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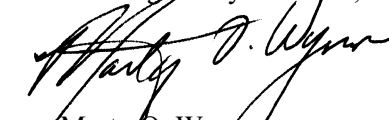
Thank you for selecting Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA) as your partner in education. A quality education will benefit the student for years to come. Lighthouse offers both a quality education and a biblical education.

We are very grateful for your desire to be a part of the LCA family. You will find that our faculty and staff are dedicated and willing to help each student. LCA deems itself as a partner in assisting the parents in the proper education of their child, and we appreciate your confidence.

The goal of LCA is to provide a quality academic education with an emphasis on spiritual truths. LCA is not a religious school, but it is a Christian school. We ask that the families and students representing our school maintain a Godly testimony at school, at home, and in the community. The achievement of this goal will require cooperation between the school personnel, parents and students. It will also require a lot of hard work with dedication and discipline. The high standards and visionary leadership of LCA will insure continued excellence for each year the student is enrolled.

It is our desire that the information contained in this handbook will be helpful to you, and answer any questions you may have. If, after reading this handbook, there are still questions, please feel free to contact our school office any time.

Training Godly Children,



Marty O. Wynn
Administrator/Principal

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Parent & Student Handbook

Doctrinal Statement (*Summarized*)

The Bible - The Bible - We believe the Bible, consisting of sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. The Bible is God-breathed (II Tim. 3:16), and is to be the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. We further believe that God has preserved His Word through the manuscripts of the Textus Reptus and Masoretic texts. For English-speaking people, these texts are reflected in the King James Version (KJV). Therefore, the King James Version of the Bible shall be the official and only translation used by this church and its ministries (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21).

The Godhead - We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit eternally existing as three persons, and yet are still One. These are co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and have the same attributes and perfections (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4; Isa 6:3).

The Person and Work of Jesus Christ - We believe that the Lord Jesus, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, became man, without ceasing to be God (Phil. 2:5-8). Jesus Christ is full deity because He is God, and He became fully human as a man. He did this in order that He might reveal God in His righteousness, and redeem man in his sinfulness (John 1:1; 14:9; Isa. 7:14; I John 4:14).

Salvation - We believe all men are sinners (Rom. 3:10,23) and in need of the saving work provided by Jesus on the cross. This salvation is a free gift from God (Rom. 6:23) to all who will believe and receive (Rom. 10:9-13; John 1:12). Salvation is by grace alone, plus nothing and minus nothing. The conditions to salvation are repentance and faith (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 2:16).

The Church - We believe the Church is the body and bride of Christ (Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:25-29). This body is a spiritual organism that is made up of born-again, baptized believers (Acts 2:47; I Cor. 12:13).

Satan - We believe Satan is a real personality, the author of sin, and the direct cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he will be eternally punished along with the fallen angels in the Lake of Fire (Gen. 3:1; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:2,10).

Eternity - We believe in the everlasting conscious blessedness of the saved in a literal heaven (Rev. 21-22), and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in a literal hell (Rev. 19:11-15).

Separation - We believe all Christians should live in a manner that does not bring reproach upon the Lord's name, and that separation from religious apostasy and sinful practices is commanded by God (Rom. 12:1-2; II Cor. 6:17; Rom. 16:17; I John 2:15-17).

Missions - We believe it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:16; 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15; John 15:16).

This obligation is to be carried out by reaching lost people, both at home and around the world. We further believe that maintaining close contact and relationships with "on the field" missionaries are vital to maintaining reality in our vision. Therefore, we believe in the New

Testament practice of the church supporting individual missionaries with whom we can maintain a prayerful, supporting relationship. We believe that missionaries are to be sent out by the local churches and are responsible to those local churches (Acts 13:2-3).

Creation - We believe God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods. We reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution as unscriptural theories of the origin of the universe, earth and mankind (Genesis 1-2; Ex. 20:11).

Human Sexuality - We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23).

Abortion - We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortion of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 29:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

Bible

Only the King James Version will be used for all schoolwork and/or activities of Lighthouse Christian Academy. The New King James Version is not an acceptable copy of the King James Version.

Purpose

The purpose of Lighthouse Christian Academy is to provide a quality education for each student, to assist parents in the developing of a Christian home, and to produce students that follow the call of God in areas of ministry. The school's highest priority is spiritual training. It is vital that a child be taught the Bible and the claims of Christ on the life of each individual. Conformity to Christ's image (Romans 8:29) is the ultimate goal of education and training. Proper Christian character and a right view of life begins with a proper relationship to God through Jesus Christ, and a view of life based upon the Word of God. It is our desire that each child come to the place where they receive Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior, and grow into His likeness.

Lighthouse Christian Academy seeks to educate and train young people in becoming Godly witnesses in their homes, communities, and the world. This Godly witness includes being a good citizen, with proper respect for authority and government (Romans 13:1-2).

Admissions Requirements & Procedures

The following steps must all be completed, in order for enrollment at LCA to be accepted. Each step is necessary for the next step to enrollment.

1. Parents must visit the school and secure a copy of this handbook and enrollment application forms.
2. Parents and student must read this handbook thoroughly. The CONDITIONS OF ENROLLMENT

AND PLEDGE OF COOPERATION, located in the back of this handbook, is to be signed, dated, and turned in with the registration materials. **No registration will be complete, nor a student enrolled, until this signed and dated document is on file in the school office.**

3. Parents must complete and return all enrollment forms to the school office, along with copies of your child's immunization records (including dates) and/or health records and birth certificate. **All immunizations records must be current and/or updated each academic year.**
4. Both parents (i.e., mother and father) and the student must meet with the Administrator/Principal for an admission interview.
5. All new students, in the first through twelfth grades, must complete the diagnostics test, in order to determine his/her grade performance level. A student who transfers from another school will not be automatically placed in the same (or next) grade.

If the diagnostics test reveal that a student is not performing at the required PACE level in a majority of the core subjects, that child will be placed in his/her "performance" grade level and not at his/her "chronological" grade level. Remedial work will be available for those who are not performing at their prescribed grade level.

Please Note: *The taking of the diagnostic test does not imply enrollment acceptance. The results of the diagnostic test are simply a factor in enrollment consideration. All criteria must be met before enrollment takes place.*

6. All registration and fees must be paid upon registration.
7. **Both parents must sign all applications, forms and documentation** (unless one parent is deceased). If this is not possible, because of a divorce situation, a copy of the legal document granting primary care to the signing parent must be submitted with application. A copy of the divorce decree must also be presented.
8. *Lighthouse Christian Academy (LCA)* is primarily open to all academically qualified students whose parents are active members of Lighthouse Baptist Church.

The Exceptions Are:

- a. The student and at least one parent must be a faithful and active member of a local, fundamental, Bible-Believing Baptist church.
- b. Children of parents of other churches who are in full-time Christian service:
 - (1) Parents must understand that LCA is an Independent Baptist ministry, and will teach the tenets of its faith.
 - (2) Parents must agree not to propagate, among other students, any doctrines, standards, or attitudes that are contrary to those practiced by LCA.

NOTE: Students, who are not members of Lighthouse Baptist Church, must have a "Pastoral Recommendation Form" completed by their pastor. This form must be mailed by the Pastor to our office.

All students are expected to faithfully attend church. By definition, LCA defines faithfulness as

attending Sunday School, Sunday Morning Service, Sunday Evening Service, Mid-Week Service, and any other scheduled service of your church. A consistent habit of missing any service will result in the issuing of demerits and/or dismissal. If the student's church does not offer these stated services, then attendance at Lighthouse Baptist Church is required for those services.



_____ *Parent's initials required here, to indicate that parent has read and understood the church attendance requirement.*

9. Parents must support the guidelines, code and conduct of this school at all times. To criticize the school and/or staff at home is to undermine the atmosphere of orderly learning. All students are encouraged to maintain the biblical standards of dress and character the year round. Godly dress and character is encouraged, not only during school hours and school days, but also during weekends, vacations and the summer. We earnestly request our parents to teach children to be consistent in their Christian testimony, no matter what the occasion or date.
10. Parents must agree to attend the *Parent's Orientation Meeting*. This meeting will be scheduled and announced before the beginning of the fall term.
11. No child will be accepted in enrollment, who is taking any mood-altering drugs such as (but not limited to) Ritalin, tranquilizers, anti-depressants, etc. **There are no exceptions to this policy.**
12. The Administration reserves the right to make exceptions to these policies as deemed necessary, and still maintain the orderly and Godly atmosphere of the academy.

NOTE: All applicants will be reviewed by the Administration. Acceptance or rejection of all students will be based upon the attitudes of the parents and students in regard to the policies and rules of the school. The cooperation of the parents is necessary.

Admission Policy

Kindergarten: The Kindergarten program is offered for any child who has reached his/her fifth birthday by September 1. The student will be tested. All admission's requirements, as listed on the application form, must be met. **Please Note: Due to the nature of the kindergarten program, no kindergarten applications for admission will be accepted after the first two weeks of school.**

First Grade: The first-grade program is offered for any child who has reached his or her sixth birthday by September 1. The student will be tested to see if he/she is "ready to read." All admission's requirements, as listed on the application form, must be met.

Grades Two - Twelve: Students may be admitted to these grades by promotion from within LCA or by transfer from other schools, providing that all admission's requirements have been met.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Lighthouse Christian Academy admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the academy. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the

administration of its admissions policies, educational policies, and other school-administered programs. We believe that all people are created in the image of God, and that Jesus Christ died to redeem all who believe.

Withdrawals and/or Dismissals

1. A student may be withdrawn for any reason upon written notification and/or completion of the *Withdrawal* form. This documentation must be submitted to the school and must be given at least seven days prior to the intended withdrawal.
2. The administration of the school reserves the right to dismiss any student at any time. Such dismissals will occur for the following reasons:
 - a. Parents will not cooperate with the school administration.
 - b. A student's conduct, attitude, or lack of academic effort make it mandatory for the student to be dismissed.
 - c. Tuition is delinquent, and satisfactory arrangements with the administration have not been made.
 - d. The student accumulates one-hundred-twenty-five (125) demerits in one quarter.

The administration reserves the right to dismiss a student for any conduct that is in conflict with the stated goals, guidelines, policies, or doctrinal statement of the school.

3. If a student is withdrawn, or dismissed, after the first school day of the month, all fees for that month must be paid. If student is withdrawn, or dismissed for disciplinary reasons, after December 31st of the current school year, the balance of the annual tuition will remain due. If your balance is not up-to-date, at the time of withdrawal or dismissal, all grades and records will be held until the balance is paid (Note: If paid by check, it must clear the bank before records will be released). **No grades or records will be released on the same day that a student is withdrawn or dismissed.**

Television

We realize the many good things that can come across the television screen: news, history making events, thrilling Bible messages and specials. However, the regular broadcast day is filled with glorifying sin; including immorality, immodesty, deception, lying, corruptions, adultery and more. Meanwhile, dedicated Christians are portrayed as ignorant and irresponsible people, who have gone off the deep end. Firm belief in the Bible is mocked. **Therefore, we believe it is a waste of time and effort to give a child a Christ-centered education during the day, only to fill his/her head and heart with ungodliness at home.** Parents enrolling their children in the *Lighthouse Christian Academy* are expected to control closely the TV viewing of their children. We respectfully request parents, who are unwilling to control TV viewing closely, to remove their children from our school. The homes of children attending our school must not subscribe to HBO, Cinemax, Showtime, or any other movie channel showing "R," or "X" rated movies. Also, "R" or "X" rated videos are not allowed.

Curriculum

The base curriculum is the *ACE* (Accelerated Christian Education) material. *ACE* offers an unique approach to learning and education that is individualized and mastery-based. The six core subjects are: Math, English, Social Studies, Science, Literature and Creative Writing, and Word-Building. The material is Bible-based, and students are required to memorize portions of Scripture. As the child progresses through each PACE, he learns academics and Godly character building. All reading skills are taught through the use of phonics. Each student is expected to complete one grade level (i.e., twelve PACES) in each subject in each year.

Driver's Education Course

Qualified students will be permitted to complete an approved *Driver's Education Course* that is offered by LCA. Upon successful completion, the student will be given a certificate of completion for insurance and State documentation.

Drug & Alcohol Course

All eligibles students, in order to fulfill the State of Georgia requirements are encouraged to take this course at the Columbus Library. This course is no longer provided by LCA.

Foreign Language

LCA offers instruction in learning Spanish as a second language. LCA believes that a student in our modern society has a greater level of success potential when equipped with the ability of a second language. It also provides more opportunities for sharing the gospel in our multi-cultural community. Other languages will be offered in the near future.

Administration & Staff

All staff and school personnel must give testimony to personal faith in Jesus Christ. This testimony must be both verbal and visual. They must demonstrate their faith by faithful, active involvement in a local fundamental, Independent Baptist church and by their daily life and example.

Administrator: The pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church serves as administrator. The principle decision-making authority is given to the administrator.

Supervisor/Teacher: Each student is assigned to an *ACE* trained supervisor. This supervisor assumes responsibility for inspiring achievement in each student.

Monitor: Monitors are para-professionals who provide assistance to the supervisor/teacher.

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 12:00 p.m.(Noon) for Kindergarten, and ends at 3:00 p.m. for first through twelfth grades. Students are not to arrive at the school prior to 8:00 a.m. or to remain beyond 3:15 p.m., unless they are under disciplinary action. Students who are left at school after 3:15 p.m. will be charged \$5.00 per quarter-hour or any part of a quarter-hour. School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, in order for the students and their parents to prepare for church attendance. Any student left at school on Wednesday after 1:45 p.m. will be charged \$5.00 per quarter-hour or any part of a quarter-hour.

Lighthouse Christian Academy assumes no responsibility for any student brought to school before 8:00 a.m.

Attendance Requirements

1. The school will enforce the attendance requirements set forth by law in the state of Georgia. All students are required, by law, to attend one-hundred eighty (180), five-and-a-half (5½) hour days annually. Those not in school must be recorded absent.
2. When a student is not in school, unless he is on a school-sponsored off campus activity, that student is recorded as being absent, regardless of the reason for the absence.
3. Absences will be recorded as “excused” or “unexcused.” A note will be furnished by the parent requesting that any absence be excused. If no note is given, the absence will be recorded as “unexcused.” Illness, death in the family, or any other emergency situations will be considered as excused. Notes may not be written by the student, even if signed by parent. Any student-written note will not count as excused. The principal will be the final authority concerning whether or not an absence will be recorded as “excused.”
4. Each student is permitted four excused absences each quarter. Should a student go beyond that number, a decision will be made by the administrator as to whether or not the student will be permitted to continue school. Each student will be considered individually, and all circumstances will be taken into consideration. ALL absences on Friday will be considered UNEXCUSED unless extreme emergencies exist. ALL UNEXCUSED ABSENCES MUST BE MADE UP. The student will forfeit their privilege rights until unexcused absences are made up by completing all goals that should have been achieved, had they not been absent. (For example: A student is working five pages per day in a PACE. If their absence is unexcused, they will have to make up the five pages missed, plus do their current daily work). No final grades will be posted until unexcused absences are made up.
5. Any student who is not at the beginning of opening exercises will be considered **tardy**. Students entering school after class has begun must remain in the foyer until after opening exercises. All tardies will be recorded in the office. Students may be asked to make up excessive tardy time during breaks, lunch, or privilege trips. Four unexcused tardies will equal one absence.
6. Early check-outs count the same as a “tardy.” Excessive “check-outs” must also be made up, or counted as a non-excused absence.

NOTE: The curriculum at LCA is mastery-based. Therefore, passing to the next grade will depend on the work being satisfactorily completed, as well as the number of days in school.

Lunch and Breaks

1. Grades K-6: Lunch will be from 11:45 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., except on Wednesdays. On Wednesday, the time will be from 12:00 Noon until 12:30 p.m..
2. Grades 7-12: Lunch will be from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m., except on Wednesdays. On Wednesday, the time will be from 12:00 Noon until 12:30 p.m..

3. The school does not provide a hot meal. **Students must have their own lunch each day.** They must also bring their own eating utensils and condiments, and must clean up after themselves. Parents are invited to bring a lunch and eat with their child when they so desire. Please remember to abide by the school dress code when coming for lunch.

Lunch Safety: No food items are permitted in the Learning Center or Student Offices. The lunches are kept secure on a table in the lunch room. No student is permitted to tamper with another student's food or drink at any time. This includes the lunch of siblings (i.e., brothers and sisters may not take food from each other's lunch).

4. **Hot lunches** - The Student Council periodically offers a hot lunch to raise funds for the student body. These funds go to help with the different parties through out the year. Please be supportive of the student council. Parents are encouraged to purchase the lunch and join their child that day.
5. Microwave ovens are available for the purpose of heating lunch items, as needed. Also, a refrigerator is provided for small items and drinks that should be kept cold. All items are to be removed from the refrigerator on a daily basis. LCA reserves the right to discard any food items and drinks left in the refrigerator, lunch room, or kitchen after each school day.
6. The school will have snacks available for purchase during the breaks. A soft drink machine is also available in the lunch room.
7. **BREAKS:** The length of a student's break time is based upon their achieved "privilege" level. Students receive an afternoon break only if they are not involved in a group class. If they are on "privilege" level, the breaks are as follows:

Morning Breaks - 10:15 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Afternoon Breaks - 2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

NOTE: There are no afternoon breaks on Tuesday and Thursday. The students are involved in P.E. (Physical Education) during the normal break time.

Grades

Grades are reported on a nine-week schedule. At least four Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled as needed to keep parents informed of their children's progress. Parent involvement is an expected part of the program.

Students will be placed on academic probation at school when they have not completed sufficient PACE work. Sufficient PACE work means they earn at least one star in each subject during each three-week segment. To successfully complete a PACE, the student must achieve a 80%, or above, on the PACE Test. (Kindergarten through third grade level students must achieve a 90%, or above, on the PACE Test).

All year-end grades will be mailed to the parents **after account balances are paid-in-full.** A statement of account will be ready the next business day following graduation exercises. No records,

grades, statements, etc. will be distributed the evening of graduation. When the student's account is paid, the grades will be mailed within ten (10) business days.

Achievement Test

Yearly Test: Each year the students will be issued an Achievement Test in order to validate their progress. These test are normally taken in the early Spring. LCA normally uses the Stanford Achievement Test, and the OLSAT 8. The administration reserves the right to use another, when deemed necessary. All students are required to take the annual achievement test. Any student who is absent during the scheduled test will be required to take the test as soon as possible, and will be charged an additional fifty-dollar (\$50) fee.

S.A.T.: At the beginning of the student's 11th and 12th grade levels, they will receive the necessary paperwork for registering for the S.A.T. test. This registration must be completed and returned to the school office, along with the required fee. Each student is required to take this tests for both years.

Homework

The *ACE* (Accelerated Christian Education) requires that the student assume responsibility for their learning. This goal is accomplished by teaching the student to set specific goals each day for each subject. Daily goals, that are not achieved, will be completed that day as homework. Any homework must be checked and scored immediately the next day, because a new day's work may not be begun until the previous day's is complete. Any student who has two successive days of incomplete goals will be required to complete all past-due work on the third day. This means that any privilege level is suspended and breaks are reduced during that day. If work is still incomplete at the end of the day, the student must remain until it is completed. This stay will be treated the same as detention time. However, we have found that, if a student follows directions and focuses on their work, they will not drop two days behind.

Homework may also be assigned by the supervisor for the purpose of providing any extra work that is required for the student to meet their grade level requirements.

Daily Jobs

In order to properly educate and train the students to be a success in life, they are required to perform routine daily jobs. These jobs help to develop character, discipline, and a biblical work ethic (II Thess. 3:10). Such jobs include (but are not limited to) emptying the trash cans, vacuuming the floor, cleaning the bathrooms. We teach the students how to properly do the job, and also how to be sanitary and clean while performing these duties.

Contact Policy

All students are to maintain a "hands off" policy in relation to other students. The policy is as follows:

1. All students are to practice the "six-inch" rule (i.e., do not get any closer than six inches to a member of the opposite sex).
2. Young men and young ladies are not to hold hands or have any other physical contact (I Cor. 7:1). This means they are not to touch, even in "jest."

3. No sexual comments, innuendoes, or physical contact from any student will be tolerated.
4. Violation of this contact policy will result in demerits, detention, suspension, and/or expulsion.

Programs & Meetings

Quarterly Programs: At the end of each quarter, the student body presents a program. Each student is expected to participate with willingness and diligence. Each student is required to attend the quarterly program. Failure to attend and participate will result in appropriate disciplinary action.

One function of this program is to serve as an information forum. The program, and other such meetings, promote a good understanding between parents and/or guardians and the administration of this school. It is also required that **both parents** attend. The only exception to this would involve a parent's work schedule. The academy publishes a calendar at the beginning of the school year in order that parents may plan in advance to be at these meetings.

Program Outfits: In order to present an orderly program, we require that all students have a "program outfit." For the girls this includes a nice dress outfit and dress shoes. For the boys, this includes dress slacks, dress shirt, dress shoes and tie. The design and colors are announced at the beginning of each school year. Girls are required to have matching dresses. The dress will be selected and announced at the beginning of the year, in order for dresses to be purchased or made.

Church Meetings: At various times throughout the year, Lighthouse Baptist Church will conduct various meetings such as; Revivals, Missions Conferences, and Bible Conferences. When these meetings take place, **each student is required to attend each service of the meeting**, and take notes for turning in to supervisor. Any unexcused absences from these meetings will result in the issuing of four demerits per absence. If a student is not a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, excused absences will be granted for participation in a scheduled function of that student's church. In order to be excused, the student must submit a "*Request for Excuse*" form that is signed by his/her pastor.

Graduation: The annual graduation exercises are required attendance for all students. Both parents are also encouraged to attend, but at least one parent is required. LCA believes that students should learn to encourage one another, and supporting the graduates with their attendance.

NOTE: A yearly school calendar will be given at the beginning of the school year. This calendar will contain most of the school's events, in order that families can plan their schedules.

Standard of Conduct

Students enrolled in the school are expected to maintain Christian standards of conduct at school, at home, and in the community (I Cor. 10:31). Our students represent the school in all they do and say, and they are expected to be good examples to others. Students are expected to refrain from, engaging in, or talking about cheating, swearing, using any tobacco, listening to rock/country/rap music, dancing, attending dances or proms, drinking alcoholic beverages, and using narcotics, or the viewing of "R" rated movies or pictures in the home or the theater. Students are expected to act in a respectful and orderly manner, maintaining Christian standards of courtesy, kindness, language, morality and honesty (II Tim. 2:22). Violation of this conduct will result in the appropriate disciplinary action.

Discipline

A well-organized and well-disciplined school setting is a requirement for the achievement of good learning. We believe in preventative, as well as corrective, discipline. This includes the issuance of merits for good behavior and accomplishments, as well as demerits for bad behavior.

Firmly believing that discipline is necessary for the welfare of the students, as well as the entire school, each teacher is given the liberty of making and enforcing Learning Center regulations in the manner he/she feels is in accordance with Christian principles and discipline (Pro. 22:6; 13:24; 22:15; Heb. 12:11). Discipline is made for correction and punishment. Any and all forms of punishment are administered in love and in the best interest of the student.

1. Each student is expected to maintain a proper attitude and to complete assignments without being disrupting to others.
2. Demerits are given for minor violations of rules, which may result in detention or dismissal, depending on the number accumulated. Serious rule violations require parental intervention and assistance. These include (but are not limited to) lying, cheating, stealing, cursing, and other forms of serious, unacceptable behavior.
- 4 No student shall be admitted (or remain enrolled) if married, divorced, pregnant or having had a child (includes abortion).
- 5 Students are prohibited from carrying knives or weapons of any type.
- 6 The school maintains a “Zero Drug Tolerance” program in place for the protection of our students and preservation of the school atmosphere.
- 7 The school maintains the right to search any student at any time or to search a student’s book bag, desk/office, locker, automobile, or any item brought on the school premises. If it is deemed necessary to search a student, it will be conducted by a member of the same sex with a witness of the same sex.
- 8 Contraband items will be confiscated and retained until the end of the school year. Contraband items include (but are not limited to) items such as: CD-Players or other “Walkman” type players, radios, Game Boy® or other hand-held games, and toys. Some of these items may be permitted on special days when planned and announced by the school. Any contraband music, movies, or books will be destroyed and not returned to the student.
- 9 **Gripping is not tolerated!** Therefore, a student must at all times conduct himself in a manner becoming a lady or gentleman. If your child does come home complaining about a policy or a discipline, please follow this procedure:
 - a. Give the staff the benefit of the doubt.

- b. Realize that your child’s reporting is emotionally biased and may not include all the pertinent information.
- c. Realize that the school has reasons for all rules, and they are enforced without partiality.
- d. Support the administration and call the school for all the facts.

NOTE: *Enrollment and attendance at Lighthouse Christian Academy is a privilege and not a right. All students are admitted on probationary basis for the first six weeks of their schooling. This is in effect every year the student is enrolled. The school reserves the right to dismiss any student who does not cooperate with the educational process, or whose attitudes and actions are not in harmony with the spiritual atmosphere nurtured here.*

Disciplinary Methods

A variety of disciplinary methods which provide both positive and negative incentives shall be utilized.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment is a part of the disciplinary process at LCA. However, school staff members will not administer corporal discipline (spanking). If such is needed, the parent(s) will be informed of the seriousness of the offence, and parents will be required to come to the school and administer the spanking within one (1) hour of being notified. A school staff member must be present as a witness at all spankings given on school grounds. Any parent, who refuses to come and administer the spanking, will be asked to meet with the Administrator or withdraw their student from the school. We believe that, properly administered, corporal punishment is a loving and effective means of correcting unacceptable behavior (Proverbs 3:12; 13:24; 29:15). When corporal punishment is required, the child will be sent to the office and an appropriate room will be designated for the parent, the child, and a witness.

Positive Incentives:

1. **MERITS:** Merits are earned for a variety of accomplishments and behaviors that the staff wishes to reward. These are redeemed at “merit sales” where students may purchase a variety of items using their merits as payment. Or, they may be redeemed for various other privileges, or opportunities. Parents may be invited to assist in providing items for these sales.
2. **OTHER INCENTIVES:** A variety of other incentives are used such as praise, trophies, ribbons, membership in the “One Thousand Club,” field trips, time off, Congratulations Slips, etc..

Field Trips: Students who meet the minimum requirements for each week have the privilege of attending a field trip. These trips will be taken approximately every three weeks on Friday afternoon. They will leave at lunch time and return in time for the ending bell.

Honor Roll Trips: On a designated day during each quarter, students whose average for the previous quarter is 88% to 93% (A/B Honor Roll), or 94% or above (“A” Honor Roll) are taken on a special outing. This trip is an incentive for students to diligently apply themselves, and those who achieved “A” Honor Roll go for FREE! Those on “A/B” Honor Roll go for a small fee.

Separate Trips: At times, we will conduct separate field, or Honor Roll, trips for the elementary and high school students.

NOTICE: Due to the increased cost of fuel, it has become necessary for LCA to add a Fuel Fee per student to all trips. This will help to keep tuition cost down and will not be a burden on any family. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Awards: Awards of different sorts highlight the recognition given to students. A partial list of these awards are:

- Highest PACE Average
- Clean Office Award
- Scripture Memorization
- Honor Roll
- And more. . .*
- Most PACEs Completed
- Bible Reading Award
- Perfect Attendance
- 100's Awards

Negative Incentives:

1. **DEMERITS:** Demerits are given daily, as earned, to correct unacceptable acts or behavior as follows: (*Demerits do not carry over to the next day*)

ONE demerit for:

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| Unexcused Tardiness | homework |
| Turning around in office | Insufficient goals (determined by Supervisor). |
| Making a disturbance | Littering |
| Running in learning center | Gripping |
| Chewing gum | Leaving chair out of office (i.e., not pushed in) |
| Out of seat without permission | Leaning back on two legs of chair |
| Messy office/Locker | Non-Participation in Chapel Service |
| Writing or passing notes | Homework slip not returned or signed |
| Eating in Learning Center | Fail to return parental envelope signed |
| Goal card not properly posted | Kicking or putting feet on wall under desk |
| Talking without permission | Spitting |
| Improper dress for chapel/P.E. (1 demerit for each infraction) | |
| Scoring – other than previous day's | |

TWO demerits for:

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| Goals not set | sex (I Cor. 7:1). |
| Unauthorized goal change | Name calling |
| Talking at the testing table | No King James Version Bible |
| Negative attitude | |
| Six-inch rule – No touching the opposite | |

THREE demerits for:

Corrective action slip not returned & signed
Homework incomplete, or not done
Getting permission from a staff member after refusal by another staff member

Throwing dangerous objects
Violating off limits (i.e. student's office, teacher's desk & files, church equipment, etc.)
Violation of Dress Code
Loss of Goal Card

FOUR demerits for:

Cheating (automatic corporeal punishment)
Major scoring violations. Subsequent offense will result in suspension or dismissal from school and/or repeat of PACE
Lying
Fighting and/or hitting
Filthy language such as cursing, dirty and/or off-colored jokes
Disrespect/talking back
Defiance
Intentional damage to property

Racist comments or jokes
Unexcused church attendance
Violation of *Standard of Conduct* Policy.
Spitting on another person.
Pace, Video Tapes, CD's, DVD's, or necessary materials left at home
NOTE: *If materials are brought to school by 1st break only 2 demerits are incurred.*

NOTE: A repeat offense of any of the four-demerit list will result in being sent to Principal's office and possible suspension or dismissal from school.

Detention

Demerits are earned when the student breaks a rule or disturbs the atmosphere of the school. Three or more demerits in one day result in detention time (after school) as follows:

- 3 demerits = 15 minutes detention
- 4 demerits = 20 minutes detention
- 5 demerits = 25 minutes detention
- 6 demerits = 35 minutes detention
- 7 demerits = 45 minutes detention
- 8 or more demerits = **Parents will be immediately called.** Parent must decide if the student will receive one of the following: (1) 60 minutes detention (with no free detention time) @ \$20 per hour, or (2) Come and administer corporeal punishment, within one hour.

Any accumulation of more than forty-five (45) minutes detention, from Friday until Thursday, will result in forfeiture of any Friday privileges.

When a student receives detention, a "Corrective Action Notice" is sent home with the student and is to be signed by the parents. The next day, the slip is returned and detention time is served. Students are permitted thirty-minutes per week of detention time. Any time over the allowed amount,

will be billed at \$5 per quarter-hour, or any part of a quarter-hour. Detention fees are due and payable on the day detention is served. All detention fees will be placed into the “Detention Fund” and used for school purposes.

Detention fees: Any student who accumulates \$20 in unpaid fees will **not** be allowed to return to school until the fees are paid.

Attention Parents: If your child receives detention time, you must still pick up any other children at the regularly scheduled times. Students not picked up, will be billed accordingly.

Failure to Serve Detention: Results in automatic paddling, and detention will still be served.

Accumulated Demerits

Students who accumulate excess demerits will be disciplined according to the following scale:

- 50 demerits in one quarter will result in immediate forfeiting of privilege level for the next two weeks, and the student will serve three days of “In-School Suspension.”
- 70 demerits in one quarter will result in the forfeiting of any *Honor Roll Trip* (if qualified), and forfeiting of privilege level for the next three weeks, and the student will serve three days of “In-School Suspension.”
- 125 demerits in one quarter will result in automatic dismissal from school.

In-School Suspension

The in-school suspension program will be a deterrent to misbehavior by operating without apology as a non-negotiable discipline. Enrollment in the academy implies full agreement with this program and its application to students in management of behavior. Please understand that no student is “given” suspension. Rather, it is something the student has “earned” by their own choices. A student makes a behavioral choice when a school rule or policy is violated. Character training, accountability, and fairness to all students demands a quick, non-negotiable punishment.

The in-school suspension operates on a daily basis. When a student earns and receives the suspension, the following will apply for the duration of the in-school suspension:

1. Student loses any previously earned privilege level, and any level for next two weeks.
2. Student may not speak to anyone but the teachers and staff (before, during, or after school), while on school property.
3. Student receives only fifteen-minutes for lunch.
4. Student loses break-time privileges.
5. Student loses privilege to go on field or Honor-Roll trips, if scheduled on that day.
6. Student has five (5) points deducted from any test taken on that day.
7. Student will sit at the “Detention” desk.

Other Corrective Action Measures:

Administration and staff are not limited to the above list of offenses. Any unbiblical conduct is subject to correction in a manner that is appropriate. When a student receives eight or more demerits in one day, the student’s parents will be notified. Subsequent violations of eight or more demerits will result in in-school suspension, in addition to one-hour detention or corporeal punishment. The above

also applies if the student accumulates twenty-five or more demerits in one week. **Demerits in excess of twenty-five in one week, or seventy in one quarter, will result with an immediate meeting with parent(s), corporeal punishment, and may result in expulsion from the school.**

Notice of Teacher Support

The administration of LCA places much confidence in the judgment and ability of a godly, spirit-filled teacher. All parents and students should understand that the Administration will support the teachers in matters of discipline. Any parent or student with a legitimate complaint about a disciplinary procedure or method should talk to the teacher first, before contacting the principal or pastor. It is understood that the pastor or principal will have no comment on a matter until the teacher has been contacted.

NOTICE: Any threat toward any teacher or student, either implied or expressed, will result in immediate dismissal from the academy. This includes any alleged “jokes.” The welfare of our teachers and students is a priority, and is taken very seriously.

Visiting Classrooms & Conferences

Parents who desire to visit the Learning Center are welcome to come by. However, you **must enter through the school office**. **Please do not go directly to the Learning Center.** In order to preserve an orderly environment, we ask that parents do not interrupt the teacher. Parent/Teacher conferences must be arranged ahead of time by calling the school office.

Please remember that the school dress code must be observed when coming on campus. This helps to provide a consistent example to the students. The school is not an informal place. Please cooperate with us in setting a good example for our children. Women may not wear slacks in Lighthouse Christian Academy or out of your car in the parking area. To do otherwise, is to set a “double-standard” in the minds of the students. Please help us remain consistent.

Fund Raising

There are times when the school will engage in raising funds for operations and equipment. In order to insure student participation, the parents will be notified of each fund raiser. In order to keep the tuition as low as possible, it is vital that parents and students become involved in the necessary fund-raisers. All students are required to participate in each fund-raising event. A parent may elect to have their child to refrain from participating in the fund-raisers, by submitting an additional three-hundred dollars (\$300) per child. These funds must be submitted with the appropriate “Fund-Raiser Opt-Out” form, and is due on September 1 of the year. Opt-out funding cannot be added to the monthly payment, but must be paid as stated.

Health & Medications

All students, who must take medication, must allow the supervisor/teacher to keep the medication. All prescription medications must be in an original prescription bottle. Shelf medications must be in an original container. Written instructions for administering must be kept with medication.

Head lice, though not a disease, is contagious. We maintain a “nit free” policy. For this reason, any student diagnosed as having lice will not be permitted in the classroom until it is remedied.

Students will be allowed to miss Physical Education (i.e., P.E.) activities, for a limited time, only with a note of explanation. A note from your doctor may be required, if the exception will be longer than one week.

Communicable Diseases

Lighthouse Christian Academy desires to maintain a healthful school environment by instituting controls designed to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The term “communicable disease” shall mean an illness which arises as a result of a specific infectious agent which may be transmitted either by a susceptible host or infected person, or animal to person. A staff member who reasonably suspects that a student or employee has a communicable disease shall immediately notify the school administrator. The reportable diseases include, but are not limited to:

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning
AIDS-related Complex (ARC)	Pesticide Poisoning
Amebiasis	Plague
Animal Bite of Human - only by potentially rabid animal	Pinkeye
Anthrax	Poliomyelitis
Botulism	Rabies
Brucellosis	Relapsing Fever
Campylobacteriosis	Rocky Mounting Spotted Fever
Chancroid	Rickettsia
Dengue	Rubella
Diphtheria	Salmonellosis
Encephalitis	Schistosomiasis
Giardiasis	Shigellosis
Gonorrhea	Smallpox
Granuloma Inguinale	Syphilis
Hansen’s Disease (Leprosy)	Tetanus
Hemorrhagic Fevers	Toxoplasmosis (acute)
Hepatitis	Trichinosis
Histoplasmosis	Tuberculosis
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	Telomere
Legionnaires’ Disease	Typhoid Fever
Leptospirosis Lymphogranuloma Venereum	Typhus
Malaria	Vibrio Cholera
Measles (rubeola)	Yellow Fever
Meningitis	
Meningocele Disease	
Mumps	

Students with communicable diseases may not attend school until they have been given clearance by a medical doctor to return. Any student or employee with a communicable disease for which immunization is required by law or is available will be temporarily excluded from school while ill and during recognized periods of communicability. Students and employees with communicable diseases for which immunization is not available will be excluded from school while ill. If the nature of the disease and circumstances warrant, LCA may require an independent physician’s examination of the student or employee to verify the diagnosis of communicable disease. Lighthouse Christian Academy reserves the right to make all final decisions necessary to enforce its communicable disease policy and to take all

necessary action to control the spread of communicable disease within the school. No staff member will be allowed to administer any medicines without parental consent in writing.

This school will maintain a responsible position on matters of serious illness which affect students, families, and the community. It is the policy of this school that accurate information will be maintained and provided in reference to diseases such as AIDS and HIV-positive cases (including causes, effects, and prevention). Staff members will receive information concerning the proper methods for handling body fluids to which they might be exposed.

Illness

No student that has a fever, or is vomiting, will be allowed in school that day. They should remain at home and be cared for by the parent.

Parents will be notified when a student becomes ill or injured and/or when it is determined that the student needs to go home. Because first aid facilities are limited, parents are asked to come promptly when notified. If it is not possible for a parent to come and pick the sick or injured student up, they may give permission for another responsible adult by doing the following: (1) The parent must notify the school by calling the office. (2) The parent must send a written and signed note of permission with the adult who is authorized to pick the student up (unless the adult is already on the “pick up” list in the student’s file). **Without meeting these qualifications, no child will be permitted to leave the school grounds with anyone other than authorized on the “pick up” list in the student’s file.**

Family Information

Parents are required to furnish the school office with a “pick up” list. This list should contain the names and telephone numbers for all persons permitted to pick up their children. Since no student will be allowed to leave with a minor-age driver, only adults should be on the “pick up” list. If there are individuals who are not allowed to pick up children, under any circumstances, it is the obligation of the parent to put this information on the “pick up” list. Please update the “pick up” list when changes occur.

This notification should be written or typed in a legible manner, separate from the student’s application, signed by both parents, and returned to the school office. A copy of the driver’s valid driver’s license must also be on file with the pick-up list.

If changes occur in address or phone numbers, please notify the school office so our records may be updated. This is vital for being able to contact the parent in case of emergency.

Sign-Out

When it is necessary for a student to be signed-out during normal school hours, it is require that the parent/guardian sign the student out on the approved *Sign-Out/In* log. No student is permitted to leave the LCA campus during school hours without being properly signed out. This policy is for the protection of all students and to fulfill legal requirements. If the student returns to the school on the same day, he must sign-in on the approved form.

Safety Measures

Staff members and students will give daily consideration to safe living and practice. Fire, tornado, and other emergency drills will be reviewed on a regular basis.

School closings, due to inclement weather, will generally be determined according to decisions made by the public school system for Muscogee County. If the county announces that schools will be closed due to weather conditions, please verify LCA closing by contacting the office or checking for the announcement on the *LCA Blog*. All school closing news will be posted on the Blog, located at www.lbcministries.net/academy.

Telephone Usage

The school telephone is reserved for official school business and emergencies. Students desiring to place calls must obtain permission from a staff member before making calls. No personal or pleasure calls will be made on the school telephone.

If a parent needs to get a message to a child, they may call the school office. If the message involves a change in transportation arrangements, the parent will be asked to identify himself/herself in a manner which will provide a positive identification for the staff person receiving the call as well as to provide identification for the person who will be picking up the student. If the person to pick the student up is not on the “pick up” list, they must have a written note from the parent. Otherwise, the student will not be allowed to leave the school campus with that person.

Cell Phone Usage

Students are not permitted to bring cell phones into the Learning Center, or use during school hours. Any cell phone brought to school, will be treated as contraband and confiscated until the end of the semester. Allowance will be made for students who drive, to keep their cell phone in their car. No cell calls can be made or received during school hours.

Dress Code

IMPORTANT NOTE: At the time of the printing of this handbook, the Administration of LCA is researching the feasibility of an official school uniform. If such an uniform will enhance the overall learning environment of the students, and it is felt that it will not place an additional financial hardship on the parents, then a new uniform policy will be adopted. In such case, the policy would override the following uniformity policy, and parents will be informed.

Research has demonstrated that a correlation exists between a student’s dress and his behavior. When a student dresses in a very casual manner, he tends to be more uninhibited in his behavior. Since the intensity of the teaching/learning transaction requires a seriousness of purpose, it is most conducive to learning when a student’s dress reflects the classroom atmosphere.

All students are expected to use good taste and judgment in their choices of dress at all times, avoiding the constant change in fashions and the extremes in accepted dress of today. The administration reserves the right to determine what is acceptable or unacceptable in the matters of dress and appearance.

Students and/or parents/guardians will be notified of inappropriate dress or appearance. If the violation is severe enough (as defined by the administration), the parent will be notified to either bring proper clothing or pick the child up from school.

Our overall dress code can be classified as “uniformity in appearance.” The guiding biblical principle is the rule of being modest (I Pet. 2:9-10). It is our desire to train our students to be ladies and gentlemen. Both of these seem to be rapidly disappearing from today’s society, as gender roles are being diminished, and distinctions eroded.

To aid our students in understanding modesty and properness, the following guidelines and requirements are stated (please note that these guidelines are for all on-campus and off-campus school events). We do request that parents teach their children to live a consistent testimony for God by abiding by the biblical guidelines set forth for Godly dress and character. This is expected, not only during school hours and school days, but also during weekends, vacations and the summer. The required school dress code is as follows:

GIRLS:

1. **Daily School Outfit:**

SKIRT OR JUMPER: Nice khaki skirt or jumper (either tan or blue khaki). The skirt or jumper must be no shorter than the bottom of the knee, when seated. No slits may be above the bottom of the knee. Straight slits must be sewn together to reach the proper length. Overlapping slits may be pinned. It is recommended that a slip be worn at all times (I Pet. 2:9-10). A belt must be worn with any outfit that has loops.

SHIRT OR BLOUSE: Nice shirt or blouse (either red or navy). Shirt or blouse must not be sleeveless, and must be tucked into skirt at all times. Shirt may be a button-up, pull-over, or turtleneck. All button-up or pull-over knit shirts must have a standard collar. Shirts must also be a solid color, and match the outfit. A solid-color vest may also be worn.

SHOES: In order for the female students to appear ladylike, it is recommended that nice looking, non-athletic, casual or dress shoes be worn with their daily outfit. However, dress boots and nice, low-top, casual-type shoes are also permitted. No hiking boots or shoes, tennis shoes, canvas shoes, or such are permitted. If lace-up shoes are worn, they must be properly tied at all times, and laces must match the shoes. Shoes must match and coordinate with the outfit.

APPEARANCE: Outfits must be presentable and neat in grooming. This means attention must be given to pressing the clothing to remove wrinkles.

2. **Weekly Chapel Outfit:** Dress shoes (no athletic or casual shoes) and “church dress” are required. Denim outfits are not considered “church dress.” Appropriate hosiery must also be worn (teenagers must wear nylon hosiery). **No white blouses, shirts, sweaters or dresses.** Outfits must be color matched.
3. Only one earring per ear. Earrings must be in the lower lobe only. No pierced jewelry will be allowed anywhere but the lower ear lobe (I Pet. 2:9-10). No tattoos of any kind are permissible.

4. No pants or shorts (Deut. 22:5) for any activity or event.
5. No low-cut necklines or low backs on shirts, blouses, or program dresses. Blouses and shirts must come to the neckline in front (to the clavicle bone) and back (no lower than the bottom of the neck). This restriction includes any outfits that hang off of the shoulders, sun dresses, etc. (I Pet. 2:9-10), and no see-through material.
6. No tight-fitting blouses, shirts, jumpers or skirts. While clothing does not have to be “baggy,” it should not be designed to attract attention to the form of the body.
7. No worldly logos on any apparel (i.e., worldly sayings, logos, slogans, Hollywood characters, etc.). The administration will be the final authority on deeming any writing, logos, etc. as acceptable or unacceptable (I Thess. 5:22).
8. Denim of any kind is not permissible.
9. PE & Sport Activities: Black culottes (to the bottom of the knee) and a LCA Ranger School Shirt. Culottes must fit appropriately in order to maintain modesty. Athletic shoes are to be worn for P.E.

NOTE: One Ranger Shirt is included with the Students Service fee and is printed with student’s name. Replacement or additional shirts may be purchased through the office.

11. Girls are not permitted to cut their hair short. Their hair is not to resemble a man’s cut, and the length should be long enough to clearly establish her femininity (I Cor. 11:15). Hair must be neat and clean by regular washing and brushing or combing.
12. Socks or hosiery must be worn at all time. Hosiery must be neat and clean with no holes or runs. Knee-high hosiery is permitted, but the top of the hosiery must not be visible below the skirt line. Socks must also match the outfit.
13. The administration reserves the right to make decisions on all issues of dress code or grooming.

BOYS:

1. **Daily School Outfit:**

PANTS: Nice khaki pants (either tan or blue khaki). Pants may be straight or pleated and must have a belt. Pants with multiple, baggy pockets are not permitted.

SHIRT: Nice shirt (either white, red or navy). Shirt must be tucked into pants at all times. Shirt may be a button-up or pull-over. All shirts must have a standard collar. A solid-white T-shirt must be worn under a button-up shirt.

SHOES: In order for the male students to appear as gentlemen, it is recommended that nice looking, non-athletic, casual or dress shoes be worn with their daily outfit. However, dress boots and nice, athletic-type shoes are also permitted. No hiking boots or shoes, tennis shoes, canvas shoes, or such are permitted. If lace-up shoes are worn, they must be properly tied at all times, and laces must

match the shoes. Shoes must be clean and sharp—*not worn out*. Sandals, or fad shoes, are not permitted.

APPEARANCE: Outfits must be presentable and neat in grooming. This means attention must be given to pressing the clothing to remove wrinkles.

2. **Weekly Chapel Outfit:** Nice dress slacks (no jeans), with a cleaned and pressed button-up dress shirt, nice dress shoes, and matching tie. All clothing, including the tie, must not be dirty, wrinkled or soiled in appearance.
3. No “fad” styles of haircuts (bowl cuts, shaved heads, etc.). Hair is to be worn in a tapered or blocked style. The length of the hair must be off the collar, off the ears, and above the eyebrows (I Cor. 11:14). Hair must be neat and clean by regular washing and brushing or combing.
4. No facial hair is permitted. Boys must be clean-shaven at all times. Sideburns are not permitted to grow below the middle of the ear.
5. No earrings, bracelets or necklaces permitted. A study of the Bible will reveal only two groups of men who wore earrings. These were the: (1) Backslidden Israelites, when they came out of worldly Egypt (Ex. 32:3), and (2) Ishmaelites, the avowed enemies of the people of God (Jud. 8:24). No tattoos of any kind are permitted.
6. Sweaters are permitted when they are worn with an acceptable, collared shirt. Sweat shirts are not allowed.
7. No worldly logos on any shirts (i.e., worldly sayings, logos, slogans, Hollywood characters, etc.). The administration will be the final authority on deeming any writing, logos, etc. as acceptable or unacceptable (I Thess. 5:22).
8. Pants or shoes, of any kind, with holes in them are not permitted.
9. A belt must be worn with all pants.
10. All pants must fit properly and not be allowed to “sag” below the waist line.
11. Socks must be worn at all times.
12. Denim of any kind is not permissible.
13. PE & Sport Activities: Black pants and a LCA Ranger School Shirt. Black sweat pants or wind pants are permissible. Athletic shoes must also be worn.

NOTE: One Ranger Shirt is included with the Students Service fee and is printed with student’s name. Replacement or additional shirts may be purchased through the office

14. The administration reserves the right to make decisions on all issues of dress code or grooming.

OFF-CAMPUS SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Dress Code must be adhered to at all events and functions. Demerits will be issued for any violation, in accordance with the penalty stated previously in this handbook.

ON-CAMPUS VISITORS

All parents and/or their guest should conform to the school dress code when coming on campus. This includes all visits, meetings, programs and conferences. This helps to provide a consistent example to the students. The school is not an informal place. Please cooperate with us in setting a good example for our children. Women may not wear slacks in Lighthouse Christian Academy or out of the car in the parking area.

Student Automobiles

All cars should be locked while parked at school. All students must stay out of and off vehicles from arrival time until departure. Only licensed drivers are permitted to drive automobiles to school. Student drivers may only drive with members of their immediate families unless an arrangement has been made in writing through the school office. No one will be permitted to ride with another student or parent without the written permission of a parent given directly to the school office. When necessary, driving students may check themselves out, with prior written consent from the parent.

Physical Education

All students are required to participate in the Physical Education activities of the school. Exceptions may be made upon presenting a written medical reason for such exclusion. Physical Education classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 p.m. until 2:40 p.m.

Articles From Home

Each student is allowed to “decorate” their office with personal items. These items must be approved by the staff and must not serve to clutter their office space. No pictures of people other than immediate family members will be permitted.

Student Employment

All students at LCA are full-time students. To insure that everyone receives maximum spiritual, academic, and social benefits from school activities, no student is permitted to leave campus before the normal end of the school day. If a student fails to meet academic obligations, parents may be asked to consider fewer work hours for the student. Work does not take priority over any specially scheduled events of the school that is required for all students. Seniors, who have finished all their requirements for graduation, may be granted special hours for attendance.

School Supplies

Each student should have the following required items in their office:

<i>Elementary School</i>	#2 Pencils
Standard Notebook Paper	Ink Pens (<i>Blue or Black only</i>)
	Crayons

Subject Notebook (*Nine*)
Bible (King James Version)
Construction Paper
Ruler
Scissors (*Blunt End*)
Light colored High lighters (*no green*)
Colored pencils

Kindergarten-2nd Grade also need a writing tablet

Junior High & High School

Standard Notebook Paper
#2 Pencils
Ink Pens (*Blue or Black only*)
Colored Pencils
Ruler
Compass
Protractor
Subject Notebook (1 for each subject)
Bible (King James Version)
All Reading Sections for PACEs on current
level for each subject
Light colored High lighters (*no green*)

Absolutely no red or green pens are permitted by students

Graduation Requirements

Each high school student will be given an “Academic Projection Towards Graduation” sheet. Such sheet will be drawn up at the time of the student’s entering high school or the time of enrollment. Transfer students must have already attained high school age or rank academically. This sheet will be signed by the parent/legal guardian and school staff. The sheet will be updated on a regular basis in order to provide the student and parent with a clear knowledge of graduation status.

A diploma will be awarded upon completion of ALL required work according to the academic projection sheet and the state of Georgia. No student will be allowed to participate in the graduation exercises, or receive a diploma, who has not completed ALL graduation requirements.

No diploma will be issued to any student who has an outstanding balance. Please insure that all accounts and fees are paid NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE GRADUATION.

Pledges

All students are required to participate in the pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag, Bible, and Church. These pledges are recited each morning during the opening exercises.

American Flag — *I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

Christian Flag — *I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for Whose kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty for all who believe.*

Bible — *I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path; I will hide its words in my heart, that I might not sin against God.*

Church — *I pledge allegiance to my Church, and to my Lord upon Whom it is built. I will love my pastor, and all the members; and will faithfully support my Church with my attendance, money, service, and prayers.*

Communication Envelope

When information is sent home for parental notification, the student will take home a “communication envelope.” The information is to be read by a parent and then sign the outside of the envelope in the appropriate place. The student is to return the envelope the next school day. Failure to return the envelope will result in demerits. If forgetting to return the envelope continues, it may result in suspension, or dismissal, from school.

Student State Convention

Each student, thirteen years and older by December 31, 2008, will compete in a student convention each spring. This is considered a part of the student’s academic training and is a requirement. The convention is a time of spiritual growth and character building in both talent and academics. There are over one hundred categories that a student may choose to enter. The cost for the convention is in addition to the tuition and is non-refundable.

Solicitation Policy

In order to preserve an orderly atmosphere, no student is permitted to distribute any handbills, flyers or brochures, without first obtaining permission from the administration. The selling of any non-approved items is also expressly forbidden.

Financial Information

Payment Plan

It is the desire of Lighthouse Christian Academy to maintain the lowest possible tuition, and still be able to offer a quality education. Each year, a review of operations and expenses will be conducted. Then, by the first of May, the tuition for the upcoming year will be announced. The annual tuition may be paid by using any of the following plans:

1. ONE ANNUAL PAYMENT — The total annual tuition is due on July 1. A 10% discount is given on the tuition.
2. TWO EQUAL PAYMENTS — One half of the annual tuition is due on July 1, and the remaining half is due on January 2. A 5% discount is given on the tuition.

NOTE: The payment plans above offer a discount and they must be paid by the 15th of the month in which the payment is due. If not paid by the 15th, the discount will be forfeited and the account will be converted to a monthly payment plan.

3. TEN EQUAL PAYMENTS — The first payment is due on July 1st, or at the time of registration after July 1st. The remaining nine months payments are due on the first of each month, September through May.

Post-Dated checks may not be accepted by the school office for payment of tuition or other fees at any time.

Tuition Plan

	# of PACEs Included*	Tuition 1 st Student**	Tuition 2 nd & 3 rd Student Each**	4 th & More PACE Fee Only
Kindergarten	Up to 60	\$1950.00	\$1700.00	\$500.00
Grades 1-6	Up to 84	\$2350.00	\$2050.00	\$600.00
Grades 7-12	Up to 84	\$2550.00	\$2190.00	\$600.00

*Excess PACEs, over the included amount, will be billed to account at \$5 each.

**Multi-Student discounts are for children from the same family. The child in the highest grade will count as the first child, and others will be enrolled at the discounted rate.

Member Discount: Qualifying members of Lighthouse Baptist Church (Columbus, GA) will receive an additional ten-percent (10%) discount off tuition. Qualifying members are those members who are in good standing and fellowship with the church, and are faithful in their attendance, and financial support (i.e., tithes and offerings).

Additional Fees

These fees are additional to tuition and/or standard PACE bill. These fees will be billed and posted to the student's account as necessary. All fees marked with "*" must be paid by September 1.

1. Diagnostic Test Fee: \$45 (*new students only*)*
2. Registration Fee: \$185 per student per year (*due upon acceptance of student into school*)
3. Student Services Fee: \$175 per student per year*
Includes annual Achievement Test, P.E. Shirt, and other services
4. Additional Fees as Needed By Student:
 - Video Library Fee: \$50 per student per year (*for Driver's Education, Spanish, Biology, and Chemistry students only*)*
 - Lost Video/CD Tape Fee: \$50 per tape/CD/DVD
 - Repeat or Excess PACE: \$5 each
5. Georgia State Convention Fee: \$340 per year (*Required for 7-12 Grade Levels*) must be paid-in-full no later than October 1.
6. Piano Lessons: \$10 registration fee, and \$60 per month.
Students will receive a thirty-minute private piano lesson each week, and will participate in an annual Spring recital.
7. Damage/Replacement Fees: Students will be expected to replace furniture or equipment that they break through misuse. This does not include normal wear-and-tear usage. For example, if they sit improperly in their chairs and they break, the student will be expected to pay replacement cost.

Refunds

No refunds shall be given for registration fees, or any tuition or fees due. If a student is withdrawn, or dismissed, after the first school day of the month, all fees for that month must be paid. If student is withdrawn after December 31, 2008, the balance of the annual tuition will remain due. If your balance is not up-to-date, at the time of withdrawal or dismissal, all grades and records will be held until the balance is paid. **No grades or records will be released on the same day that a student is withdrawn or dismissed.**

Late Charges

All payments for tuition, fees, PACES, or other charges will be due on the first (1st) day of each month. A late fee of \$14 will be added to any account with a balance due after the fifth (5th) of the month. An additional charge of \$25 will be added to any account with an outstanding balance after the fifteenth (15th) of the month, for a total monthly late fee of \$39. Only one statement will be sent each month, but all late charges will be added automatically.

If, on the first day of a new month, the previous month's tuition and/or fees are still outstanding, a letter will be mailed to the parents requesting payment-in-full by the fifteenth (15th) of the new month. If payment-in-full of the previous month's and current month's bill is not received by that time, **the parents will be notified that they are to withdraw their children from the school.** It is not the school's desire to dismiss children whose families have a genuine financial hardship, and we will make every attempt to work with the family. However, unless satisfactory arrangements are made, if the account remains unpaid after the fifteenth (15th) of the new month, the student will not be allowed back to school on the sixteenth (16th).

Returned Checks

A \$39 *Return Check Fee* will be charged for each time a check is returned by your bank **for any reason**. Only two (2) returned checks may be received. Thereafter, payments must be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check.

Withholding of Report Cards & Progress Reports

Report cards and/or Progress Reports will not be released at the end of a quarter if the student's account is not paid up to date.

Adoption

This handbook has been approved by the LCA Administration. LCA reserves the right to amend, change, and interpret the content of this handbook at any time.

Conditions of Enrollment and Pledge of Cooperation

To the Parent(s):

Please read the following page, and sign at the bottom, where indicated. Leave the signed page in the book.

You will receive another copy of this handbook for your records and information purposes

Dear Academy Patrons,

As an essential part of the enrollment process, the pledge written below must be completed. It serves as a protective legal hedge for the benefit of our families and the school. In the interest of being good stewards, we must make every attempt to insulate our school against costly lawsuits and/or other forms of avoidable disruption. Please understand that we dearly value your patronage and ask that you realize our mission and purpose has not changed even though the climate around us has required that we be "wise as serpents" and, yet, "harmless as doves."

Conditions of Enrollment and Pledge of Cooperation

1. I understand that it is a privilege, and not a right, for my child to attend Lighthouse Christian Academy ("LCA"). I further understand that all students are accepted on a probationary status. I further understand that the school reserves the right to dismiss any student who does not cooperate with any phase of the educational program and process, be it curricular or extracurricular, or whose attitudes and actions are not in harmony with the aims and ideals of LCA. I give LCA's administration full discretion in the discipline of my child, including the issuing of demerits, detention, suspension, and expulsion from the school for conduct deemed by LCA to be improper, regardless of where the incident(s) giving rise to such discipline occurs.
2. In order to preserve the spiritual atmosphere nurtured at LCA, I understand that discipline will be more swiftly and rigorously enforced than in a government school environment or in some other private schools. I further understand there may be times where I disagree with the discipline imposed upon my child. I further understand that in the event of such disagreement, I am to request a conference with principal and/or his designee(s) of the school.
3. I understand that LCA, in the interest of nurturing its school atmosphere and spiritual goals, has a "Zero Tolerance" policy regarding possession and/or use of drugs **on or off campus**. If, in the judgment of LCA's administration, it is determined my child(ren) should be drug tested, I agree to have my child(ren) tested, at my own expense, by an appropriate medical provider approved by LCA to conduct such drug test. If I am unwilling to permit such a drug test, or to release the results of such test to LCA, I shall withdraw my child(ren) from LCA and thereby waive all rights to any recourse.
4. I understand and agree to the need for random, but reasonably determined investigations of student activities which may involve and include searching my child's belongings (i.e., books, book bags, lunch box, purse, gym bag, etc.), and locker. In the case of secondary students, I also give permission for any motor vehicle in my child's possession to be searched for stolen or other improper items. If a search of the vehicle is necessary, I understand that the school administration will inform me of the event and any results.
5. I agree to fully cooperate with LCA's administration regarding all actions requested of me pertaining to my child's or children's enrollment at the school and in the enforcement of its rules and policies. I agree to uphold the aims and ideals of the school and to encourage my child(ren) to likewise abide by the aims and ideals of the school.
6. I understand that my child's, or children's, continued enrollment at LCA is conditioned upon my prompt and timely payment of all tuition and fees (including late fees). I further understand that in the event of withdrawal or expulsion of my child(ren) from LCA for any reason, I waive all rights to a refund of tuition and fees previously remitted and further understand that I shall remain obligated for any tuition and fees not yet having been paid.
7. I acknowledge receiving and reading a copy of LCA's current handbook before execution of this application. I agree that my child's, or children's, enrollment at LCA is subject to all terms and conditions of the handbook which are fully incorporated herein by reference.
8. I further affirm that I have read, and am in agreement with the *Statement of Faith* as stated in this handbook.

Please Sign And Return This Book With This Page Intact. Registration Cannot Be Completed Without This Form

Student Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Please Print

Student Signature (grades 4-12): _____

Date: _____

I have read, or reviewed with my parents, and understand and agree to abide by the provisions of the school handbook.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

#7 above indicates that I have read the student handbook and agree to the provisions governing my child(ren) included therein.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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NOTICE: Please be sure that you have initialed the Church Attendance Statement as found on page 4 of this handbook.