

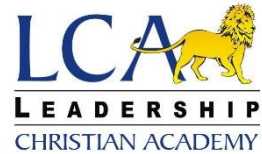
## OUR ACADEMICS

Leadership Christian Academy offers a program of academic and spiritual excellence. It is only school in Erie County that offers consistent and applied leadership training to students from Pre-K through Grade 8.

Graduates of LCA boast high standards in spiritual, intellectual, physical, emotional, and social criteria. Each of these categories have behavioral objectives that lead students into a life of application.

**LCA utilizes a differentiated classroom model** which affords children the opportunity to learn at their own ability level, progressing at their own rate according to their interest and skill level. Teacher directed instruction, peer mentoring, teamwork, and independent work are all the hallmarks of the personalized classroom where the children are taught “how to learn” for success as they continue their education.

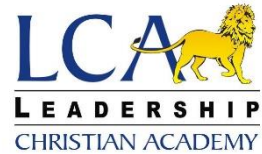
In this environment, the teaching techniques support different learning styles and intelligences. We believe that each child is a unique person created by God; likewise, each child learns differently. The differences in learning styles involve whether your child learns visually (by sight), auditorially (by hearing), tactilely (by touching) or



kinesthetically (by moving). Intelligences are a set of innate talents that a person is born with that can be developed or hindered by environmental or cultural influences. We incorporate teaching techniques that create an atmosphere of learning that embraces the differences in students' learning styles and intelligences.

Some schools teach from textbooks that require a lot of drill and workbook pages. We value the learning experience, knowing that a child learns from real-life experiences. In lieu of this, the books that we choose, the activities that we do, the stories that we tell, the examples that we set, all will be taught with an excitement and curiosity of the learning process.

**Technology** is useful in promoting a differentiated learning environment. In the early elementary grades students use Tablets to access online learning. Beginning in third grade, students are taught correct keyboarding and computer skills. All students in grades 3-8 have access to a laptop computer. This is important because the whole academy uses online IXL blended learning in both math and language arts. Students are also taught how to research online topics of interest and course content. Because a large portion of our students can be online at any time, the academy recently installed a high speed fiber internet connection with wireless capabilities.



**LCA is preparing the next wave of leaders.** When you combine this personalized and experiential teaching model with our leadership training and we have an academic program that produces what is sought after for positions with the highest amount of responsibility. Our goal is that these positions are filled with godly leaders.

*According to the Flux Report by Right Management, the most important skills to drive company growth over the next five years were:*

*Leadership skills 62%*

*Management skills 62%*

*Interpersonal skills 53%*

*Innovation and creativity 45%*

*Resilience 43%*

*Technical/specialist skills 40%*

*IT skills 40%*

*Sales/marketing skills 32%*

*Client management skills 24%*

*Other/none of the above 4%*

Although we do not teach to PA standards, our chosen curriculum utilized by our professional teachers will meet, if not exceed, required PA standards. And we are presently in the STAR program through ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) which is guiding us in becoming fully accredited. **LCA instructors are all certified teachers with a minimum of a Bachelors Degree and Masters Degrees or areas of specialization are represented across the staff.**