



## SCHOOL PROFILE 2020

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**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 (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 97 students (2018-2019), which includes an Upper School of 44 students. The senior class of 2019 is comprised of 4 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, Malawi, Rwanda, and South Korea have enrolled at LCA. The Academy emphasizes small class size (11 average, 18 maximum) and close cooperative relationships between home and school, and among students and teachers.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM:** Laconia Christian Academy is accredited by 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, and lab sciences. Highlights of the upper school program include:

- **Community Service.** Students devote a day each semester to local service learning projects, allowing LCA students to become aware of and engaged in meeting the needs of the community. Juniors and seniors take an international service trip for two weeks each spring. Recent trips include Honduras, Israel, and Rwanda.
- **Advanced Placement and Dual Credit.** LCA juniors and seniors are offered the opportunity to earn dual-credit through the New Hampshire Community College system. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit through Lakes Region Community College for the following courses: American Government (3 credits), American History & Civilization I (3 credits) American History & Civilization II (3 credits), College Composition (4 credits), Introduction to Literature (3 credits), Public Speaking (3 credits), Psychology (3 credits), and Sociology (3 credits). Additionally, juniors and seniors are offered the opportunity to take AP Computer Science A (Java), and AP Computer Science Principles.
- **Humanities Program.** Interdisciplinary Humanities courses integrate the study of theology, philosophy, history, and literature through a study of the "Great Books." These courses transcript as Christian Education, English, and History courses.

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

<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
History component of Humanities <sup>1</sup>	4
English Language Arts <sup>1</sup>	4
Bible/Theology <sup>1</sup>	4
Social Studies <sup>2</sup>	1.5
Science <sup>3</sup>	3
Math <sup>4</sup>	3
Foreign Language	2
Physical Education <sup>5</sup>	1
Fine Arts <sup>6</sup>	3
Various Electives Totaling <sup>7</sup>	<b><u>26</u></b>

- <sup>1</sup> The LCA Humanities program integrates the study of theology, philosophy and history with and through the study of literature. Each Humanities course transcripts as 1 credit in History, ½ credit in English, and ½ credit in Christian Education. In addition to the Humanities course, students are required to complete a year-long ½ credit ELA course and a year-long ½ credit course in Bible/theology.
- <sup>2</sup> Social Studies: ½ dual-credit in US History (including study of NH History); ½ credit in Finance/Economics; ½ dual-credit in Government (including study of NH Government).
- <sup>3</sup> Science: 3 credits in a Lab Science (biology, physics, chemistry, anatomy & physiology).
- <sup>4</sup> Math: 4 credits in grades 8-12 (Algebra I is typically taken in grade 8).
- <sup>5</sup> Physical Education: ¼ credit per season may be earned for participation on an athletic team.
- <sup>6</sup> Fine Arts: Requirements may be met through studio art, chorus, drama, journalism, or worship arts (1 credit each).
- <sup>7</sup> Transfer students are required to earn at least 2 Bible/Theology credits and carry a course load prorated to the number of credits required for graduation. In addition to the credit requirements set forth above, the awarding of an LCA diploma is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the junior and senior years at LCA.

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

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

<b><u>Performance Level</u></b>	<b><u>Letter Grade</u></b>	<b><u>Numerical Equivalent</u></b>	<b><u>GPA</u></b>
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 national norms on the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) MAP tests and College Board SAT® Suite of Assessments (Grades 8-12). Average SAT® scores for college-bound seniors follow.

<b>YOG</b>	<b>EBR</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Composite</b>
2015	564	586	1150
2016	562	513	1075
2017	650	620	1270
2018	576	560	1136
<b>2019</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1250</b>
Five-Year Mean	598	578	1176

**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 80% of our graduates 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 2015-2019 have enrolled at the post-secondary educational institutions that are identified in bold print.

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| Air Force Academy                      | Lee University                           |
| American University                    | Liberty University                       |
| Asbury University                      | <b>Life Pacific College</b>              |
| Boston University                      | Messiah College                          |
| Calvin College                         | New England College                      |
| Case Western Reserve University        | New England School of Communications     |
| Cedarville University                  | <b>New Hampshire Technical Institute</b> |
| <b>Charleston Southern University</b>  | New York University                      |
| Clarkson University                    | Northeastern University                  |
| Cornerstone University                 | Nyack College                            |
| Covenant College                       | Oral Roberts University                  |
| East Coast Aerotech                    | Palm Beach Atlantic University           |
| Eastern College                        | Philadelphia Biblical University         |
| Eastern Nazarene College               | <b>Plymouth State University</b>         |
| Emerson College                        | Point Loma Nazarene University           |
| Emmanuel College                       | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute         |
| <b>Evangel University</b>              | Roberts Wesleyan College                 |
| Farleigh Dickerson University          | Savannah College of Art and Design       |
| Flagler College                        | Southwestern Bible College               |
| Florida Institute of Technology        | <b>Southern New Hampshire University</b> |
| Genesis Discipleship Training Center   | St. Anselm College                       |
| GMI Engineering & Management Institute | St. John's College (Annapolis)           |
| Gordon College                         | Syracuse University                      |
| Grand Canyon University                | Taylor University                        |
| Greenville College                     | University of Colorado                   |
| Harding College                        | University of Lowell                     |
| Harvard Divinity School                | University of Maine                      |
| Hesser College                         | <b>University of New Hampshire</b>       |
| Hofstra University                     | University of Southern Maine             |
| Holy Cross College                     | Virginia Military Institute              |
| Houghton College                       | <b>Vermont Technical College</b>         |
| Johnson and Wales University           | Wheaton College (Illinois)               |
| Keene State College                    | Worcester Polytechnic Institute          |
| King's College                         | Word of Life                             |
| <b>Lakes Region Community College</b>  | YWAM (College of the Pacific)            |