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**Liberty Christian Academy
Alternative School Handbook
(2017-18)**



Restore us, O LORD, and bring us back to you again! Give us back the joys we once had! – (Lam. 5:21)

This is how the LORD responds: "If you return to me, I will **restore** you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak good words rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. You must influence them; do not let them influence you! – (Jer. 15:19)

Lord, your discipline is good, for it leads to life and health. You **restore** my health and allow me to live! – (Isaiah 38:16)

Goal

The goal of a LCA Alternative School (LCAAS) is to provide an option to LCA families when an educational alternative is needed.

Philosophy/Purpose

The restorative principle of discipline best reflects how God, Himself deals with us. Because of this, the purpose of LCAAS is "**restorative**" in nature. The scriptures clearly inform us that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

In today's society, schools are needed that offer an alternative to regular education. Because today's youth are subjected to sources of negative influences like no other generation before, Christian counselors and mentors will be utilized to provide students with the tools for success. This is where LCAAS has a distinct advantage over other alternatives.

Upon enrollment into LCAAS, a collaborative process will immediately begin between administration and the parent/guardian in order to craft a plan that measures the alternative student's academic, emotional, social, and behavioral progress. The goals and objectives of the plan will be measurable so as to assist in the determination of student progress over time. This process will take place with dialogue and input from all the alternative school team members.

Reasons for Enrollment

Students are enrolled in the alternative school program for various reasons' including; spiritual, social, academic, behavioral, and medical. When considering admittance into the alternative school, each student's behavior and circumstance will be considered on a case by case basis by the administrative team. Administration has the right to deny students that they believe will negatively impact the safety, order, and discipline of the school.

Facilities

The alternative school facility will consist of one or more self-contained classrooms. LCAAS has access to an activity area for physical education. Some courses will be taught by a certified LCA teacher while other will be conducted online through the use of LCA Online Academy.



Curriculum

An already existing curriculum will be used for LCAAS. This curriculum would be made up of one or a combination of the following:

- Liberty Christian Academy's already existing regular school curriculum
- Liberty Christian Academy's regular online curriculum
- A combination of LCA's regular school and online curriculums

Course Electives

Course "electives" may not be offered at LCAAS due to the self-contained nature of an alternative school. Some electives may be offered to LCAAS students who have demonstrated positive behavioral changes as measured by their Individualized Alternative School Restoration Plan.

Daily Routines

Time: 8:00am - 2:30pm

Lunch: School lunch is available for purchase or the student may bring their lunch.

Curriculum: Students will participate in chapel, bible class, PE, and individual computer work.

Students will enter the building through the entrance assigned to them and report directly to the LCAAS classroom. Students must arrive prior to 8 am and upon arrival their electronic devices are to be given to the LCAAS instructor. These will be returned to the student at the end of the school day. Students may be randomly searched for accountability and/or to ensure safety for all. LCAAS students are not allowed to be on the LCA campus in the morning before school or in the afternoon after 2:45pm, except for church activities. Church activities are strongly encouraged.

Drug Testing

Enrollment into LCAAS may include parental consent for random drug testing. Such drug testing may become a part of the student's plan and continuation at LCAAS would be contingent upon the results of such testing. Any scheduled or random drug testing will be conducted at the discretion of administration with whom they recommend. **Drug testing is the financial responsibility of the parent and the cost will be added to their account.**

Attendance

Students are expected to be in class and on time everyday school is in session.

- **Tardies**

At five tardies, the student may receive a one day suspension. Any further tardies will result in a meeting with administration and possible dismissal.

- **Absences**

At two unexcused absences, the student may receive one day suspension. Any further absences will result in a meeting with administration and possible dismissal.

Extra-Curricular Events

LCAAS students are not allowed to participate in / attend any extra-curricular activities or athletics.



Community Service

Community service is required by every 9-12 grade student as a requirement for graduation. The same 20 hours a year requirement is required of any student in the alternative school.

Discipline

The students in the alternative school are privileged to be able to have the opportunity to be in school and they are held to a higher level of behavioral expectations than students in regular school. Because of the nature of the alternative school, any student that would receive any discipline infraction may be subject to being dismissed from school. The administration will handle these situations on a case by case situation.

Medical Concerns

Any student being considered for placement in the alternative school whom may need medicine or have any medical condition will be required to share in writing their specific needs and requirements at or immediately before the time they read and sign the policies for LCAAS. The safety of each student is the first priority and must be considered in each situation. LCA reserves the right to deny placement into the LCAAS based on not having the staff or capability to meet all of the medical needs of any student.

Weather related issues and school schedule

The alternative school will operate on the same schedule as long as the regular school is on a normal bell schedule. If LCA is closed, the alternative school will be closed.

Fees

Students who attend the LCAAA are responsible for all associated LUOA online class fees but will be paid through LCA. Pricing for LUOA is slightly discounted for LCAAA students. The fees for LUOA will be added to FACTS. There is also a onetime \$250 program fee for all students who attend the LCAAA to be paid prior to admission.



ACADEMIC PLAN

Name: _____

Date: _____

LCA Registered Course(s)	Alternative School Option	Method: Online	Method: Classroom Teacher

Additions to academic plan:

The student will meet with an LCA Guidance Counselor during the first couple of weeks at LCAAS to discuss an academic route to graduation.

Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

Administrator

Date



BEHAVIOR PLAN

Name: _____

Date: _____

	<i>Required Action</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
	Attend LCA Chapel	Weekly
	Church Attendance: Pastor/youth leader confirmation	Weekly
	Meet with LCA Guidance Counselor/Campus Pastor/Teacher mentor	Weekly or as staff are available
	Drug Test:	May be administered at any time as deemed necessary by administration.
	Outside counselor meetings	8 per semester
	No more than 1 unexcused absence per semester	

Student

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

Administrator

Date



LCAAS CONTRACT

1. I will adhere all of the policies and procedures outlined in the student handbook for LCA and for LCAAS.
2. I will abide by my behavioral and academic plan created by Administration and my parent/guardian. I will maintain at least a 2.75 GPA during my stay in alternative school.
3. I understand that placement into the LCAAS may result in loss of participation in any extracurricular event or activities including but not limited to; graduation, athletics, and student activities. This would include attending these events as a spectator.
4. I will submit a total of five letters to the Principal at the end of the semester in order for re-admittance or graduation. The letters should be from the pastor or youth pastor, student, parent, and two others not related to the student. The letters should include:
 - a. Why the student should be allowed to be readmitted into LCA or walk at LCA graduation
 - b. How he/she has made spiritual gains
 - c. What he/she has learned
 - d. How the student intends to avoid such situations in the future
 - e. How he/she is involved in church and attending regularly
5. The student may be required to attend counseling with a Virginia State licensed mental health provider and meet a minimum of eight times. A letter from the counselor should be submitted on the student's behalf giving the duration, and where the counselor sees the student emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
6. Access to the student's social media may be required to be given to school administration and the student's social media may be monitored for acceptable communication.
7. The parents are responsible for all LUOA online class fees (to be paid through LCA via FACTS).
8. The parents agree to pay a \$250.00 program fee for their child to attend the alternative school.
9. The student may be submitted to a hair follicle drug test performed by Liberty University student conduct department at the expense of the student's parent/guardian.
10. I understand that placement in the LCAAS is a privilege and may be revoked if any policy is not followed.

As the parent, I agree to attend a parent conference every 9 weeks or as requested by the LCA staff. I agree to sign and return all progress reports and other needed information to the school in a timely manner and to support LCA and my student in accomplishing the policies set forth in this handbook.

Student

Date

Parent

Date