



LACONIA

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

SCHOOL PROFILE/ 2014-2015

CEEB #300302

THE ACADEMY: Laconia Christian Academy is located in the heart of the Lakes Region of central New Hampshire. It is a college-preparatory, non-denominational Christian day school for students in pre-school through grade twelve. LCA is an educational ministry of Laconia Christian Fellowship under the direction of an independent governing board. The Academy is comprised of three divisions: Pre-School and Kindergarten (three, four and five year olds), Lower School (grades 1-6), and Upper School (grades 7-12). Additionally, Laconia Christian Academy employs two Level III certified National Institute of Learning Development (NILD) therapists to assist students with learning challenges.

MISSION: The mission of Laconia Christian Academy is to serve families by providing a Christ-centered, college-preparatory education that instills a biblical worldview in the heart and mind of each student.

STUDENT BODY: Laconia Christian Academy enrolled 91 students (2014-2015), which includes an Upper School of 38 students. The senior class of 2015 is comprised of 8 students. The Academy provides a diverse academic, socio-economic, and ethnic environment. As a SEVIS approved School, LCA typically maintains an international student population of over 10%. Over the past five years, international students from Belgium, China, Germany, Ghana, Mongolia, Rwanda, and South Korea have enrolled at LCA. The Academy emphasizes small class size (13 average, 20 maximum) and close cooperative relationships between home and school, and among students and teachers.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM: Laconia Christian Academy is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and approved by the New Hampshire State Department of Education for attendance and educational programs. The Upper School is structured around eight 45 minute periods with double blocks for humanities, art, AP courses, and and lab sciences. Highlights of the upper school program include:

- **Community Service.** Students devote an extended afternoon each month to local community service, allowing LCA students to become aware of and engaged in meeting the needs of the community. Juniors and seniors travel to Honduras for a week each March.
- **College Board Advanced Placement Courses.** LCA offers the following AP courses: Chemistry (2013), Physics B (2010, 2012, 2014), Calculus AB (2008, 2010, 2013), and U.S. History (2012).
- **Dual Credit.** LCA juniors and seniors are offered the opportunity to earn dual-credit through the New Hampshire Community College system and the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School. American Government was offered on campus through Lakes Region Community College (2014).
- **Humanities Program.** The interdisciplinary Humanities courses integrate the study of theology, philosophy, history, and literature through a study of the "Great Books." See attached upper school reading list.

- **Writing Instruction.** Upper School students in grades 7-9 are enrolled in competency based Grammar and Composition courses devoted wholly to the mastery of the English language and writing; student in grades 10-12 are enrolled in rhetoric courses designed to refine their writing and other rhetorical skills. The writing component of the curriculum is fully integrated into the Humanities program.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS: Credit requirements for students (grades 9-12) are as follows:

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Humanities ¹	8
Grammar & Composition ¹	2
Bible/Theology ¹	-
Social Studies ^{1,2}	1.5
Science ³	3
Math	3
Physical Education ⁴	1
Fine Arts	1
Various Electives, Totaling	<u>24</u>

¹ Credit for Bible/theology, philosophy, history, and the literature portion of the traditional English course is met through the Humanities program. Each year, in conjunction with this intensive 2 credit course, students are required to complete a year-long ½ credit course in grammar and composition or rhetoric.

² Social Studies: 1 credit in American History; ½ credit in Economics. Credit for American Government is met through Humanities III. World history and geography are also integrated into the Humanities curriculum.

³ Science: 3 credits in a lab science (Conceptual Physics, Biology, Chemistry, AP Physics).

⁴ Physical Education credit is earned through participation in inter-scholastic sports.

GRADING SYSTEM: Report cards are posted at the end of each quarter. Parents are given real-time access to student academic progress through an online student management system.

CLASS RANK: Laconia Christian Academy does not report class rank.

GPA: High school students' weighted GPA is calculated according to the table that follows. Students in AP and Dual Credit courses receive a 1 point GPA bump for a course grade above a C.

<u>Performance Level</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Numerical Equivalent</u>	<u>GPA</u>
Superior	A+	98-100	4.3
	A	95-97	4.0
	A-	92-94	3.7
Above Average	B+	89-91	3.3
	B	86-88	3.0
	B-	83-85	2.7
Average	C+	80-82	2.3
	C	77-79	2.0
	C-	74-76	1.7
Below Average	D+	71-73	1.3
	D	68-70	1.0
	D-	65-67	0.7
Below Passing	F	Below 65	0.0

STANDARDIZED TESTING: Students at Laconia Christian Academy have consistently scored above grade level on the Stanford Achievement Tests and Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) MAP tests. College Board SAT scores for college-bound seniors follow. (The SAT averages for the Class of 2015 reflect testing through June 2014.)

<u>YOG</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Composite</u>
2011	622	575	595	1792
2012	581	554	622	1757
2013	590	627	637	1854
2014	540	630	555	1725
2015	547	587	505	1639
Five-Year Mean	576	595	583	1753

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION: Laconia Christian Academy is a member of the New Hampshire Small Private School Athletic League (NHSPSAL).

COLLEGES ATTENDED: Laconia Christian Academy students are encouraged to further their education. Over the past five years, more than 83% of our students have enrolled in college. The following is a partial list of colleges and post-secondary institutions which have accepted our graduates. Graduates from the classes of 2009-2014 have enrolled at the post-secondary educational institutions that are identified in bold print.

Air Force Academy
 American University
 Asbury University
 Boston University
 Calvin College
 Case Western Reserve University
Cedarville University
 Clarkson University
 Cornerstone University
 Covenant College
 East Coast Aerotech
 Eastern College
Eastern Nazarene College
 Emerson College
 Emmanuel College
Evangel University
 Farleigh Dickerson University
 Flagler College
 Florida Institute of Technology
 Genesis Discipleship Training Center
 GMI Engineering & Management Institute
Gordon College
 Grand Canyon University
 Greenville College
 Harding College
 Harvard Divinity School
 Hesser College
 Hofstra University
 Holy Cross College
 Houghton College
 Johnson and Wales University
 Keene State College
 King's College

Lakes Region Community College
 Lee University
Liberty University
Messiah College
 New England College
 New England School of Communications
New Hampshire Technical Institute
New York University
 NH Technical Institute (NHTI)
 Northeastern University
 Nyack College
 Oral Roberts University
 Palm Beach Atlantic University
 Philadelphia Biblical University
 Plymouth State University
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 Roberts Wesleyan College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Southwestern Bible College
St. Anselm College
St. John's College (Annapolis)
 Syracuse University
 Taylor University
 University of Colorado
 University of Lowell
 University of Maine
 University of New Hampshire
 University of Southern Maine
 Virginia Military Institute
 Wheaton College (Illinois)
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute
 YWAM (College of the Pacific)