

LHS FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. Okay, I want to apply! What do I do now?

Consult the "Applications Procedure & Admissions Policy" sheet in the application packet. This sheet outlines what forms to fill out and where to turn them in. Once we receive these forms and the application fee, the registrar will contact you to set up an interview. You can always call the office (952-854-0224, ext. 109) to check on the status of an application.

2. What do I do with the "Request for Transcript" form?

Fill out the form and give it to the student's current school. This will give them permission to send the student's transcript to us. Please DO NOT give the "Transcript Request" form to LHS.

3. What are the school hours?

First hour (an optional class period) begins at 7:40 AM. Second hour begins at 8:30, at which point all students should be present. The school day ends at 3:00 PM. On Wednesdays, we shorten classes and start the day at 8:15 (first hour) and 9:15 (second hour), to allow for early morning meetings. Unless at school for a school-sponsored practice or activity, students are encouraged to be out of building by 4:00 PM daily. The building is scheduled to be locked by 5:00 PM daily.

4. Is there a hot lunch program?

For 2003-2004, hot lunch is prepared by the Bloomington school district and brought in to LHS. It is offered five days a week (except when Bloomington schools are not in session). Lunch costs \$3.25, which includes a milk. Menus are published monthly and posted on the LHS web site. Lunches must be ordered in advance.

5. Does LHS have an open campus?

Generally speaking, no. Students remain on the premises for the entire day, with the exception of the following: students with no first hour class, seniors with a last hour study hall, juniors and seniors taking post-secondary classes, and rare special circumstances, .

6. Can prospective students visit classes?

Yes. We're happy to set up classroom visits for prospective students. Generally speaking, students who visit attend three or four classes and go to lunch. Prospective students are paired with a current student at their grade level. (Eighth graders are paired with freshmen.) To schedule such a visit, please contact Chris Roth in the recruitment office at least 48 hours in advance.

7. Does LHS use quarters, semesters, or trimesters? Is block scheduling used?

Our first semester (made up of two quarters) runs from late August to Christmas break. Second semester runs from early January to late May. A one-week interim period runs between third and fourth quarters, offering a variety of unique week-long class offerings both on-campus and off-campus. We do not use block scheduling; each student has seven or eight class periods daily, one of which is generally a study hall. While we are aware of the state graduation standards, because we are a parochial school, we are not required to make use of them.

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9. When do athletic teams practice?

Times vary based on the particular sport and the number of squads in that particular sport. When weather permits, football, softball, baseball, track, cross country, cheerleading, and soccer generally have their practices immediately following the end of the school day. Because wrestling, basketball, and volleyball use off-site facilities, practice times vary and can run into early evening hours.

10. How long can students remain in the building?

Generally speaking, students should be out of the building as quickly as possible at the end of the day, unless they are remaining for a school-sponsored activity. Students are encouraged to be out of the building by 4:00 PM daily. The building is scheduled to be locked at 5:00 PM.

11. What kind of financial aid is available to help with tuition costs?

LHS tries to strike a balance between keeping tuition rates reasonable and being realistic about the amount of money that it takes to run a tuition-driven institution. More information about tuition and financial aid opportunities is given on the "Financial Information" form. You may also contact the school office for more specific details or to request financial aid forms.

12. Does LHS require uniforms? What kind of dress code is enforced?

LHS does not have a school uniform. The complete dress code is printed in our student/parent handbook (available from the office or from the "downloads" page

on the school web site). However, in a nutshell, the dress code requires modest clothing with no rips or tears. Clothing can not promote alcohol, tobacco, or offensive material. Hats can not be worn during the school day.

13. How often is chapel held?

Thirty-minute chapel services are held mid-morning on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

14. From what church bodies do LHS students come?

Roughly two-thirds of our students are members of a Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod, ELCA, WELS, etc.). The other third comes from a wide variety of Christian denominations. LHS is affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

15. I still have questions about LHS. Who should I talk to?

There's plenty of information available in our red admissions inquiry packet, as well as on our web site (www.lutheranhighschool.com). However, don't hesitate to contact the school office (952-854-0224, ext. 109) with questions. From there, you'll be directed to a person who can tell you what you need to know!

16. Who is the school principal?

LHS uses a collaborative administrative model in which a number of staff members share administrative duties. The Ministry Team, which included Walt Adams, Scott Erie, Eric Forseth, Grace Kelzer, and Diane Ott-Hager, oversees day-to-day life at the school.

