



# Liberty Christian Academy

## 2025-2026 Elementary School Profile

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Liberty Christian Academy exists to support parents and guardians in their Biblical responsibility to nurture and train their children. Thus, LCA provides opportunities that allow students to realize their God-given potential and to live lives that glorify God in the spiritual, academic, social, physical, and vocational realms.

### THE COMMUNITY

Lynchburg is an independent city in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The population was 80,301 as of 2025. Lynchburg is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains along the banks of the James River. Currently, 19 high schools (public and private), ten middle schools, and several elementary schools utilizing a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade-level configuration are in the surrounding area.

### ACCREDITATION AND RECOGNITION

Liberty Christian Academy is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and Cognia which are recognized as valid accrediting agencies for private schools in the Commonwealth by the Virginia Council for Private Education (VCPE) as authorized by the Virginia Board of Education.

### THE SCHOOL

Liberty Christian Academy enrolls nearly 2000 students in PreK-12<sup>th</sup> grade with approximately 650 students in grades K-5. LCA is the largest (single campus) private school in the state of VA and ninth largest in the U.S. The school opened in the fall of 1967 as Lynchburg Christian Academy and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 1972. Lynchburg Christian Academy changed its name to Liberty Christian Academy in 2005.

#### ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten	105
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	110
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	125
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	109
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	96
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	99
Total	644

### STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES (2025) Iowa

Subject Area	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Reading Composite	77	62	53	67	55
Language Composite	81	60	57	68	57
Math Composite	81	59	53	50	48
Total Score	76	57	54	59	52

Scores represent each grade's National Percentile Rank (NPR) as normed against all students who tested nationally. The national average is 50.

### THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

LCA utilizes a variety of curricula chosen by teacher committees which are led by the Academic Dean. These committees evaluate and determine the most effective and dynamic academic curricula. The classroom instruction is centered around an essential question (objective) that focuses on differentiation and formative assessments. Each student is provided with an academically challenging program that enhances creativity, encourages critical thinking, and promotes problem solving. Collaboration with other classroom instructors to create cohesion in planning and design are key in providing consistent curriculum. Communication with parents is a primary focus as we partner to support students academically while always maintaining a safe instructional environment. Each grade K-5 has iPad carts used to engage and prepare students for the 21st century. Students at LCA have a full range of academic, extra-curricular, and co-curricular opportunities that promote life-long learning. LCA utilizes FACTS and Google Classroom which allow parents to view their students grades at any time as well as classroom news, assignments, and other important information.



## Mathematics

LCA uses the *Go Math* curriculum with a focus on differentiation coupled with real world and higher order thinking skills. A standardized Quarterly Math Assessment Test (QMAT) is administered at the end of each quarter to give the teacher empirical data on the student mastery of each objective.

## Reading

LCA believes that the mastery of reading skills is essential to learning in all academic areas. Therefore, parents are encouraged to read to their children, listen to them read, and have their children read independently during the school year and over the summer. The AimsWeb reading assessment is administered at the beginning and end of each school year in grades K-5. Students may be invited to participate in a reading intervention program based on AimsWeb results.

## Writing

The ability to write clearly and expressively is of utmost importance to LCA. Coupled with an intentional focus on spelling and grammar fundamentals, LCA adopted the 6 + 1 writing program. Students are required to write regularly in all academic areas using this method. A Writing Skills Assessment Test (WSAT) is administered (for students in grades 1-5) to give the teacher empirical data on the writing level of each student.

## Additional Support Programs

- General Resource class - \$1,230 per year (individual / small group instruction, academic support plan)
  - Math Support Program (twice per week) - \$77 per quarter (assistance for students with targeted math needs).
  - Reading Intervention (based on the AimsWeb results) - \$65 per quarter (individual or small group reading support)
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## GRADING SCALE

Grade	Percentage
<b>A - Excellent</b>	90-100
<b>B – Above Average</b>	80-89
<b>C - Average</b>	70-79
<b>D - Below Average</b>	60-69
<b>F - Failure</b>	59 or below

(Kindergarten is assessed on specific learning goals.)

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## SPIRITUAL PROGRAM

The spiritual development of every student is of the highest priority at Liberty Christian Academy. Spiritual education is accomplished through daily Bible instruction, weekly Chapel services, scripture memorization coupled with application, and the integration of Biblical principles and content with regards to instruction in all academic areas (biblical worldview). The weekly K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Chapel is directed and led by the Administration and the Campus Pastor. Most importantly, students see faith lived out by their teachers and administrators who are all born again believers who attempt to be an example of Christ each day.

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## SPECIALS

K – 5 students participate in five special classes each week. These five classes include: physical education, art, music, library, and technology. Students in grades K-3 also have iExplore and CARE.

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## STEMNation

LCA understands the value of STEM education as our country moves into the technologically driven 21<sup>st</sup> century. STEM includes every area that falls under the umbrella of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – anything from chemistry to algebra to robotics. With its interdisciplinary approach, STEM introduces and excites students in preparation for the technologically-driven world in which we live. Students in grades 3 – 5 are invited to participate in this program based on academic performance, and additional measures determined by administration. LCA uses curriculum from the Engineering in Elementary (EiE) program developed by the Boston Museum of Science and supplements the curriculum with a variety of units related to math, robotics, engineering, and more. STEM education also allows the integration of the liberal arts. There are about 90 students participating in the program this year.

