*

Additional requirements for the Honors Diploma:

- 3.5+ GPA
- 100 service hours
- 10 credits in advanced course work
- 3 AP/DE courses
- 1190+ SAT or 24+ ACT or 82+ CLT
- One advanced math credit
- 4 science credits

GRADING SCALE / CLASS RANK

All courses are used in computing the Grade Point Average. Students through the Class of 2027 are ranked on a weighted, cumulative G.P.A. Advanced Placement and dual enrollment courses are awarded an additional quality point. Honors courses receive an additional .5 quality point. The range of percentages and quality points are listed below:

LETTER	RANGE	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
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

SAT SCORE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

SAT Takers = 82

TEST	ERW	MATH	TOTAL
MIDDLE 50%	520-620	500-600	1000-1220
MEAN	569	549	1121

ACT SCORE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2026

ACT Takers = 55

TEST	ENGLISH	MATH	READING	SCIENCE	COMPOSITE
MIDDLE 50%	20-27	19-26	22-30	20-25	21-28
MEAN	23.4	22.1	25.4	22.9	24.5

ACT Composite reported is highest score with or without science (became optional in Spring 2026)

COURSE OFFERINGS

LCS offers a variety of coursework to meet the academic needs of our student body. A total of 26 honors courses, 16 Advanced Placement, and 16 dual enrollment courses are offered. All dual enrollment coursework is offered on our campus and taught by our teachers. Cedarville University and Southeastern University awards college credit for these courses. The RISE Institute offers high school courses in Research, Robotics, Event Planning, Entrepreneurship and more.

BIBLE

Bible 9 – Life & Teachings of Christ
Intro to Biblical Leadership and Ethics Honors
Apologetics
Christ and Culture
God Calling
Local Missions
Spiritual Formation
The Good Life
Women in the Story of God
World Religions

ENGLISH

English 9, 10, 11, 12
English Honors 9, 10
DE Composition
DE Intro to Composition (zero hours)
DE Intro to Literature
DE British Literature I
AP English Language
AP English Literature

MATH

Algebra I-A, I-B
Algebra I, I-Honors, II, II-Honors
Geometry, Geometry Honors
Math for College Liberal Arts
Precalculus Honors, AP
AP Calculus
Intro to Probability and Statistics Honors
AP Statistics

SCIENCE

Agriscience Foundations (FFA)
Biology, Biology Honors
Chemistry, Chemistry I Honors
Environmental Science
Forensic Science
Physical Science, Honors
Physiology Honors
AP Biology
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry*
DE Intro to Physics / DE Physics I*

**available in alternating years*

WORLD LANGUAGE

Spanish I, II
Spanish Honors II, III, IV
AP Spanish

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Football
Girls Weight Training
Human Performance

SOCIAL STUDIES

American Government (semester)
Economics (semester)
Human Geography, Human Geography Honors
Modern World History, Modern World History Honors
Psychology (semester)
Sociology (semester)
United States History
World Religions
DE US History I & II
DE Essentials of Economics
DE Politics & American Culture
AP Human Geography
AP World History: Modern
AP United States History

FINE/PERFORMING/PRACTICAL ARTS

Agricultural Communications II, III
Agritechnology I, II
AP Art 2D, 3D, Drawing
Art I, II, III-Honors
Band, Band Honors
Ceramics I, II, III-Honors, IV-Honors
Chamber Ensemble Honors
Concert Choir
Culinary Arts
DE Fundamentals of Speech
Event Planning
Songwriting/Music Production I, II-Honors, III-Honors, IV-Honors
Video Productions I, II-Honors, III-Honors

GENERAL ELECTIVES

DE American Criminal Courts
DE Business Law
DE Criminal Justice System
DE Ethical Business Practices
DE Homicide Investigation
DE Intro to Crime Scene Investigation
Law Studies
Yearbook

RISE ELECTIVE COURSES

AP Research
AP Seminar
Competition Robotics Honors
Entrepreneurship Honors
Leadership Cohort
Marketing & Management Cohort

AP EXAMS

During the 2025-2026 school year, a total of 120 students took 218 AP exams. Ninety-one percent of the students scored a "3" or higher.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION (CLASSES OF 2022-2026)

Approximately 96% of the graduates from the Class of 2026 have pursued post-secondary education in schools across America. In the Class of 2026, 78% of students matriculated to four-year universities and 16% to two-year colleges. The following college and universities are representative of those which LCS graduates have matriculated to in the last five years.

FLORIDA INSTITUTIONS

Aveda Institute Florida
Barry University
Eastern Florida State College
Erwin Technical College
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University (2)
Florida College (2)
Florida Gulf Coast University (11)
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Polytechnic University (6)
Florida Southern College (22)
Florida State University (20)
Hillsborough Community College (6)
Keiser University (3)
Lake-Sumter State College
Lynn University
Palm Beach Atlantic University (7)
Pensacola State College
Polk State College (23)

Rollins College
Santa Fe College (20)
South Florida State College
Southeastern University (37)
St. Thomas University
State College of Florida-Manatee Sarasota
Stetson University
Tallahassee State College (12)
The University of Tampa (4)
Traviss Technical College (4)
Universal Technical Institute
University of Central Florida (12)
University of Florida (38)
University of North Florida (3)
University of South Florida (39)
University of West Florida
Valencia College (2)
Warner University

OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (5)
Alcorn State University
Andrew College
Anglo-American University
Arizona State University
Auburn University (7)
Belmont University
Berry College
Campbell University
Campbellsville University
Cedarville University (2)
Charleston Southern University (2)
Colorado School of Mines
Columbia International University (2)
Covenant College (5)
Dakota State University
East Tennessee State University
Evangel University
Furman University
Georgia Southern University (4)
Gordon College
Grand Canyon University (2)
Harding University (2)
Howard University
Liberty University
Michigan State University
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University (2)
Olivet Nazarene University
Presbyterian College

Robert Morris University
Samford University (23)
Savannah College of Art & Design
Shenandoah University
Tennessee Technological University
Tennessee Wesleyan University
Texas Christian University (2)
The New School (2)
Tulane University
United States Air Force Academy (2)
United States Military Academy at West Point
University of Alabama
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University at Buffalo
University of California-Berkeley
University of Mississippi (6)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of Pittsburgh
University of Richmond
University of South Alabama
University of South Dakota
University of Tennessee - Chattanooga
University of Tennessee - Knoxville (3)
Valdosta State University
Virginia Tech
Washington and Lee University
Western Carolina University (2)
Wheaton College (2)
William Penn University (2)