

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What types of foods are served for lunch and what does it cost?

Currently a hot lunch costs \$3.25 per day for K5 – 4th. The 5th – 12th grade may purchase lunch a-la-carte (please see sample menu), or they may bring their own lunch from home. Your child may alternate bringing lunch or buying lunch.

What if my child has food allergies?

If your child has food or any other type of allergy, there is a section on the registration card where this may be listed.

Does LCS provide morning care or after school care?

Morning care is from 7:00-7:40 a.m. in the cafeteria for K5- 3rd, gym for 4th-6th, and the MS/HS auditorium for 7th-12th and is free of charge. K5 – 6th grade students may purchase breakfast during morning care until 7:30 a.m.

After School Care is from 3:30-5:30 in the small auditorium, currently costs \$3 for K5-6th and \$4 for 7th – 12th per hour, and is on an “as need” basis. Any child who is not picked up by 3:25 p.m. will be taken to ASC.

Will my child need to take an entrance exam?

We do require an entrance exam for students entering 1st – 12th grade; however, students coming from a school that administers the SAT can provide their scores in lieu of the entrance exam. We conduct a screening for each incoming kindergarten student sometime during the summer to assess readiness.

Is my child penalized for being tardy?

Our school day begins promptly at 7:45 a.m. for 4th-12th and 8:00 a.m. for K5-3rd. Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. (4th-12th) and 8:00 a.m. (K5-3rd) are considered tardy. Students are allowed 8 tardies per semester. A \$15 charge is assessed at the 9th tardy, and a \$5 charge is assessed for every 3 tardies thereafter.

Every three (3) tardies during a semester equals one (1) absence (Only 8 absences are allowed per semester).

How many absences is my child allowed each year?

Regular attendance is a MUST if students are to progress in their education. More than eight (8) absences within a semester may result in a student repeating that same grade or completing make-up work for excess days. Unforeseen circumstances, i.e., major illness or injury, death in the family, etc. will be reviewed by the administration and parents will be contacted.

Are there any organized sports?

We do not offer any organized competitive team sports at the elementary level. However, we offer wrestling, basketball, soccer, cross country, 8-man football and baseball for the young men, and for the young ladies, basketball, softball, volleyball, and cheerleading in grades 7th – 12th.

How are parents kept informed?

We use a school management program called RenWeb. Through RenWeb, parents can access information on their student(s), such as homework, grades, discipline, etc. K5-6th grade homeroom teachers send a weekly newsletter every Friday.

PHILOSOPHY

The following elements of Christian education are listed in order of priority as determined by the leadership within the ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church and Christian School.

Home Relations

It is our firm conviction that proper training first begins in the home. The home is the first institution of God, and it is here that the child first learns set patterns of behavior. There he learns how to respond to other individuals, either by playing with other children in his/her family or those who live nearby. It is in the home that the child learns a value system of right or wrong. Once a child is taught proper discipline and respect at home, he is then ready to be formally educated and to develop the skills necessary to face life successfully.

Church

It is our conviction that God has also instituted His Church as the organism directly responsible for the winning of the unsaved to Christ and the exhorting and training of the saved. This includes the teaching of biblical principles of living as found in the Holy Scriptures. We affirm that Christian children must be taught respect for God, His Word, and the biblical principles of His Word, by which we should live. We encourage our families to faithfully attend church in order for us to achieve, together, the spiritual goals that we desire our children to reach.

Academics

School is an institution set up by man for the education and training of our children. A school should provide both an environment and a curriculum conducive to effective learning. As a Christian school, it is our responsibility to build Christian character in our students. We believe that there is a natural need for well-defined boundaries governing their behavior. The teacher in the classroom is the authority and must be upheld and respected by the students and their parents. We expect our students to be honest and to exercise personal initiative in class work and homework.

CURRICULUM

- *CURRICULUM* – The primary curriculum publishers for LCS are ABeka and Bob Jones. These are distinctively Christian curriculums with an educational philosophy, which supports strong thinking skills.
- *CLASSES OFFERED* – Course schedules meet all state requirements for entrance into four-year college systems. Courses include advanced math classes, advanced science classes, foreign language, electives, physical education/health and more. Students also have the opportunity to be involved in music, art and drama. Music, P.E., computer, Spanish, and library are a part of our elementary curriculum. Students attend each of these classes weekly. These classes are subject to change due to enrollment and availability.
- *GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS* – LCS is primarily a college preparatory institution. All incoming students are placed on a track that will allow them to receive a diploma, which meets all state requirements for entrance into four-year college systems.

DRESS CODE & DISCIPLINE

DRESS CODE

1. Shirts/blouses must have a collar (round, pointed or turtleneck) or a finished rib neck with 2-3 working buttons in front (not zipper). Shirts may be knit or Oxford cloth (not fleece) and any color or print. All shirts must be tucked.
2. Sweaters or vests (cardigans, V-neck, pullovers) may be worn over uniform shirts.
3. Solid brown, dark green, navy or khaki twill shorts, pants, skirts, split skirts/gauchos, or jumpers may be worn. Length of skirts, split skirts/gauchos, or jumpers should be to the top of the knee when standing or sitting. Shorts can be no shorter than a dollar bill length above the knee.
4. Belts are required for 4th – 12th grade.
5. Shoes must be worn at all times. Cleats or flip-flops/athletic sandals are unacceptable.
6. Hair should be neat and attractively maintained. Boys' hair is not to touch the top of the ears, the collar, or the top of the eyebrows. Haircuts with extreme differences in length, color, or design are not allowed.
7. A more detailed dress code is included in the Parent/Student Handbook.

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is a biblical term. The Bible says to parents concerning their children, "Bring them (children) up in the nurture (discipline) and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). If we are to honor, please, and obey our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we must maintain an orderly and controlled environment. Our desire is to see each student grow spiritually and to achieve academic excellence in an atmosphere that is Christ-honoring.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- *ACCREDITATION* – The school’s academic program is accredited by the Tennessee Association of Christian Schools. LCS is also a Category II State Agency approved school.
- *HISTORY* – Lighthouse Christian School is a ministry of Lighthouse Baptist Church and was founded in 1979. The school consists of a Pre-School, Elementary and Middle/ High School.
- *TRANSPORTATION* – LCS does not offer a bus service.
- *STUDENT/TEACHER RATIOS* – Student/teacher ratios over the past several years have averaged 20 in 6th – 12th.
- *PRE-SCHOOL* – Lighthouse Christian Pre-School offers K2 – K4 classes. All academics are taught in the morning and enrichment activities as well as naps fill up the afternoon time.
- *ENROLLMENT* – Lighthouse Christian School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin.
- *SPECIAL SERVICES* – One-to-one instruction is offered by skilled personnel in the Educational Services Department. Instructional programs include reading readiness training for Pre-K and kindergarten age children, remediation of reading and writing difficulties, study skills training, general academic support, and computer – assisted instruction. Tutoring is available during the day and afternoons at the Center.
* *There is an additional fee for Educational Services.*