

2022-23

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BROCHURE

THIS IS WHERE



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dr. Cassondra Koett High School Principal First, let me begin by thanking you for taking time to consider LCA as the place for your child's education. Every LCA faculty and staff member would tell you that we consider it a great blessing and responsibility to educate young people to fulfill God's calling on their lives. I assure you, it is a responsibility we do not take lightly.

Every educator and team member at LCA guides and directs the young people in their charge to discover God's purpose for their lives in each and every facet of our school activities - in and out of the classroom. Our school is a special place where we are a family and deeply care for one another. Our faculty and staff understand the importance of relationships and how those impact the success of our young people.

First and foremost, we take intentional steps to foster their spiritual growth. Our students are taught, served, and loved by Christian educators. They integrate scripture into our curriculum and openly discuss the love of Jesus with their students. We have a full time spiritual life director and athletics chaplain who also assist students with discovering their spiritual purpose. Students attend weekly chapel and take a Bible class every year. Our college counselors keep God's purpose for our students in mind when meeting with them to discuss future plans. They stress the importance of listening to God's voice and help the students find the right college choice for each of these talented young people. We are convicted by II Peter, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity."

The second way we assist students with discovering their purpose is through our challenging academics. We offer many AP and Honors courses for our students. Additionally, our electives help students with career exploration with offerings in law, business, fine arts, world languages, and STEM. Our teachers set high expectations for their students as we believe that challenge and hard work foster growth and development. LCA graduates are successful in their pursuit of college admission, matriculation, and career placement.

We also offer a wide variety of extra-curricular activities for students to explore and join. God has gifted our students with many skills and talents, and our extra-curricular opportunities encourage that discovery. From fine art options like drama, band, and chorus to athletic possibilities such as football, cross country, baseball, lacrosse, and archery; LCA offers options for all interests. We also provide leadership opportunities like student government, chapel chaplain, leadership forum, and Beta and NHS clubs. Students learn what it looks like to lead and serve from a Biblical Worldview.

Our school is also passionate about developing service-minded individuals. Students can participate in a wide variety of service opportunities like Dance Blue, Hunger Walk, and the Salvation Army. We embrace God's Word in Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." As Christians, we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus and we desire that for our students as well.

It would be impossible to list all the ways we help students understand and move towards God's purpose, but we recognize the importance of keeping God's plan at the forefront as directed in Proverbs, "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that will prevail."

Thank you for taking time to learn more about the amazing things happening at Lexington Christian Academy. We welcome the opportunity to partner with your family in supporting your child(ren) discover God's purpose for their lives.



THE LEXINGTON COMMUNITY











Lexington Christian Academy is located in Lexington, Kentucky. Within a day's drive of two-thirds of the population of the United States, Lexington is strategically located at the intersection of interstates 64 and 75 in Fayette County, Kentucky. Lexington is accessible by air with non-stop flights to 17 destinations and connecting service to hundreds of destinations worldwide. Nestled among world-famous Thoroughbred horse farms, Blue Grass Airport (LEX) welcomes travelers with one of the most beautiful air approaches in the nation.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF LEXINGTON

When European settlers arrived on the scene, the Bluegrass region was in use as a hunting ground by numerous Native American tribes. Daniel Boone was one of the first Anglo-Saxons to explore the area. He helped establish Kentucky's first forts in Harrodsburg and Boonesborough. Lexington was founded in 1775, seventeen vears before Kentucky became a state. William McConnell and a group of frontier explorers were camped at a natural spring when word came from nearby Fort Boonesborough that the first battle of the American Revolution had been fought in Lexington, Massachusetts. In honor of the battle, the group named their site Lexington—and the name stuck. By 1820, this was one of the largest and wealthiest towns west of the Allegheny Mountains. So cultured was its lifestyle that our city soon gained the nickname "the Athens of the West."

GEOGRAPHY

Fayette County consists of 283 square miles of gently rolling plateau in the center of the inner Bluegrass Region. The area is noted for its beauty, fertile soil, excellent pastureland, and horse and stock farms.

POPULATION

The U.S. Census estimate for Lexington-Fayette County is 321,951 (2018). The estimated population of the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which is comprised of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Madison, Scott, and Woodford counties, is 512,650 (2017).

TIME ZONE

November to March: Eastern Standard Time March to November: Eastern Daylight Savings Time

CLIMATE

The mean average temperature in Lexington is 54.9 degrees Fahrenheit. Annual precipitation is 45.68 inches. Lexington and the Bluegrass Region have four distinct seasons that include cool plateau breezes, moderate nights in the summer, and no prolonged periods of heat, cold, rain, wind, or snow. Average minimum and maximum temperatures:

Sring: 34-74 degrees F **Summer: 61-86 degrees** Winter: 23-54 degrees F Fall: 36-79 degrees F

SAFETY

Lexington's crime consistently ranks below the national average. In addition to foot and car patrols, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Police Department operates two highly visible units that have proven to be effective crime deterrents. The Lexington Mounted Police Unit and Mountain Bike Unit patrol the downtown area on horseback and bicycles to help assure community safety.

To learn more about our community go to visitlex.com.



SCHOOL OVERVIEW



Lexington Christian Academy (LCA), established in 1989, is a preschool-12 college preparatory school whose mission is to equip and nurture students to fulfill God's calling on their lives through Christ-centered education. Almost 1,300 students attend LCA with 411 in grades 9-12. LCA has two campuses, one at Immanuel Baptist Church which serves preschool through 5th grade and the other at the Rose Campus which serves 6th-12th grade students.

The 75 acre Rose Campus is LCA's main campus. The Rose Campus is comprised of a 6th Grade Academy, Junior High, and High School. The Rose Campus is also the site of LCA's Athletic Complex, including: baseball stadium, football stadium, lacrosse field, practice fields, soccer fields, softball stadium, tennis complex, and track. In addition, our main campus has computer lab, two gymnasiums, locker rooms, lunchroom, media center, outdoor classrooms, robotics lab, science labs, weight room, and 750-seat chapel/auditorium.

LOCATION

450 West Reynolds Road Lexington, KY 40503

SCHOOL HOURS 8:20AM-3:20PM

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

First Period - 8:20AM-9:15AM
Second Period - 9:20AM-10:15AM
Third Period - 10:20AM-11:10AM
Fourth Period - 11:15AM-12:05PM
Lunch - 12:05PM-12:35PM
Fifth Period - 12:40PM-1:30PM
Sixth Period - 1:35PM-2:25PM
Seventh Period - 2:30PM-3:20PM



STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

All of our students, preschool through high school have a standardized dress code. By definition, "standardized dress code" is a flexible selection of clothing from which students may choose. The dress code is designed to promote modesty, create a safe and positive climate, and ensure a distraction-free learning environment.

SCHOOL APP

LCA has an APP available for Apple and Android devices. The APP provides families with easy access to students' calendars, grades, announcements, newsletters, attendance, and much more ...





HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

Lexington Christian Academy's high school curriculum focuses on college preparation which ensures that graduates have the tools they need to be competitive in their choice of post-secondary education. With a wide variety of honors, Advanced Placement (AP,) dual college credit enrollment, and electives offered, LCA students can explore and be challenged in a variety of subjects.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Bible: 4 credits English: 4 credits

Communication: 0.5 credit of Speech

<u>Math</u>: 4 credits (must include minimum of Algebra I,

Geometry, Algebra II and 1 additional credit)
Science: 3 credits (Physical Science, Biology, and
Chemistry) OR (Biology, Chemistry and Science

Elective)

<u>Social Studies</u>: 3 credits (World Civilizations, US History 11, plus 1 of semester Government, 1 of

semester Economics)

Health: 0.5 credit (1 semester) + Physical Education:

0.5 credit (1 semester)

Humanities: 1 credit (art, music, digital art/tech

classes, Creative Writing)

Foreign Language: 2 credits (both years must be same

language)

Electives: 3 credits

ACADEMIC PATHWAYS

Academic Pathways provide students personalized learning opportunities. Benefits include:

- Increased academic rigor and the development of tailored college and career skills.
- Internships within students' academic pathway.
- Opportunities for educators to expand curriculum and share their own experiences, skills and techniques with their students.



OUR TEACHERS

LCA is blessed to have experienced, qualified teachers who provide exceptional instruction. Teachers are at the heart of our program. They lovingly equip and nurture our students, preparing them for college and career.

Our teachers are the experts in their profession. Over 66% of our teachers have a Master's Degree or higher. They inspire our students to become lifelong learners. In addition to their educational backgrounds and degrees, our teachers receive ongoing training annually. The average LCA tenure is 13 years.

Our teachers help shape what their students think, believe, and learn to love. Ultimately, the influence of a teacher shapes who a child will become.

High school is a time for discovering options, establishing priorities, clarifying values, and charting directions. To help students in the process, our academic and college counselors provide assistance in personal, academic, and college planning. Academic support is available for those who require a personalized learning environment. For more information regarding LCA's academic support services, please contact the Admissions Office.



CLASS OF 2021 STATISTICS

The class of 2021 graduated 97 students. In LCA's 32-year history, 2,324 students have graduated from the school.



ATTENDING COLLEGE **IN FALL 2021**

OF THE CLASS OF 2021 RECEIVED A **SCHOLARSHIP**

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS **CLASS OF 2021 WERE ACCEPTED TO**

SENIORS TOOK AT LEAST ONE AP EXAM

SENIORS (11% OF CLASS) SIGNED TO PLAY **COLLEGE SPORTS** NATIONAL MERIT **FINALISTS**

NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED

NATIONAL MERIT SPECIAL SCHOLARS **SCHOLARSHIPS** REPORTED BY **32 STUDENTS**

KY GOVERNORS SCHOLARS

KY GOVERNORS SCHOLARS FOR THE ARTS

NON-PROFIT STARTED BY A STUDENT

> **STUDENTS** ATTENDED LCA **FOR 13 YEARS** OR MORE

Colleges of matriculation in bold.

Anderson University **Calvin University Ball State University Butler University** Culver-Stockton University **DePaul University** DePauw University **Eastern Illinois University** Eastern Michigan University University of Evansville Franklin College

Grace College & Theological Seminary Grand Valley State University **Hanover College** University of Illinois, Chicago Indiana Bible College Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis **Indiana University** Indiana Wesleyan University Lovola University University of Indianapolis University of Mary **University of Michigan**

University of Minnesota University of Notre Dame **North Central College Purdue University** Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

School of the Art Institute of Chicago **Taylor University** Union College Valparaiso University

Wabash College Wheaton College University of Wisconsin Allegheny College **Asbury University Bellarmine University** Berea College **Bluffton University** Boston University

Campbellsville University Capital University Cedarville University Central State University Centre College Clarkson University

Colgate University University of Cincinnati Columbia University **Cornell University University of the Cumberlands** University of Dayton

Denison University Eastern Kentucky University

Emory & Henry College Fordham University George Mason University **Georgetown College** Grove City College University of Hartford

AMDA-Los Angeles **ArtCenter College of Design** Azusa Pacific University **Biola University** California Baptist University **Chapman University** Concordia University, Irvine Hawai'i Pacific University Hope International University University of Montana Pepperdine University Point Loma Nazarene Univ. San Diego Christian College

Vanguard University

Alcorn State University

Arizona State University University of Arizona **Baylor University** Blinn College University of Colorado Colorado State University University of Dallas University of Denver **Grand Canyon University** Louisiana State University

University of Missouri Oklahoma City University University of Oklahoma Ozark Christian University Southern Methodist Univ Texas Christian University Texas A&M University **Tulane University** William Woods University

University of Delaware McNeese State University Emerson College Hofstra University

Maryland Institute College of Art Miami University **Midway University** Morehead State University Mount Saint Joseph University **Murray State University** New York University Norfolk State University Northern Kentucky University Ohio Northern University Ohio Wesleyan University Ohio University The Ohio State University Pace University Pennsylvania State University **Point Park University** Quinnipiac University University of Richmond **Spalding University** SUNY, University at Buffalo Thomas More University Transylvania University **United States Military Academy University of Pikeville University of Virginia** Virginia Commonwealth University Virginia Military Institute

Kent State University Kentucky Wesleyan College

University of Kentucky

Lindsey Wilson College

University of Louisville

Marshall University

Liberty University

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University Virginia State University Washington and Jefferson College Washington and Lee University West Virginia University Western Kentucky University

University of Alabama University of Alabama, Birmingham University of Alabama, Huntsville Arkansas State University **Auburn University** Austin Peay State University Belhaven University **Belmont University Berry College** College of Charleston Charleston Southern University Clemson University Coastal Carolina University Covenant College **Davidson College** Emory University, Oxford College Florida Atlantic University Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Institute of Technology Florida State University

University of Florida

Fort Valley State University Furman University University of Georgia Georgia Institute of Technology Harding University Houston Baptist University Johnson University Kennesaw State University King University Lee University Lipscomb University University of Miami Middle Tennessee State University Milligan College University of Mississippi Nicholls State University University of North Carolina Oakwood University **Ouachita Baptist University** Palm Beach Atlantic University

Rollins College

Samford University

University of South Carolina University of South Carolina, Beaufort University of South Florida University of Southern Mississippi Southern Adventist University Southern Wesleyan University Stetson University Stillman College **University of Tampa Tennessee Technological University** University of Tennessee University of Tennessee, Chattanooga Trevecca Nazarene University Tusculum University **Union University** Vanderbilt University Wake Forest University Winthrop University Wofford College

Savannah College of Art & Design

The University of the South

University of South Alabama





SCHOOL LIFE

International students can enjoy a number of activities including athletic teams, fine arts programs, special activities and so much more! These co-curricular activities provide opportunities for international students to make friends, develop new skills, and have a well-rounded high school experience.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

FALL SPORTS WINTER SPORTS
Boys Golf Archery Baseball
Boys Soccer Boys Basketball Lacrosse
Cheerleading Girls Basketball Softball
Cross Country Swim & Diving Tennis
Dance Track

Football
Girls Golf
Girls Soccer
Volleyball



FINE ARTS PROGRAMS

Band, Cabaret, Chamber Choir, Chorus, Drama, Jazz Ensemble, Musical, Orchestra, Percussion Ensemble, Theatre Club

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE PROGRAMS

Academic Team, Beta Club, Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA), Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), Leadership Forum, Mu Alpha Theta, Outreach Programs, National Honor Society, Service Programs, Student Government, Tri-M Music Society

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Bon Fires, Dance Blue, Freshman Retreat, Homecoming, Pep Rallies, Prom, Senior Retreat, Senior Trip to NYC, Spirit Week







HOMESTAY INFORMATION

Lexington Christian Academy is not a boarding school nor does it have a dormitory. International students are assigned a homestay while attending our school. They have two options to consider for their homestay.

Option 1: International students can live in a homestay with carefully selected host families. Interviews and background checks are completed to ensure that selected families will provide a safe and nurturing environment and assist students with the development of important life skills.

We find that living with host families provides a greater opportunity for students to fully experience life in the United States and all that Lexington Christian Academy as to offer. This model provides care and comfort that helps students succeed academically and share experiences necessary to become a successful, high quality student at the university level and beyond.

Option 2: International students may live with a direct family member in the Lexington area when approved by the Admissions Office. Hosting family must be a United State citizen or provide proof of legal permanent United States residence at application, then provide proof of guardianship prior to the start of school and verified each year after.

Regardless as to whether international students choose option 1 or 2, the home experience is central to each student's language, cultural, social, and emotional transition as well as the development of key skills for living in North America.

Host parents attend an orientation program, and receive ongoing training, support, and supervision to ensure excellent care for our international students.

Communication is encouraged between the home, host family, school, and student regarding academic progress and all aspects of life in America





HOMESTAY INFORMATION

We recognize hosting an international students is a very rewarding experience for the host family and is also of great benefit to the international student.

We also recognize international students may experience difficult adjustments as they study and live in a new culture. These adjustments require patience, endurance, and often the ability to relax and laugh at one's mistakes. We believe that if international students are in a family environment, they will be better able to make necessary cross-cultural adjustments and they will gain the greatest benefit from their study in the United States. Our sincere desire is that international students and their host families will develop a strong relationship. This encourages learning and growth and results in a beautiful, lasting friendship.

Host families should provide:

- A physical environment which meets basic human needs such as food, shelter, and safety
- An emotional environment where the student receives love, support, encouragement, and guidance
- An opportunity for the student to be an important member of the host family
- Everyday family activities, such as eating meals together
- Family outings and recreational activities at home or away from home
- Community from attending Sunday worship, or joining a church youth activity at least one time a week with host family memhers
- Transportation to and from school, school activities, and some social activities

International students will be expected to show:

- Respect and cooperation with the host family's rules regarding curfew and activities host parents function as substitutes for the international student's biological parents and expect to be informed of the student's activities and whereabouts at all times
- Communication with family members about important school information, schedules, and needs
- Willingness to relate on personal and emotional levels about happy or sad feelings, activities or problems at school, or personal concerns
- Politeness, kindness, manners, honesty, and thoughtfulness toward all family members
- Interest in the lives and activities of family members and giving encouragement, help, or support to a host parent or sibling if needed

International students' families will be expected to:

- Complete the admissions process, providing all of the required documentation in a timely manner
- Provide the host family with financial support to cover the costs for their children's housing, meals, and miscellaneous expenses. (The international family will pay the host family directly.)

LCA's International Student Program recruits students and host families interested in learning and growing across cultural and language barriers, and who are willing to work at overcoming the challenges which these barriers may present. Both students and families will approach the hosting experience with attitudes of openness, patience, creativity, flexibility. Dedication to building a family together makes the experience a successful one. The opportunity to study abroad provides the international student with personal growth and maturity while gaining academic knowledge and cross-cultural awareness. Serving as a host family offers rich opportunities to discover and appreciate diverse cultures, develop skills in interpersonal relationships, and the chance to show love beyond the context of their immediate family.



- 1. During the admissions process, the student must illustrate his/her English proficiency. Examples of English proficiency tests include: International English Language Testing System (IELTS,) Cambridge Assessment English (CAE,) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Copies of the test results must be provided to the Admissions Office.
- 2. Host families of international students must be professing Christians and meet all other requirements of LCA families.
- 3. International students will be placed in courses at the highest grade level deemed appropriate by the administration after evaluating the English proficiency and admissions testing results and in consultation with parents, host parents, and student.
- 4. International students will be graded according to the same standards as any LCA student.
- 5. International students MUST be associated with a placement organization <u>OR</u> live with a relative local to the Lexington metro area.
- 6. A diploma will be awarded to any international student who completes course requirements similar to those required of full time LCA students. Any exceptions to the graduation requirements must follow the same waiver process as for any LCA student.
- 7. LCA does not offer an ESL program. At times, international students are required to get outside tutoring (at the student's expense) to ensure academic and language success.
- 8. Once the student is admitted to Lexington Christian Academy, it is the responsibility of the student's family to ensure that all visa documents and requirements of the US Government, related health records and financial transactions are taken care of in a timely manner before traveling to the United States. International families must comply with all instructions included in the I-20 form. LCA is not responsible for any additional expenses that result from these transactions and the timelines related to them.
- 9. Participation in LCA athletic programs requires additional sports fee(s), a health physical in English and eligibility requirements. To learn more, please contact the admissions office at admissions@lexingtonchristian.org.
- 10. There is a required International Student Orientation for both students and host families before the school year starts. Please watch for dates and times from the Admissions Office.









ADMISSIONS PROCESS

The admissions process is designed to ensure a student's readiness and academic placement so that he or she might have a rewarding experience at LCA. We also desire to confirm compatibility in Christian values, philosophy, and essential beliefs between parents and the school so that a strong partnership is forged between the Christian home and the school. Our admissions criteria reflects our commitment to serve as a partner with the home and the local church in the Christian education of our students.

STEP 1—APPLY ONLINE

To begin the process, families are asked to create an account and complete the online application. The online application will include:

- English Teacher Recommendation
- Math Teacher Recommendation
- Ministry Leader Recommendation
- Personal Reference

To complete the online recommendations and reference, the family will be asked to provide the names and email addresses to each person who will receive one of the recommendation forms. The online application process includes a \$50 application fee.

STEP 2 - PROVIDE SUPPORTING RECORDS

In addition to the online application, families are asked to email copies of the following items to admissions@lexingtonchristian.org:

- Passport
- Birth certificate both in original language and translated in English
- Current immunization record
- Current physical exam record
- Academic Transcripts Translated into English
- English Proficiency Exam Results (e.g. TOEFL)
- Medical Treatment Authorization Form
- Proof of Medical/Dental Insurance
- Bank statement verifying funds of at least \$18,000 to cover tuition and living expenses

STEP 3 - FAMILY INTERVIEW

Once the Admissions Office has received the online application plus all of the supporting records, they will schedule a family interview. The family interview should include the student, his/her parents, the principal and Director of Admissions. The purpose of the interview is to provide the family with an opportunity to learn more about LCA and ask questions about their child's international assignment. For the school, the interview allows the principal and Director of Admissions with an opportunity to get to know the family, ask questions, and discuss the student's course schedule. An admissions decision will be rendered after the family interview.

STEP 4—ENROLL ONLINE

Once the family interview is complete, your family will be notified of the admissions decision. LCA will create an I-20 and forward it to the family once the student has been accepted. After acceptance and confirmation a spot is available, families will be asked to complete the online enrollment materials. This process secures the student's placement. The online enrollment process includes submission of an enrollment fee.





Questions? Please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@lexingtonchristian.org. We will be happy to assist your family.

In what grades do you take international students?

We accept international students in 9th-12th grades.

What % of students graduate? What % attend college? Where do they attend college?

100% of our students graduate from high school. 97-99% attend college. Students attend a variety of colleges across the United States.

When is application due?

For international students, applications are due by June 1, 2022.

What is the application process?

There are three primary steps including (1) completion of an online application, (2) submission of all required supporting documentation, and (3) participation in a family interview with the high school principal and director of admissions.

What is the cost to attend?

The 2022-2023 tuition will be set in January 2022. The current high school tuition is almost \$13,000. In addition to the annual tuition, there are fees associated with an enrollment fee, grade level fee, as well as housing and living expenses.

How does the applicant obtain an F-1 visa?

As soon as the student is admitted and the family agrees to enrollment, LCA's Admissions Office will submit a request for the student's F-1 visa through SEVIS. A copy of the F-1 visa will be emailed to the family.

Does LCA have a ESL program?

No, LCA does not have a English as a Second Language (ESL) program. This is why it is so important for the student to be proficient in English reading, writing, and speaking.

Does LCA help find homestay for international students?

Yes, LCA will assist with finding a homestay for the international student.

Does the student need to be a Christian in order to attend LCA?

We accept students who, along with their parents or guardians, may not be Christians but are very open to learning more about Jesus Christ and the Bible. Although each student is free to make his/her own choice about the Lord, we will present what the Bible says about a relationship with Jesus Christ.

How will student be transported to and from school?

The host family will transport the student to and from school.

Do international students need health insurance to attend LCA?

Yes, all international students must have health insurance to attend our school. Families are required to provide verification that the insurance is in place. Learn more and set up your plan at International Student Insurance.

Can parents communicate with teachers and staff for updates on their students' progress in the classroom?

LCA has an online educational system parents can access to review their students' progress in the classroom. In addition, the school distributes weekly e-newsletters to provide our families with information regarding the school's activities. Teachers and staff are also available via email to address any questions or concerns.