

Admission Application

We are encouraged by your desire for Christian education and welcome your interest in our school. The application process is as follows:

APPLICANT INITIAL PROCEDURE

1. Review the LCS mission statement, philosophy, and basic beliefs.
2. Complete application and requirements.
3. Read the Partnership Agreement and sign. (Signed by both parents)
4. Pastor's Letter of Recommendation
 - Complete family section
 - Pastor completes the remaining sections and returns to LCS (mail or fax).

All families making application are required to submit a Pastor's Letter of Recommendation before an interview will be granted. If the interview team determines that the family meets the criteria for admission, but is not able to secure a Pastor's Report, the interview team on behalf of the Board may enroll the student on a probationary status. During this time the family is not a voting member of the Lafayette Christian School Society. When the Pastor's Report is received, the family's application will be reviewed and the Board may admit the family, continue the family on a probationary status until specified requirements are met, or deny the approval of the application.
5. Teacher's Report Form or Student Kindergarten Readiness Form.
 - Include copy of Student File: report card and pertinent school records, including IEP's, discipline records, attendance records, and school tests or assessment results.
6. A \$50 application fee should be attached payable to Lafayette Christian School.

SCHOOL REVIEW AND INTERVIEW

1. Review of application materials by principal and admissions director.
2. The Family Interview will be scheduled, with the parents and their eligible children.
3. The interview will address the following criteria/requirements for admission:
 - Credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ and agreement with the "Statement of Belief" on the part of at least one parent of the applicant.
 - Regular participation in church worship.
 - Understanding of, and agreement with, the mission and philosophy of Lafayette Christian School.
 - Evidence of the potential success of the child in the academic program.
 - Evidence of the child's appropriate social, emotional, and behavioral adjustment.
 - The parents need to understand their financial commitment to the school.
4. The Interview Committee will either make a final decision or make a recommendation to the Education Committee. The principal will notify the parents of the decision.
5. If parents accept admittance, Enrollment Forms and Tuition Payment Forms are finalized.

Financial Aid

A family may apply for financial aid after they have completed the application process and have been offered admission. Families must complete a separate financial aid form by April 2 that may be obtained from the school office. The following are types of financial aid available to qualified families. (Please see the financial aid guidelines and application for all eligibility requirements).

- Lafayette Christian School Educational Grants
- Multiple Child Grant
- Indiana Educational Choice Trust Grant
- Indiana School Choice Voucher Program
- Full-Time Christian Worker Grant

LCS Education Grant and/or Indiana School Choice Voucher Application Process

The LCS Education Grant Application is made as a separate process. Participation in the Indiana School Choice Voucher Program is available for students and their families who meet state eligibility requirements as long as Lafayette Christian School has grade level openings for students.

It is the policy of the Board of School Trustees that no child shall be denied admission to the Lafayette Christian School because of race, color, or national origin and that all policies will be carried out that discriminates based on race, color, or national origin.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Lafayette Christian School excels in Christ centered education and equips each unique child to love and serve God in all of life.

PHILOSOPHY:

The purpose of Lafayette Christian School is to equip young people to live a Christian life of service in this world and to be transforming agents in the Kingdom of God.

It is our belief that God directly commands that children of Christian parents be trained in the fear of the Lord. The authority and responsibility for this training of children resides in the community of Christians and with the parents in particular. Parents may, however, seek cooperation of the Christian church and teachers who are competent to assist in carrying out God's command.

‘These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.’ (Deuteronomy 6: 6-7)

The supreme standard of the Lafayette Christian School Society is the scripture of the Old and New Testaments, herein confessed to be the infallible Word of God, and interpreted in the ecumenical creeds and the historic **Reformed confessions**. (A summary copy of these confessions is available at the school.)

BASIC BELIEFS:

- **Scriptural Direction and Reformed Tradition** The Bible is God's written Word. It reveals His will for creation and provides guidance for our lives. Our understanding of the implications of Scripture and meaning of our task as a Christian school stands within the Reformed tradition of the Protestant Reformation.
- **Creation** Our entire world, in all its parts, aspects, and relations, is the creation of the triune God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God orders and preserves the cosmos by His Word as an expression of covenantal love. All things are unified under God's rule and exist to give Him glory.
- **Humanity** Human beings are created to bear God's image. As such, we are given a mandate to live in community with God, each other, and creation, developing its potential and taking good care of it.
- **Fall Into Sin** Through humanity's willful disobedience to God, sin entered the world. It disrupted communion between God and humankind, it resulted in disharmony between people, and it set men and women in harmful opposition to the rest of creation that resulted in hardship and death.
- **Redemption and Restoration** God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from sin and to restore all things to Himself. Jesus' life, death and resurrection broke the power of the Evil One and inaugurated the renewal of creation. All will be fully restored when the Lord returns to make everything right.
- **The Kingdom of God and the Task of the Church** As God's people, the church, we are called to be agents of reconciliation. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit and in communion with God and one another, we are to summon sinners to repentance and strive to advance God's rule in all areas of life. We seek to transform culture and bring peace to a broken world.
- **Christian Education** Christian education is an integral part of the Christian community's contemporary responsibility before God. It teaches wisdom to each new generation of God's people to discern His will for their time and place. It also prepares them to care for and unfold all of creation in praise to Him, and it helps them to fight against the works of the Devil. It also develops students' insights, capabilities, and Christian perspective across a broad spectrum of areas and practical competence so that God's people can become better equipped to serve Him as maturing children and adults in all areas of life.

PARENT INFORMATION: for office records

Father's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Cell Phone)

Mother's Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial) (Cell Phone)

Home Address: _____
(Street Number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Home Phone: _____ Email(s) _____

Father's Employer: _____ City: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Mother's Employer: _____ City: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

Number of dependent children at home: _____ Ages: _____

Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Single Parent

Student(s) live with: Both Parents _____ Father _____ Mother _____ Other _____

How did you become acquainted with Lafayette Christian School? _____

Home Language _____ Father's _____ Mother's _____

STUDENT INFORMATION for placement and records

Children to be enrolled (For Kindergarten children please indicate 5K, MWF-K, or TTF-K sections)

(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Name) (Birth Date) (Grade Entering)

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School last attended: _____
(Name) (Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code) (Telephone)

Has your child ever been expelled, suspended, or placed on probation from a school? _____ If yes, please explain.

Educational interventions (check those that apply): _____ GLASS Referral _____ IEP _____ 504 Plan _____ Other Learning Needs

Health or medical circumstances (conditions, medications, allergies, etc.): Please describe & provide documentation if applicable.

SPIRITUAL, CHURCH, AND HOME LIFE INFORMATION

What church does your family attend? _____

Are you members? _____

	Every Sunday	Occasionally	Seldom	Never
Father's Attendance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mother's Attendance	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student's Attendance	_____	_____	_____	_____

How are you as parents involved in church activities other than attending worship services? _____

How are your children involved in church activities other than worship services? _____

How would you describe your family life and parent/child relationship? _____

Please give a statement of your personal Christian faith: _____

What are your reasons for wishing to have your child enrolled at Lafayette Christian School? _____

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

1. I am enrolling my child(ren) in Lafayette Christian School primarily because of my earnest desire that my child(ren) receive Christ-centered educational training based on the school's beliefs and philosophy.
2. My child(ren) will be educated in a manner consistent with the above stated beliefs and philosophy of Lafayette Christian School.
3. I agree to support Lafayette Christian School in its efforts to provide education that is distinctly Christian. I will seek to uphold the fundamental unity of the home and school in this goal.
4. The personal conduct of all students must conform to the standards of the school. If disagreement exists, I will have opportunity to discuss such matters with the faculty, administration, and school Board.
5. Initial enrollment and continued enrollment is subject to the governing authorities of Lafayette Christian School who reserve the right to reject any student.
6. I understand that Lafayette Christian School admits students of any race, color, or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to students in the school. I understand that Lafayette Christian does not discriminate on the basis of color, race, national, or ethnic origin.

As a parent/guardian seeking to enroll my child(ren) in Lafayette Christian School, I hereby certify that I have read this form consisting of the Mission, Philosophy, Basic Beliefs, and Partnership Agreement and that I do affirm that my beliefs are consistent with those stated. I furthermore accept the conditions and requirements of all other official policies and procedures of Lafayette Christian School, including the payment of all fees and charges according to the published schedule and requirements of the school.

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

Legal Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

(For Office Use Only)

- _____ Application Received
- _____ Pastor's Letter Received
- _____ Student Information Form Received
- _____ School Records Received
- _____ Application Fee Received
- _____ Family Interview
- _____ Admission Accepted
- _____ Tuition Agreement Received

Interview Committee Signature and Date
