

## *Freshmen Guidance Information*

This packet is designed to provide you with information that will enable you to get a good start in your high school career. While graduation may seem a long way off, there are things you should be doing now to prepare for life after high school.

- Do your best in all of your classes.
  - Not only do you need the credits, but your good grades can earn you college scholarships.
- Perform community service
  - It's not just for National Honor Society Students. Community service hours look great on a college application.
- Do your best on standardized tests.
  - Your scores on these tests will show you your strengths and weakness early on.
- Keep a High School Resume
  - Keep track of your activities such as sports and other clubs, your community service hours, and your awards. Remember to keep it updated. This will help you when you fill out college applications.

If you have any questions about academic requirements, scholarships, or testing, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at [jbarlow@lakesidechristianschool.org](mailto:jbarlow@lakesidechristianschool.org).

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## **HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (grades 9-12)**

9 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Successful completion of 5-7 credits
10 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Successful completion of 12-14 credits
11 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Successful completion of 19-21 credits
12 <sup>th</sup> grade:	Successful completion of a minimum of 26 credits

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Lakeside Christian School requires a minimum of 24 credits for graduation from high school for transfer students, which includes one credit in Bible for each year a student attends this school in grades 9 through 12.

Students who begin at Lakeside Christian School in 9<sup>th</sup> grade must have a minimum of 28 credits for graduation.

Although students and parents will be counseled, the student is to assume responsibility for knowing and meeting the requirements for graduation.

The credits needed for each graduation program are listed below.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Credits Required</b>
Bible	1 credit for each year at LCS
English	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	4
Foreign Language (2 years of the same language)	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education (Health)	1
Computer	1
General Elective	0-4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24-28</b>

## **ACHIEVEMENT TESTS**

The EXPLORE test is administered in the fall of the freshmen year. EXPLORE prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but for their post-high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student's future academic and career success.

As a high school intake measure, EXPLORE® gives educators the means to structure high school planning and career exploration for students and parents. It serves as a baseline to monitor academic progress.

Through EXPLORE, students' strengths and weaknesses can be identified early in their educational development, when they have the greatest opportunity to establish a four-year program of studies that will help them achieve their career and educational goals.

While useful as an independent program, EXPLORE also serves as the entry point into ACT's EPAS® Educational Planning and Assessment System. This integrated series of ACT assessment programs is designed to enhance students' preparation for careers, vocational training, or higher education. (<http://act.org/explore/benefits.html>)

For more information about the EXPLORE test, visit their website at <http://act.org/explore/index.html>.

### **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY**

Students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade must meet the following criteria to be inducted into or to remain members of the Lakeside chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

- 3.0 GPA
- 20 Hours of Community Service
- Recommendations from teachers

### **FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP**

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

#### **Florida Academic Scholars**

- 100% tuition at one of the state universities in Florida and an additional \$375 for expenses.
- Requirements
  - 3.5 weighted GPA
  - Composite score of 1270 on SAT (based on Reading and Math sections only) OR 28 on ACT (excluding the writing section)
  - 75 hours of community service
  - Courses must include 15 credits of college preparatory academic courses.
    - 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
    - 4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
    - 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
    - 3 Social Science
    - 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

#### **Florida Medallion Scholars**

- 100% of tuition and allowable fees\* for college credit courses leading to an associate degree.
- 75% tuition at one of the state universities in Florida.
- Requirements
  - 3.0 weighted GPA and
  - Composite score of 970 on SAT (based on Reading and Math sections only) OR 20 on ACT (excluding the writing section)
  - Courses must include 15 credits of college preparatory academic courses.
    - 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
    - 4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
    - 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
    - 3 Social Science
    - 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)