

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING LCA HIGH SCHOOL

**1. What is the daily schedule for high school?**

The school day for both junior high school and high school students is from 8:40-3:45 each day, utilizing a standard seven-period day. Most classes meet for 52 minutes each day. First period is longer and serves as homeroom.

**2. I see that LCA has something called endorsements. What is that?**

The state of Texas has asked high schools to create more specialization, called endorsements, with their diploma programs. LCA has created two such programs: Arts & Humanities and STEM. Each endorsement has its own graduation requirements.

**3. Is there an honors program in high school?**

Yes, each endorsement has an Honors option that will be mentioned on the student's transcript.

**4. What electives are available?**

Some of the electives include: Advanced Writing, Computer Coding, Drama, Life Skills, Communications, Spanish, and Speech. There are also academic electives in various disciplines. See the Academic Planning Guide found on our website, [www.lakelandchristian.org](http://www.lakelandchristian.org) under Academics, Secondary for details.

**5. What curriculum does LCA use in high school?**

English, Social Studies, and Science use Bob Jones University Press (BJUP) textbooks. We consider BJUP to be the overall finest Christian textbook company in the nation. We use Glencoe Math for all math courses. A variety of curriculum is used for Bible, including curriculum produced by LCA.

**6. What are the class sizes?**

Class size in high school depends on final enrollment for each grade and the classes taken. Our average class size is 17.

**7. How does Physical Education work?**

High school students must have a PE credit or waiver as a graduation requirement. A waiver may be received through school sports participation. Students who take PE should purchase their PE uniforms from Parker Uniforms.

**8. I notice on your website that you have a Student Handbook (located under Student Life, Student Handbooks tabs) and an Academic Planning Guide (under Academics, Secondary tabs). What is the difference between them?**

The Student Handbook is designed to give basic information about student life, such as dress code and school regulations. The APG is designed to give specific information regarding graduation requirements, college planning, program options, other academic information, and brief course descriptions.

**9. How can I track assignments and grades for my child?**

Each parent is assigned an account with password to be able to access this information on Gradelink, our data management software.

**10. Is there a chance that my student would have trouble transferring to another school?**

That should not be a problem. Our school is fully accredited by both ACSI and AdvancED, so students would have automatic entrance into public school at the same grade. Our graduates also have their credits accepted at public and private colleges because of our accreditation.

**11. Are teachers specialized?**

Yes, teachers are assigned classes based on their strengths, certifications, and areas of expertise.

**12. Do I need to buy special school supplies?**

No, ordinary school supplies are usually sufficient with one exception: only provide mechanical pencils for class. Wooden pencils take too much time and make too much noise in sharpening. Check the school supply list on our website under Academics, Secondary, Resources, School Supply List in August for any specific items needed.

**13. Do students wear uniforms?**

Yes, uniforms may be purchased from Parker Uniforms either online or at one of their stores (closest is in Carrollton, just off I-35). Locker Room Sports also sells some uniform parts but not the polo shirt.

**14. Are there any dress code changes for next year?**

Like many other Christian schools, LCA will adopt a definite length guideline for skirts. Skirts must be no higher than four inches from the crease in the back of the knee. Be sure to purchase your school uniform carefully. LCA will also be adopting a navy polo top, in addition to our red and light blue polo shirts.

**15. What religious instruction will my child receive?**

Every student has a Bible class. We are associated with a Baptist church, but we teach a non-denominational evangelical curriculum. Our emphasis is on the basic truths of the Bible; especially how spiritual truth can make a practical and satisfying difference in our lives. Students attend a worship chapel monthly, geared specifically for high school students.

**16. How does lunch work?**

Students may bring their own lunch or purchase through their 12 Oaks catering account. There are always three entrees from which to choose. On any given day, approximately 50% of students purchase all or part of their lunch.

**17. Are there advisors?**

We do plan on having advisors for each class next year. This will be part of our spiritual development focus, as we would like each class to adopt a service project.

**18. How is attendance handled?**

While each teacher takes attendance for his/her class, overall attendance is maintained by the receptionist/attendance clerk. Parents must report each absence, including part-day, by note or email, so that the attendance is properly labeled. Students returning from an absence, including part-day absence, are to pick up an admit slip from the office.

**19. How is discipline handled?**

A variety of means is used to counsel, warn, and/or punish students when misbehavior or irresponsibility becomes an issue. Detention may be issued in some cases, either before school or during lunch. Common reasons for detention are for gum chewing, dress code violation, frequent tardies, and a pattern of not turning in homework. Our Dean of Students handles most discipline matters.

**20. Is bullying a problem?**

Just as siblings often do not get along in a family, it would be impossible to find a school where there are not some interpersonal problems among students. However, as a small Christian school, LCA takes any accusations of bullying very seriously and works hard to ensure that we maintain a wholesome environment for our students. Discipline may be administered as necessary. However, bullying accusations are rare in our high school.

**21. Why are there no lockers for students?**

Due to the configuration of our building, lockers are not practical. Therefore, we issue a second set of textbooks (if homework is part of the program) to keep at home so that students do not have to lug heavy textbooks around.

**22. What sports are available for high school students?**

LCA is pleased that we are able to offer a wide variety of sports for boys and girls. However, in any given year, the sports offered may vary, based on student interest. Therefore, we encourage parents to check our website for more information or speak with our Athletic Director.

**23. Besides sports, what other extra-curricular activities are there?**

We hope to have clubs next year for high school. This will be determined at a later date, depending on student interest. LCA also sponsors a prom each year. Plans are underway to create more group ministry opportunities as well.

**24. What is NHS and how do I sign my child up?**

NHS stands for National Honor Society and is designed for high school students who have demonstrated superior scholarship, leadership, character, and service. One does not "sign up" to join. Students interested in being part of NHS are asked to fill out an application, and if accepted, are *invited* to join. Students not accepted the first time may reapply the next year.

**25. Where can I find more information?**

Parents should read the Student Handbook (under Campus Life-Student Handbooks-Secondary) and the Academic Planning Guide (under Academics-Secondary) found on our website [www.lakelandchristianacademy.org](http://www.lakelandchristianacademy.org) for more information.