

2024-2025 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

Mission Statement

At Lake Rose Christian Academy, our purpose is to address the educational and spiritual development of our students daily. We cultivate a culture of integrity, academic excellence, and community service, fostering an environment that nurtures spiritual growth and academic achievement. We are committed to ensuring a secure and pristine setting that supports the holistic growth of each individual in our community.

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Welcome

Lake Rose Christian Academy has been training students how to live successful lives and has been equipping them academically for over 20 years. We aim to train students of every ability in the highest principles of moral character, self-discipline, individual responsibility, personal integrity, and good citizenship. Our academy upholds high standards of morality and self-discipline.

This handbook will give you an overview of what you can expect from Lake Rose Christian Academy and what is expected from our parents and students.

Office Contact Information

School Office (407) 434-9988
Fax (407) 297-7887
School Email info@mylrca.com
School Website www.mylrca.com

School Office Hours: M-Th 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Fri 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

School Day

The school day is as follows: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday: 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Guiding Principles

Government

The school is governed by a school board consisting of members of First Pentecostal Ministries, Inc. The Administrator is directly responsible to the school board. School assistants are responsible to the Administrator. Lake Rose Christian Academy is a ministry of First Pentecostal Ministries, Inc. DBA Orlando Pentecostal Church.

Accreditation

Lake Rose Christian Academy is accredited by the Florida Council of Private Schools.

Admission

A student is admitted to Lake Rose Christian Academy based on academic progress and personal excellence in conduct. Enrollment in our school is a privilege and a valuable opportunity. Students attending this academy should be aware of this special opportunity and should freely desire to pursue his/her education in this environment.

This school admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, and we grant each student all the rights, privileges, and programs provided. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, physical limitations, or ethnic origin in the administration of all policies, programs, scholarships, athletics, or any other school-sponsored activities.

Admission Procedure

All items listed below are mandatory:

- 1. Parents/Guardians visit the school and are interviewed.
- 2. All necessary forms, medical history, including proof of immunization, and a current physical must be submitted.
- 3. Parents/Guardians and students must attend the orientation.
- 4. Parents/Guardians and students must read the handbook thoroughly and sign and return the Handbook Contract.
- 5. All new students are placed on probation for the first 9 weeks.

Parents/Guardians

It is essential that parents/guardians:

- 1. **Agree** with the mission, educational philosophy, curriculum design, and goals of Lake Rose Christian Academy.
- 2. **Support** Lake Rose Christian Academy through prayer and a positive attitude.
- 3. **Expect** their students to comply with school procedures and policies.
- 4. **Follow** the Matthew 5 and Matthew 18 principles for conflict resolution.

Matthew 5:23-26

The principle of Matthew 5 is simple. When we know that our brother or sister has ought with us, we

are to go to that person and only that person and seek a resolution. The scripture indicates for a resolution to be reached, we are to go and ask forgiveness for any offense that we might have caused.

Matthew 18:15-20

The Matthew 18 principle gives us the chain of command for resolving problems. It first tells us to go to the party we have an issue with. It further tells us that if a resolution has not been reached between our brother or sister in Christ that we have gone to, we are to ask a mature brother or sister to go back with us to the individual. (This would be the school principal or administrator.) Finally, if that fails to bring repentance and resolution, we may take our conflict to a higher authority (in this case, the school administration and then the school board.)

Students

The students of Lake Rose Christian Academy are expected to come to class with the right attitude and participate in the academic process to their utmost ability. They are also expected to participate in our Chapel services and represent themselves, their family, their church, and their school in a positive light always during the school year.

Chapel

Our Chapel service is held every Wednesday morning in the Sanctuary; all parents/guardians are invited to attend, please contact the office for your student's service times.

Parent Communications

Progress Reports/Report Cards

Report cards are issued every nine weeks. Please see the school calendar for the specific dates that Report cards will be released. Final report cards will be issued after all tuition and fees owed to the school have been paid. Please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year available on our website for the current replacement fee for lost report cards.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled throughout the year to provide an opportunity to discuss your student's academic, spiritual, and social development. Conferences are scheduled after school or on a teacher workday/student holiday.

Homework

Students are required to complete their daily goals in their schoolwork. If the goals are not completed during the school day, the student will be required to complete the work at home. The goals set by the student and reviewed by the supervisor usually are no more than the student can complete during the school day unless makeup work is needed. Repeated incomplete homework infractions will result in detention and may result in suspension.

Communication Envelope

All communications will be sent home in the Communication Envelope. A parent/guardian must sign and return the envelope to school the next day. Please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year available on our website for the replacement fee for lost envelopes.

School Closings

Due to inclement weather and/or disaster emergencies, closing the school on short notice may become necessary. Parents/guardians will be given a notice via the school website or local media. **We usually follow Orange County Public School closings for weather and/or disaster emergencies.** If Orange County Public Schools are closed due to weather conditions or another disaster, your student's absence will be excused. Watch local television stations for information and directions. Area radio stations will also broadcast school closings. You will also receive an email and/or text from the school.

If the school must close due to inclement weather and/or disaster emergencies, we follow the Orange County Public Schools Prioritized Severe Weather Make-Up Days for the school days students are required to make up.

Fire and Tornado Drills

Practice fire drills will be held during the school year. At the designated time, students are to stand and march out of the building in an orderly manner to an assigned place. Their teacher will give them directions, indicating that it is safe to return to the classroom in the same orderly manner. They must follow the lead of their teacher. Students are to refrain from talking, pushing, or running.

In the case of a tornado drill, students will adhere to the same rules of general conduct, following the direction given to them by their teacher. Students will be led to a designated area, staying away from exterior doors and windows as much as possible and crouching in the tornado position.

Lost and Found

Parents are encouraged to label items, so they can be identified in the event they are lost or stolen. If you lose an item, please contact the school office immediately and leave a detailed description of the item that has been misplaced. We will make every reasonable effort to locate and return found items.

If you find an item, please take it to the school office to be placed in the lost and found. Any items that are unclaimed after 2 weeks, may be discarded. The school assumes no responsibility for the loss or theft of any personal valuables lost or stolen.

Attendance and Absences

Absences

Students are expected to be in attendance regularly. Excused absences will be given only with a note or phone call from a parent/guardian or doctor. Please be sure to note the reason for the absence. If an absence is foreseeable, a note should be sent in advance.

An unexcused absence will result in a 30-minute detention. Every five unexcused absences are regarded as truant and will result in a 3-day suspension from school. Students who are temporarily dismissed because of an unpaid bill will be issued unexcused absences until they return to school. No refund of tuition is made because of an absence.

The Florida Legislature enacted requirements that schools report to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles the names, birthdates, sex, and social security numbers of minors who attain the age of 14 and accumulate 15 unexcused absences in a period of 90 calendar days. The legislation further provides that those minors who fail to satisfy attendance requirements will be ineligible for driving privileges. Pursuant to Section 322.091, Florida Statutes, a minor is not eligible for driving privileges unless that minor is enrolled in a public school, non-public school, or a home education program and satisfies relevant attendance requirements.

Carve-Out Clause for FES-UA Students with Medical Exemption for Home-Based Learning

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing Attendance and Absences policy, this provision shall exclude students enrolled under the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Unique Abilities (FES-UA) who also possess a documented medical recommendation from a licensed healthcare provider prescribing the performance of school work from the student's home.

For these specific students, the requirements of the aforementioned attendance policy shall not apply. In lieu of the traditional attendance norms, they will be considered in compliance with the policy, provided they fulfill their academic commitments as outlined in their individualized home-based learning plan.

In specific, the following carve-outs will apply to:

<u>Absences</u>: For students qualifying under this carve-out, absences incurred due to adhering to a home-based learning regimen as per medical advice will not be categorized as excused or unexcused and will not necessitate a note or phone call from a parent/guardian or doctor stating the reason for the absence.

<u>Detention & Suspension</u>: These students will not be subject to a 20-minute detention for an unexcused absence or a 3-day suspension resulting from five unexcused absences, as these terms are defined in the standard Attendance and Absences policy.

<u>Temporary Dismissal Due to Unpaid Bill</u>: Should a student qualifying under this carve-out be temporarily dismissed due to an unpaid bill, they will not be issued unexcused absences during their absence from school.

All other policies not specifically modified or excluded by this carve-out clause will remain in full force and effect for these students. It is essential to understand that this carve-out clause does not exempt

these students from their academic responsibilities; rather, it provides an alternative path of adherence in light of their unique circumstances.

Tardy Policy

Punctuality is an important aspect of training. A student is considered tardy if he/she is not in the classroom by **8:20** in the morning. Three unexcused tardiness during a quarter will result in a 30-minute after-school detention; **after five detentions for unexcused tardiness during the year**, the student will receive a **3-day suspension**. Tardiness after **9:00 am** is an **automatic absence** unless the student has a doctor's excuse.

Tardiness is only excused due to illness or doctor appointments; however, the administration reserves the right to judge each instance of tardiness on its own merits. Repeated detentions and/or suspensions for unexcused tardiness will necessitate a conference with the parent/guardian and may result in disciplinary action, including suspension/expulsion. Please note that if your student arrives at school after 9 am without a doctor's excuse or written advance notification, he/she will be marked absent.

Student Arrival Times and Departure Times

Students may not arrive on campus prior to 7:45 AM. All doors will be locked until 7:45 AM. Students found on campus before 7:45 AM may be given a 30-minute detention to be served after school the following day. Lake Rose Christian Academy is not responsible for anything that happens to your students if they arrive on the school campus before 7:45 AM.

Students must be off the school campus after dismissal. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, students must be off campus no later than 3:30 PM unless they have detention. On Wednesdays and Fridays, students must be off campus no later than 2:00 PM unless they have detention.

If a student has detention, their ride must arrive before the end of the detention period. Students must be picked up and leave campus no later than 5 minutes after detention ends. Any student picked up after this time will be enrolled in afterschool care, and the parent/guardian will be charged the daily rate. If you are picking up multiple students, and one of them is serving a detention, parents/guardians must pick up the other students before the end of dismissal and wait for the student serving detention.

Parents/Guardians with students on campus after 3:30 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays or after 2:00 PM on Wednesdays and Fridays will be enrolled in our afterschool program and charged the fee for daily admission.

Students on campus after 4:00 PM may be turned over to the authorities. If you have a dire emergency that prevents you from picking your student up on time, please contact the school immediately. We will arrange for a staff member to stay until the parent/guardian or an approved individual arrives.

Signing In and Out

Students leaving campus for any reason must be signed out by a parent/guardian or an approved individual. Parents/Guardians must note on the registration form who is authorized to pick up their

student. If an individual is not listed on the registration form, the parent/guardian must scan or fax a signed note to the school giving the unlisted individual permission to pick up their student. The fax number is 407-434-9988. The email address is info@mylrca.com. High school students (18+) may sign themselves out if they have a note from their parent/guardian permitting them to do so.

No student can leave the school premises at any time for any reason unless a parent/guardian or an approved individual has signed them out. This rule is in effect from the time of arrival on campus until dismissal. If a student leaves campus without permission, their parent/guardian will be notified immediately. Local authorities may also be notified if required.

Visitors

Parents/guardians and family members are welcome to visit the school as long as the educational process is not interrupted. All visitors, including parents/guardians/family, must first report to the school office to sign in and receive a visitor's badge before beginning their visit on campus.

Telephone Use

Students are permitted to use the telephone only on an as-needed or emergency basis, as determined by the administration. Students are not allowed to use cell phones. If you require that your students carry a cell phone to school, they will need to turn it into their teacher upon arrival and ask for it when their parent/guardian picks them up. If a cell phone is found on a student, it will be confiscated and held in the office until a parent/guardian picks it up.

Celebrations

Parents/Guardians who wish to bring special food (i.e., birthday cakes, etc.) to lunch for their student's class must have the teacher's permission at least 48 hours in advance. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide paper plates, forks, cups, napkins, etc. The school will not provide these items. If the parent/guardian wishes to be a part of this celebration, they need to follow the procedures as outlined above in the "Visitors" section.

Lunch/Snacks

Lake Rose Christian Academy does not provide lunch. Students must bring their lunch. A refrigerator and a microwave will be provided for student use. Please note: We do not provide eating utensils, which is against the health department regulations. Please provide a fork/spoon with napkins. No Knives, please. Snacks and drinks are also available from our vending machine and can be purchased with cash, credit card, or debit card. Additionally, we may occasionally offer frozen items for sale, such as pizza, hot pockets, and ice cream, which your student can purchase using cash or funds from your prepaid account.

To ensure the well-being of every student, students are not permitted to exchange or share food, as this could inadvertently expose a fellow student with a food allergy to a harmful ingredient and provoke an allergic response.

Christian Leadership Training

Students will attend morning devotionals in their classroom each day. These meaningful sessions organize, outline, and discuss life principles.

Students will attend Chapel Service every Wednesday morning. Students are not required to pray but must remain quiet during prayer time.

Orlando Pentecostal Church provides activities separate from our school. They meet weekly for youth service and have regular events. (The church calendar can be found online at www.opc.church.) Students aged 13 and older are invited to participate in these weekly events. The OPC youth group promotes Christian training and leadership. Activities include outings, rallies, summer camps, Bible studies, and more.

Curriculum

K - 2nd Grades

Students in K through 2nd grade will use the Accelerated Christian Education curriculum. For Kindergarten students, this curriculum is an intensive reading and math program. In addition to Reading and Math, 1st and 2nd graders will work in Social Studies, English, Science, and Word Building. Students may also use third-party software on the computer.

3rd - 12th Grades

Students in 3rd through 12th grades will be using the computer-based curriculums, Ignitia, and any third-party curriculums or educational sources. New students will be diagnosed through testing and placed at their academic levels in each subject. If they do not complete their daily work in class, they will be required to complete their homework using the Internet. Therefore, students must have access to a computer and internet for homework. Parents/Guardians will be given a login and password so that they have access to their student's grades and lessons. Parents/Guardians should log in every school day to see if their student has completed their daily assignments. If not, they should make sure their student does the incomplete assignments for homework. Students who do not complete their homework will receive detention. If there are extenuating circumstances that keep a student from completing their homework, the parent/guardian should send a note to the teacher explaining the circumstances so that the student does not receive detention. The public libraries also offer computers for use with the internet.

FACTS Online

FACTS Student Information System (SIS):

Lake Rose Christian Academy utilizes FACTS SIS to streamline communication between school administrators, teachers, and parents. This platform allows parents to manage various aspects of their child's educational experience, including viewing grades, attendance, and school announcements.

Features: Through the portal, you can:

- Check your child's grades and academic progress.
- View attendance records and school schedules.
- Stay updated on school events and announcements.
- Communicate directly with teachers.
- Manage Billing with FACTS Tuition Management

FACTS Tuition Management provides a flexible and convenient way to manage tuition payments and other school-related fees. Parents can choose from various payment methods, including ACH, credit/debit cards, and checks, with options to make payments online, over the phone, by mail, or through auto-debit. The system allows users to access their accounts from any device to view and manage billing information, set up payment plans, view payment history, and receive payment reminders. By utilizing the FACTS Family Portal and Tuition Management systems, parents can stay fully engaged in their child's educational journey and manage their financial obligations with ease.

Extended Learning Summer School

Lake Rose Christian Academy is dedicated to providing comprehensive educational support to ensure the academic success of all students. To this end, we offer an Extended Learning Summer School program designed to assist students in completing necessary coursework and advancing their learning during the summer months. This program is particularly beneficial for students who have not completed their school work during the regular academic year and need to fulfill these requirements to progress to the next grade level.

Program Overview:

The Extended Learning Summer School Program offers a flexible, remote learning environment with required in-person testing to accommodate the diverse needs of our students.

Tuition: For the cost of the summer school program, please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year, which is available on our website, mylrca.com. Scholarships do not cover this fee.

Payment Options: Tuition can be paid upfront or financed through monthly payments during the upcoming school year.

Eligibility:

The program is open to:

Students who wish to advance their learning over the summer and those who need extra time to complete coursework from the previous academic year to advance to the next grade level.

Coursework and Testing:

Coursework: All lessons, quizzes, and projects will be conducted remotely, allowing students the flexibility to learn from any location, while tests are administered in person at the Lake Rose Christian Academy campus, located at 4340 North Hiawassee Road, Orlando, FL 32818. Testing schedules will be communicated well in advance to ensure attendance.

Program Schedule:

The program runs for six weeks in the summer, starting in June. You will be informed of the exact dates upon registering for the Extended Learning Summer School program. In-Person Test Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Enrollment Process:

To enroll in the Extended Learning Summer School Program, parents/guardians will be contacted at the end of the school year as we evaluate your student's progress and goals. Detailed information and enrollment forms are available upon request.

Completion Requirements:

Students must complete all assigned subjects to progress to the next grade level. Parents/guardians are required to ensure their student meets these requirements.

Contact Information:

For further details or assistance regarding the Extended Learning Summer School Program, please reach out to the school office. We are committed to supporting our students in achieving their academic goals through this flexible and comprehensive summer program.

This policy aims to provide clarity on the procedures and expectations for the Extended Learning Summer School Program, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed academically.

Health Requirements

Staff members will not be allowed to administer any prescription or over-the-counter medications to any students without parental authorization in writing. All medications must be in their original container and be administered in the school office. Cough syrups, cough drops, and other non-prescription medications may require a doctor's note. A medication form must be completed and on file in the school office before any medication can be administered. Parents/Guardians, please do not send your student to school when there are definite symptoms of illness.

Should a student come to school with a communicable disease, that student will be sent home until a doctor has released the student from their care. This policy also covers such things as lice, (no nit policy), impetigo, ringworm, pink eye, etc....

Due to COVID-19, for the safety of our students and staff, if a student exhibits any symptoms, there will be a temperature check. Students found with a temperature above 99 degrees Fahrenheit will be assessed for other symptoms. If other symptoms are present, they will be sent back home. Students are to be checked by a physician to assure us that it is not the COVID-19 virus. Students with temperatures above 100 Degrees will automatically be sent home.

Upon enrollment and prior to attending school, parent/guardian must provide proof of full immunization and a current physical for their student/s. Vaccinations must be updated before entering Kindergarten and 7th grade. If your student is unable to participate in their required Physical Education class, you must provide a doctor's note, and we can make necessary accommodations.

Conduct and Discipline

One of the chief components of discipline at Lake Rose Christian Academy is the understanding that the school is not the primary disciplinarian of any student. Please do not enroll your students with the idea that they will be reformed. Discipline begins in the home, and we are here to work with you. By attending Lake Rose Christian Academy and agreeing to uphold this educational institution's philosophy, mission, and policies, each student has placed themselves under the school's authority, rules, and policies. By enrolling at Lake Rose Christian Academy, students agree to abide by the school's standards on and off campus year-round.

Parents/Guardians are the keys to the success of disciplinary procedures, and Lake Rose Christian Academy expects you to support the school in all disciplinary procedures. In the classroom, teachers practice assertive discipline. This is a positive, systematic approach to discipline. Since the teacher is the authority in the classroom, this enables them to set firm, consistent limits for students while at the same time remaining cognizant of the reality of the student's need for warmth and positive support.

We encourage parents/guardians to engage with us and raise questions or concerns about our policies or procedures. To maintain a harmonious atmosphere and ensure a positive experience for your student, we kindly request that such inquiries be made **away from your student's presence to avoid potential conflicts between staff and students.**

All students are placed on a probationary period of 9 weeks beginning with their first day of class. If necessary, your student may be placed on a probationary period during the school year.

Student Searches

Consent:

By enrolling at Lake Rose Christian Academy, parents/guardians consent to searches based on reasonable suspicion as determined by the Administrator. This consent allows the appropriate staff to search a student's backpack, purse, pockets, desks, and other personal items.

Policy:

Lake Rose Christian Academy prioritizes the safety and security of all students and staff. While we do not conduct physical searches of students, we have established the following procedures for situations that require a search:

Request for Compliance: The school administrator will ask the students to empty their pockets and remove their shoes and socks in the presence of another school employee.

Search of Bags and Personal Items: If there is reasonable suspicion, a school administrator, with another school employee present, may search a student's backpack, purse, or any other personal items.

Search of Desks: Desks assigned to students may be searched if there is reasonable suspicion that they contain prohibited items.

Parental Involvement: If the student refuses to comply with the initial request, the administrator will contact the student's parent/guardian to seek their assistance in resolving the matter.

Non-Compliance Consequences: If the student remains unwilling to comply after the parent/guardian has been contacted, the student may be asked to withdraw from the school or face expulsion.

These procedures are designed to uphold the safety and security of the school environment while respecting the rights and dignity of our students. We aim to maintain a supportive and respectful educational atmosphere for everyone at Lake Rose Christian Academy.

Standards of Christian Character

Suspension or Dismissal from School

Suspension and dismissal are the school's most serious forms of discipline. If these forms of discipline are needed, the student will be removed from the campus immediately and may not return until invited by the school. The student is prohibited from participating in and/or attending school functions and/or activities until the disciplinary time ends. Suspensions will be prescribed at the discretion of the administration.

Lesser violations of school policy may be dealt with by detention; however, the following represents some infractions that could result in detention or suspension, depending on the circumstances:

- 1. Previewing Tests and Quizzes: Entering a Test or Quiz without answering any questions and then exiting. If the student accidentally enters a test, they must inform the teacher immediately so the test can be reassigned; otherwise, it will be counted as cheating.
- 2. Cheating: Cheating in academics or helping another student cheat.
- 3. Accessing Other's Account: If a student logs in to another student's school account, whether it be Ignitia, Google, or any other school-issued software, it is considered cheating, and the student may be immediately suspended or expelled.
- 4. Insubordination: Arguing with or disrespecting the staff members.
- 5. Repeated Tardiness: Carelessly arriving late for class.
- 6. Profanity (in word or action): This may result in an automatic suspension. Repeated misbehavior in this area will result in dismissal from the school.
- 7. Bullying: Lake Rose Christian Academy has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. We prioritize the well-being of our students and faculty. Any student found bullying others may face suspension or expulsion.
- 8. Disturbing in Class: Continual classroom interruptions...
- 9. Danger: Any student who puts another student in danger by any misconduct may be automatically suspended or expelled at the administration's discretion. (Example: fighting or any other physical aggression.)
- 10.6-inch rule: All students are required to maintain no less than 6 inches from other students and staff members. Physical contact of any kind may result in suspension or expulsion.
- 11. Vandalism: Vandalism will result in suspension or expulsion. It will be the parent/guardian's responsibility to repair or replace damaged school property.
- 12. Weapons: Guns, knives, and weapons of any kind are prohibited. Lake Rose Christian Academy has a zero-tolerance policy regarding weapons, and offenders may be expelled. Weapons will not be returned and may be turned over to a law enforcement agency.

- 13. Sex: Sexual conduct is prohibited. Violators will be suspended or expelled.
- 14. Dress code violations: Dress code violations will result in disciplinary action. The dress code is to be followed during the school day, field trips, and any other school function on or off campus unless students are otherwise instructed.
- 15. Violating Student Property: Other students' desks, bags, and other personal items are off-limits.

Expectations

- 1. All students are expected to come to school prepared with the proper materials, PACEs (K 2nd only), and completed assignments.
- 2. Students are expected to be on time.
- 3. Students are expected to remember that the teacher is the authority in the classroom, and the teacher's rules will dictate the running of the classroom.
- 4. Students are expected to keep their hands and feet to themselves and to refrain from physical contact.
- 5. Students must receive the teacher's approval for everything they post on their desk bulletin boards.
- 6. In the lunchroom, students are required to eat at their assigned table and remain seated until excused. Students are required to put trash in the wastebaskets, keep their designated area clean, and clean up any mess they make.
- 7. In the classroom, students are required to follow general housekeeping rules and keep their desks neat and free from all markings, damage, and clutter.
- 8. Students are expected to follow the dress code guidelines at all school functions on and off campus.

Disciplinary Guidelines

Once a student has been accepted to our school, they are considered a Lake Rose Christian Academy student, whether by new enrollment or re-enrollment. They are subject to all policies and procedures in and out of school, on or off campus. The Standards of Conduct extend to all school activities, on or off campus.

Detention

If a student behaves in a manner that is contrary to the Lake Rose Christian Academy mission and Christ-like character, the teacher may require the student to be kept after school for punitive reasons. The parent/guardian will receive a written detention notice if this occurs. Detention activities may include but are not limited to: Students will be given a writing assignment(s) during detention, including writing about what they did wrong and how to correct the behavior in the future.

Suspensions

The school administration will administer suspensions. Work assigned while a student is serving a suspension cannot be made up. All suspensions will be recorded in the student's files. A suspension also results in the automatic loss of extracurricular participation for the scheduled suspension day.

Technology Use

Personal Electronic Devices:

Personal cell phones, MP3 players, video game systems, tablets, computers, smart watches, or any other electronic device cannot be used during school hours. If a student is caught with any of these devices during school hours, the device will be taken away and turned over to the school administrator. The parent/guardian must come to the school to retrieve the item. Cell phones must be turned in to the teacher as soon as the student enters the school. They can retrieve them at dismissal upon leaving campus.

Third-Party Agreements:

Parents/Guardians agree to all third-party software privacy policies and their respective terms and conditions or agreements. This includes any educational software and digital resources used by Lake Rose Christian Academy to support the learning process.

Internet Use:

Students are expected to use the school's internet access responsibly. Any misuse of the internet, including accessing inappropriate content or violating the school's acceptable use policy, will result in disciplinary action.

Digital Citizenship:

Students are encouraged to practice good digital citizenship by respecting others online, protecting their personal information, and reporting any suspicious activities to a teacher or school administrator.

Transportation Rules

Lake Rose Christian Academy prioritizes the safety and well-being of every student on our vans. Students who violate any of the following rules while being transported may face disciplinary actions, including suspension or expulsion from the privilege of riding the van. Additionally, severe infractions may result in suspension or expulsion from school. If a student is suspended or expelled from the privilege of riding the van, it will be the parent's/guardian's responsibility to transport the student to and from field trips and other school-sponsored activities.

Here are the rules for riding in school transportation:

- 1. Always remain in the seat with the seat belt securely fastened. Arms, legs, and head must always remain inside the vehicle.
- 2. These items are not permitted: food, drinks, gum, candy, personal electronics, or any other items the school staff deems inappropriate.
- 3. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- 4. Nothing is to be thrown out of the vehicle at any time.
- 5. Excessive noise will not be tolerated.
- 6. Students are not allowed to yell out the windows to passing motorists or pedestrians.
- 7. Parents/Guardians are financially responsible for any damage done to the vehicle by their student. The student may be suspended or expelled, depending on the severity of the damage.
- 8. Students cannot enter the van unless a staff member is present.

Failure to adhere to these rules can result in loss of transportation privileges and further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by the school administration. These measures ensure a safe and respectful environment for all students.

Dress Code

General Appearance:

At Lake Rose Christian Academy, we believe that a student's appearance significantly impacts their self-confidence and acceptance among their peers. Therefore, we encourage you to ensure that your student is always well-groomed and their uniforms are clean and well-maintained. The responsibility for a student's appearance lies with the parents/guardians. If a student comes to school dressed inappropriately, they will be sent home.

Uniforms:

Uniform polo shirts and PE t-shirts with the school logo are required and must be purchased from the approved uniform vendor. Students out of uniform may receive a detention, and repeated violations can result in suspension. Uniform shirts are always required, even on field trips. Shirts must be neat and clean, with no holes or tears, and must not expose the midriff at any time, even when arms are extended above the head.

Pants, Slacks, Skirts, and Jumpers:

Students must wear solid color **BLACK** or **TAN** dress pants or slacks. These should be tailored pants designed for a professional or formal setting.

Jeans, denim, jeggings, stretch pants, joggers, or any form-fitting pants are prohibited. While classic dress pants or slacks made from materials such as cotton, polyester, wool, or blends are permitted. Additionally, girls may choose to wear solid color **BLACK** or **TAN** skirts or jumpers. **Shorts are not permitted except at PE.** All bottoms must be worn at the waist and cannot hang below the waistline. Undergarments should not be visible at any time. Belts must be worn with all bottoms that have belt loops and should be subtle (not a fashion statement) in brown, khaki, or black. Belt loops cannot be cut off to avoid wearing a belt. **Spandex, Stretch, Joggers, form-fitting pants or form-fitting shorts will NOT be permitted.** Shorts, skirts, and jumpers must touch or go below the kneecap when sitting. Shorts or leggings must be worn under skirts during PE for modesty.

Shoes and Socks:

Students are required to wear flat, closed-toed, and closed-heeled shoes that promote the values and principles of our school. The following footwear is not approved for wear on campus: Crocs, boots, slippers, heels or platforms, flip flops, slides, sandals, and any shoes with accessories. All shoes must be tied or properly secured at all times to prevent accidents. This ensures that our learning environment is safe and professional.

Athletic shoes are mandatory during Physical Education classes to support safety and optimal performance.

Socks must be worn with shoes and should be solid-colored (khaki, white, brown, or black). Socks that are multi-colored or have patterns are not permitted.

Jackets, Sweaters, and Coats:

Uniform sweaters, or **SOLID** color **BLACK**, **NAVY**, **TAN**, or **WHITE** jackets, sweaters, and coats are allowed over approved dress code shirts. Logos must be inconspicuous. **Hoodies are not allowed at school** (They may be worn to school for weather purposes but must be removed when they arrive inside).

Jewelry:

Students may wear watches, wedding bands, class rings, and medical bracelets. A medical necklace, if worn, must be tucked into the shirt. Jewelry cannot contain any sharp objects. Chains cannot hang from the neck, belt, or pocket, or be attached to a wallet. For boys: No other jewelry is allowed.

Additional Jewelry Rules for Girls:

Girls may wear one ring, bracelet, and a pair of earrings (small studs only) at a time. **Hoops or dangling earrings are NOT allowed for safety reasons.** Earrings can be worn in the lobe of the ear only. If the student has multiple ear piercings, only one set of earrings is permitted. Nose jewelry, lip jewelry, tongue jewelry, or any other body jewelry not listed above is prohibited. Chains or necklaces are not allowed for safety reasons. Jewelry should be modest and not excessive in quantity, size, or style. No other jewelry is allowed.

Makeup and Nail Polish:

Boys are not allowed to wear makeup or nail polish. The following applies to girls only: Girls may wear makeup in moderation, and it must be their natural skin tone only. Nail polish is allowed, provided all nails are one solid color and the same color. Designs on nails are not allowed. For the safety of our students, nails must be kept no longer than "active" length, which means they should not extend more than 1/2 inch beyond the fingertip.

Any student in violation will be sent home or, if possible, we may allow them to correct the violation.

Hair:

Hairstyles should be modest and not draw excessive attention to oneself. **Dyed hair and designs shaved into the head are not permitted.** If student's hair is deemed inappropriate, the student will be sent home and the principle may require the student to change the style.

To ensure compliance, it is important for students to ascertain whether their hair color and style adhere to the dress code. If a student is considering a style change and is uncertain about its acceptability, we strongly recommend bringing a picture to the Administrator for prior approval. By doing so, any potential disciplinary actions can be avoided.

Boy's Hair:

Hair must be neatly combed and should not touch the eyebrows, ears, or shirt collar. **Hair cannot be longer than 3 inches.** The following are **not** allowed: Braids, twists, or dreads, as well as facial hair, including beards, goatees, or mustaches. Sideburns extending below the bottom of the earlobe are also prohibited.

Girl's Hair:

Students are encouraged to maintain their natural hair color. Wigs or extensions, if used, should match the student's natural hair color. Any hair color that is not your student's natural hair color is not permitted.

Hair adornments, such as headbands, should be simple and plain. **Belts, ties, or 3-cornered kerchiefs are not permitted to secure hair.** The dress codes aim to promote natural-looking hair colors and styles while encouraging simplicity in hair adornments.

Accessories:

Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn inside buildings. Bandanas, 3-cornered kerchiefs, and any other accessories not conforming to the uniform policy are not permitted.

Tattoos and Passion Marks:

Once enrolled, tattoos are not permitted for the duration of the student's attendance at Lake Rose Christian Academy. Students who enroll with a tattoo must keep it covered and invisible. If a student gets a tattoo after enrollment, they will face disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion. Both boys and girls must always keep "hickeys or passion marks" covered.

Uniform Standards for Appropriate Representation:

Any part of the uniform must not display or symbolize a cult, gang, vulgar sentiments, or content that contradicts Lake Rose Christian Academy's values.

Dress Code Enforcement and Administrative Authority:

Lake Rose Christian Academy maintains a dress code that reinforces the school's values of respect, decorum, and academic focus. To ensure these standards are upheld, the administration reserves the authority to enforce dress code compliance, even in instances where specific scenarios may not be explicitly outlined in the handbook. Additionally, the administration may impose additional rules based on the academy's core principles and policies to enhance the learning experience. These guidelines are intended to support, not detract from, each student's individuality while maintaining a consistent and respectful learning environment that reflects the academy's commitment to fostering an atmosphere of respect and propriety.

Casual Friday Dress Code

At Lake Rose Christian Academy, we celebrate the end of each school week with Casual Fridays. This relaxed dress code option allows students to showcase their school spirit in a comfortable and stylish manner while adhering to the school's values of respect and decorum.

Casual Friday Eligibility Requirements:

Academics - Students must not be behind in their schoolwork to participate in Casual Fridays. Dress Code Compliance - Students must not have any dress code violations for the week. Behavioral Standards - Students must exhibit good behavior. The administration reserves the right to revoke Casual Friday privileges due to behavioral issues or other concerns.

Casual Friday Appropriate Attire:

Tops - Students may wear a Lake Rose Christian Academy shirt, which includes their standard uniform shirt, PE shirt, or any school shirts they have purchased from the school or been awarded by the school.

Bottoms - Students are allowed to wear denim. Acceptable colors for denim are plain blue, white, khaki, or black. Boys are required to wear denim pants, while girls may choose to wear either denim pants or a denim skirt.

The following are prohibited for Casual Friday:

No faded or acid-wash denim.

No shredded, ripped, or cut-off jeans.

No jeans with studs, excessive zippers, cargo pockets, or other embellishments.

No denim accessorized with glitter or embellishments.

No jeans with visible holes or distressing.

General Dress Code Compliance for Casual Friday:

Students must follow all other dress code policies on Casual Fridays.

Those choosing not to wear jeans must abide by the school uniform policy for Pants, Slacks, Skirts, and Jumpers, as outlined in the main dress code section.

Dress Code for Performances and Ceremonies:

Students must follow all listed dress codes when performing or participating in any Lake Rose Christian Academy field trip, event, or production.

Uniform Vendor

Our approved uniform vendor is **Link Uniforms**. Uniforms may be purchased online at the mylrca.com store. To get your student's uniforms on time, you must order prior to the deadline listed on our website. There will be no exceptions for students not in uniform.

Academic Standards

Grading and Promotion Policies

Students will be advanced to the next grade level based on classroom performance, ability to pass the required subjects, completion of PACEs, social maturity, and teacher evaluation.

Grading

E = Excellent

G = Good

S = Satisfactory

NI = Needs Improvement

U = Unsatisfactory

A 90 - 100

B 80 - 89

C 70 - 79

D 65 - 69

Below 65 is failing

Testing Resources

The lowa Assessment / CogAT tests are administered each Spring and are mandatory. A diagnostic test will be administered upon enrollment. The PSAT/NMSQT test is an offsite test available to 10th and 11th graders, and it is administered in the fall of each year. Test fees are included in the registration fee each year.

Computer Curriculum/PACEs Fees

The annual curriculum fee covers the computer-based curriculum for grades 3 through 12 and the minimum of 60 PACEs each year for K through 2nd grades. If a student needs additional PACEs, the fees will be charged to the parent/guardian. Students who lose a PACE or fail a PACE test and must repeat the PACE will be charged. Please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year available on our website for the current PACE replacement fee.

Graduation Requirements

High School students must earn at least 24 credits to graduate. Credits must be earned in the following subjects:

Math 4 credits (Must include Algebra I)

English 4 credits

Social Studies 3 credits (World History, U.S. History, Government & Economics)

Science 3 credits (Must include Biology)

Personal Finance Lit. ½ credit
Physical Education 1 credit

The Arts 1 credit (Fine and Performing, Speech and Debate or Practical Arts)

Health ½ credit

Flectives 7 credits

Bright Futures Scholarship Recommendation



We highly recommend that all our high school students consider applying for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. This state-funded program offers several scholarship options based on high school academic achievement and can significantly ease the financial burden of postsecondary education.

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship provides various levels of awards, including the Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and the Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS). These scholarships can cover up to 100% of tuition and applicable fees at Florida public colleges and universities or a substantial portion at eligible private institutions.

To qualify, students need to meet specific GPA requirements, complete a certain number of volunteer or paid work hours, and achieve minimum scores on standardized tests like the SAT or ACT. Detailed eligibility criteria and application procedures can be found on the Florida Department of Education's Bright Futures website.

For more information and requirements, visit floridabrightfutures.gov.

Financial Obligations

For the latest information on charges and fees, please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year, which is available on our website, mylrca.com. By signing this handbook, you agree to all fees and charges listed in our Financial Obligations document.

All fees and charges are non-refundable. This includes, but is not limited to, registration fees, tuition payments, curriculum fees, supply fees, and any other miscellaneous charges incurred throughout the school year. In the event of withdrawal or dismissal, no refunds will be issued for any reason. Additionally, any unpaid fees at the time of withdrawal or dismissal will still be owed and must be settled before any student records are released.

By enrolling your child at Lake Rose Christian Academy, you acknowledge and accept these terms. It is important to review the Financial Obligations document thoroughly to understand all potential costs associated with your child's education. If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the fees, please contact our office before signing this handbook.

Prepaid Account

At Lake Rose Christian Academy, we are excited to introduce the Prepaid Account, designed to simplify the payment process for your student's afterschool program, karate program, other extracurricular activities, field trips, and other incidental expenses. This account is a convenient way for parents/guardians to manage funds allocated for their student's incidental expenses.

Purpose: The Prepaid Account is used to pay for incidental expenses at LRCA, ensuring your student's seamless participation in these programs.

Payment: We encourage parents to maintain a positive balance to cover anticipated activities and incidental expenses. In instances where the Prepaid Account falls into a negative balance, a Prepaid Account Negative Balance Fee will be charged. Please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year available on our website, mylrca.com, for the Prepaid Account Negative Balance Fee. This fee is implemented to cover the administrative costs associated with account overdrafts and to encourage timely funding of the account. Additionally, your student will not be allowed to attend the afterschool program or any extracurricular activities until the account is funded out of the negative. If the account is not funded, your student may be placed on temporary suspension. The suspension will remain in effect until the negative balance, including any fees, is fully paid.

We kindly ask for your cooperation in keeping the account funded to prevent any interruptions in your student's engagement in our enriching activities.

Scholarships

Lake Rose Christian Academy works with private and government-subsidized programs to make the dream of a private school education a reality. Currently, we accept the following scholarships: welcome a range of scholarships such as the Florida Tax Credit (FTC), Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES), Family Empowerment Scholarship with Unique Abilities (FESUA), HOPE Scholarship, AAA Scholarship, and the AAAUA Scholarship.

Parents/Guardians will be notified by Step Up when the scholarship payments are ready for approval and are required to approve the payment within 3 days of notification. Students will not be allowed to attend school after the 3rd day if the payment is not approved. The student will receive a temporary suspension letter and a late fee per day will be assessed until the payment is approved.

Required School Supplies

Parents are responsible for gathering all the supplies listed in the registration packet for their student. It is essential that each student has the necessary materials to participate fully in classroom activities and complete their assignments. Please ensure that your child comes to school equipped with all the items specified.

If a student is missing any of the required supplies at the beginning of each school quarter, a Missing Supplies Fee will be charged. Please refer to the Financial Obligations document for the current enrollment year available on our website, mylrca.com, for the Missing Supplies Fee. This fee will cover the cost of providing the necessary materials to ensure that your child can continue their education without interruption. The fee will be applied for each quarter in which the supplies are not provided.

Accident Insurance

Accident insurance is provided for all students. It serves as secondary coverage to the family's primary health insurance. It covers accidents occurring at school and on school field trips. Forms are available in the school office. **All accidents are to be reported to the office within 24 hours.**

Withdrawals

To withdraw a student from Lake Rose Christian Academy, parents/guardians must complete and sign a withdrawal form indicating their intent. Before any student records can be released, all outstanding fees, including tuition, books, registration, technology replacement, and other charges, must be paid in full. If a student attends school for one day or more in a month, the full month's tuition will be required. To ensure a smooth transition and clear communication, the following policy outlines the process for withdrawing a student:

Process for Withdrawal

- 1. **Notification:** Parents/Guardians wishing to withdraw their student from Lake Rose Christian Academy must notify the school administration in writing of their intent to do so. This is an essential step to begin the withdrawal process.
- 2. **Withdrawal Form:** Parents/Guardians must complete and sign a Withdrawal Form. This form will be provided by the school office and must be filled out in its entirety to acknowledge the intention to withdraw the student.
- 3. **Outstanding Balances:** All financial obligations must be settled before any school records can be released. If there is an outstanding balance on the student's account, records will not be transferred until these balances are cleared. This includes any unpaid tuition, fees, or other charges accrued during the time of enrollment.

- 4. **Tuition Responsibility:** If a student attends school for one day or more during a billing month, the full month's tuition will be due. This policy is in place to ensure that the school can adequately plan and allocate resources throughout the academic year.
- Record Release: Once all financial obligations have been met and the withdrawal form has been properly completed and received, the student's records will be prepared and made available for transfer. Parents/Guardians may need to provide the contact information of the new school where records should be sent.
- 6. **Exit Interview (Optional):** While not mandatory, we encourage a final meeting with the school administration. This meeting can provide valuable feedback and ensure that all necessary steps have been completed for a smooth transition.

Additional Withdrawal Information

Refunds:

Any refund of prepaid tuition will be prorated based on the school's refund policy, taking into account the Tuition Responsibility policy stated above.

Re-Enrollment:

Students who withdraw and later wish to return to Lake Rose Christian Academy may be subject to a re-enrollment process, including any applicable fees and the standard admissions procedure.

Past Due:

Any account 30 days past due after withdrawal will be turned over to a collection agency.

We hope that all students will complete their educational journey at Lake Rose Christian Academy. However, should you need to withdraw your student, please adhere to the above policy to facilitate a respectful and orderly transition. For any questions or further assistance, please contact the school office.

Disciplinary Actions for Non-Payment

Late Payments: If payments are not received by the due date, a late fee will be applied. Parents/Guardians will receive a notification of late payment.

Suspension for Non-Payment: If an account is past due, the student may be placed on temporary suspension. The suspension will remain in effect until the outstanding balance, including any fees, is fully paid.

Withholding Transcripts and Report Cards: Transcripts, report cards, and other academic records will be withheld until all outstanding balances are cleared.

Collection of Outstanding Balances: Persistent non-payment will initiate collection procedures. These may include the involvement of collection agencies or legal action if necessary.

Clearing Balances: To reinstate a suspended student, parents/guardians must clear all outstanding balances. A meeting with the school administration may also be required to discuss the circumstances and any conditions for the student's return.

Parent/Guardian Obligation: It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to ensure that all financial obligations are met. We encourage parents/guardians to communicate openly with the school's financial office if they anticipate any difficulty in meeting payment deadlines.

Adherence to these financial policies is essential for the sustained operation of our school and the continuous provision of a conducive learning environment. Lake Rose Christian Academy appreciates your prompt attention to financial obligations and your support in maintaining our institution's fiscal health.

Binding Arbitration

SECTION 1 – SUBMISSION TO ARBITRATION

All employees, students, parents of students, and guardians of students of Lake Rose Christian Academy agree to submit to binding arbitration on any matters that cannot otherwise be resolved and expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bringing any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 2 – NOTICE OF ARBITRATION

In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising out of or relating to this Parent/Student Handbook or any other school matter, the parties shall use their best efforts to settle such disputes, claims, questions, or disagreements as befits Christians. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests not to disgrace the name of Christ, seek to reach a just and equitable solution. If they do not reach such a solution within a period of sixty (60) days, then upon notice by either party to the other, disputes claims, questions, or differences shall be finally settled by arbitration as described in section 1 above, and such Procedures for Arbitration are adopted pursuant to section 3 below.

SECTION 3 – ARBITRATION PROCEDURES

The Procedures for Arbitration, including the arbitrator, shall be approved by the Pastor, Administrator, and the school board.

2024-2025 School Calendar

The school day is as follows:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday: 8:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1st Semester					
Day(s) of Week	Date(s)	Event			
Monday-Friday	August 5-9	Pre-Planning			
Monday	August 12	First Day of School			
Monday	September 2	Labor Day Holiday			
Friday	October 11	End of First Marking Period			
Monday	October 14	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday			
Tuesday	October 15	Begin Second Marking Period			
Friday	October 25	Teacher Professional Day/Schools Closed			
Monday-Friday	November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break			
Friday	December 20	End of Second Marking Period			
Monday-Friday Two Weeks	December 23- January 3	Winter Break			
2nd Semester					
Monday	January 6	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday			
Tuesday	January 7	Begin Third Marking Period			
Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Schools Closed			
Monday	February 17	Presidents' Day/Schools Closed			
Tuesday-Thursday	March 11-13	Standardized Testing (Mandatory)			
Thursday	March 13	End of Third Marking Period			

Friday	March 14	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday	
Monday-Friday	March 17-21	Spring Break	
Monday	March 24	Begin Fourth Marking Period	
Monday	May 26	Memorial Day Holiday/Schools Closed	
Wednesday	May 28	End of Fourth Marking Period Last Day of School	
Thursday-Friday	May 29-30	Post Planning	

Handbook Contract

As a parent/guardian and/or a student of Lake Rose Christian Academy, I have read the 2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook. By signing below, I agree to all policies and procedures of Lake Rose Christian Academy. I understand the general procedures, including discipline, standards of conduct, and financial obligations listed in our Financial Obligations document online.

Should any disagreements arise as to the proper application of the handbook rules, I agree to submit to binding arbitration in the case of any matters that cannot otherwise be resolved and expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bringing any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

I consent to search for situations of reasonable suspicion, as determined by the Administrator, allowing the appropriate staff to search my student's backpack, purse, pockets, and/or personal items.

I consent for my student/s to attend all school-sponsored field trips and activities.

I consent to all third-party software privacy policies and their respective terms and conditions or agreements. This includes any educational software and digital resources used by Lake Rose Christian Academy to support my student's learning process.

As the parents/guardians and as the student(s), we agree to abide by all policies and procedures of Lake Rose Christian Academy and its Code of Conduct and Discipline.

Father's Name (please print)	Signature		Date
Mother's Name (please print)	Sig	nature	Date
Please print the names of all stud Students' signature is required for			rade.
Student's Name (please print)	Grade	Signature	Date
Student's Name (please print)	Grade	Signature	Date
Student's Name (please print)	Grade	Signature	 Date
Student's Name (please print)	Grade	Signature	 Date

Please sign this form and return it to the school. Thank you.