



*Lafayette Christian School's mission is to excel in Christ-centered education and equip each unique child to love and serve God in all of life.*

## ***SCHOOL PROFILE***

Lafayette Christian School is an accredited preschool through eighth grade, independent, multi-denominational Christian school. It was founded in 1950 by members of the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church. The school is located at 525 North 26th Street in Lafayette, Indiana.

### ***Vision***

Lafayette Christian School educates students for a lifetime of learning and service to God. Our talented faculty, staff, and administration are committed to Christ-centered education from preschool through eighth grade. LCS trains students to develop their unique talents, gifts, and interests; to explore God's purpose for their lives; to develop critical thinking skills; and so take personal ownership of Biblical truth.

### ***Faculty and Accreditation***

All LCS teachers are fully qualified to teach in their areas of expertise. A bachelor's degree, state certification, prior experience in education, and ongoing professional development are required of all teachers. Our teachers care for each child, pray for and with their students, and challenge every child to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

LCS is accredited by the Indiana State Board of Education. The school consistently scores the highest ratings offered by the state of Indiana and has received the Blue Ribbon Award. In 2016 LCS received recognition as a Four-Star School.

### ***Excellence in Education***

LCS administers the ISTEP+ (Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress) in third through eighth grades. This tests students' mathematics and English/language arts abilities. Lafayette Christian School also administers the science ISTEP+ in grades four and six. Social studies ISTEP+ tests are administered in fifth and seventh grades.

Alumni of Lafayette Christian School have received many high honors during their secondary and higher education or careers. For example, ten LCS graduates have earned valedictorian status in the past ten years at various local high schools.

### ***Admission***

Lafayette Christian School partners with Christian parents to accomplish the mission of the school. Admission requires at least one parent to be an active member of a local Christian church and to submit a pastor's letter of recommendation.

## *History/Foundation*

At Lafayette Christian School, education starts with our motto, “Excellence in Education-Centered in Christ.” The basis of all instruction at LCS is the infallible Word of God as interpreted in the Reformed Confessional Standards.

Lafayette Christian School was founded in 1950 by members of the Lafayette Christian Reformed Church. They formed the Lafayette Christian School Society, Inc., which owns and guides the school to this day. LCS began with three teachers and forty-six students in grades one through six. By 1953, two more grades were added and six students graduated in the first eighth grade class. The goal today is the same as it was seven decades ago. At LCS families believe the foundation for education is triangular: the home, the church, and the Christian school create a foundation for students to live out the Christian worldview and to follow Christ in all aspects of their lives.

Since the early years, LCS has been a leader in evangelical Christian education in Lafayette. LCS has grown steadily – from 1950’s forty-six students and three teachers to 2019 with over 280 students from preschool through eighth grade with twenty-seven teachers and ten other staff. Enrollment now includes families representing over sixty Christian church congregations.

For more about Lafayette Christian School’s foundation and basic beliefs, visit our LCS website at: <http://www.lafayettechristian.org/about-lcs/beliefs.cfm>

## *Board of Trustees*

Lafayette Christian School is a private, multi-denominational school owned and operated by the LCS Society. Society members include all parents, LCS staff members, local Christian Reformed Church members, and other supporters approved by the board. The Society elects 12 of its members to serve on the LCS Board of Trustees. Acting through the principal, who serves as the chief administrative officer of the board, the board determines school policies, selects administrators and teaching staff, controls budgeting and finance, promotes Christian education, determines curriculum, appoints sub-committees, and generally oversees management and operations of the school.

## *Community*

LCS is a thriving part of a culturally diverse and flourishing Lafayette community.

Greater Lafayette, Indiana is home to Purdue University, the cradle of quarterbacks – from Len Dawson and Bob Griese to Drew Brees – and the alma mater of many rocket scientists including astronaut Gus Grissom and moonwalker, Neil Armstrong.

Lafayette and Tippecanoe County enjoy a broad-based, strong economy with diverse employment opportunities such as “Big Ten” Purdue University, Arconic, Caterpillar, Subaru of Indiana, Wabash National Corporation, and others as well as a vibrant professional and medical community including two successful regional hospitals.

Lafayette is a commercial and retail center in west central Indiana. Lafayette and West Lafayette together anchor the Tippecanoe County population of about 185,000 people. Lafayette is located along I-65 about one hour northwest of Indianapolis and about two hours south of Chicago.

## *Facilities*

LCS facilities are growing. Since 2009, LCS and its strong supportive community have invested over \$4,650,000 in expanded building and facilities. Recent building expansion has included a substantial two story academic wing in two phases. It includes twelve new classrooms, teacher preparation spaces, a media room, library, resource room, and student common area. Phases I & II are complete. As of March 2015, the costs are fully paid as a result of successful capital campaigns. Phase III is on the drawing board. At an estimated cost of \$3,000,000, the planned Phase III includes a music wing, remodeled entry and office space, and additional classrooms.

## *Operating Budget*

LCS is blessed with strong financial support. The total operating budget of LCS for 2018-19 is nearly \$1.8 million. About 86% is funded by tuition and fee income, 1% from rental income, and the remaining 13% comes from annual contribution support. Indiana has a favorable climate to private schools. Part of LCS tuition income is supported by Indiana's Choice Scholarship program.

## *Chapel/Bible*

Weekly chapel services allow students and faculty members to experience worship, praise, teaching, and fellowship. Parents are encouraged to attend. Bible instruction is included in the daily curriculum.