The Lakeland Christian School Discovery Program is an educational program for students with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or a related disorder characterized by similar traits as ASD who require a modified academic setting.

Lakeland Christian School is one of the nation’s premier private Christian schools. We strive to provide challenging academics, championship athletics and award-winning fine arts. Our primary distinction, though, is the Biblical worldview that permeates every facet of school life. LCS truly sharpens minds and shepherds hearts by offering a life-shaping education in the light of God’s Word.

Learn More

For more information about the Discovery Program at Lakeland Christian School, please visit our website: lcsonline.org/discovery-program

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If you have further questions about the Lakeland Christian School Discovery Program, please contact Mrs. Luci O’Byrne, Elementary Principal: lobyrne@lcsonline.org

The Discovery Program consists of three classrooms with specific curriculum and daily activities designed for students with a diagnosis of ASD.
About the LCS Discovery Program

Our mission is to provide individualized education with the goal of teaching the whole child in the light of God’s Word. Small group instruction is given based on your child’s individual needs in reading and math. Each child will receive an IEP written by the DP teachers driven by data from nationally normed assessments and personal interactions with the student. An annual meeting will be held to discuss student needs and appropriate goals.

By the second semester of their fifth-grade year, students are assessed to determine the appropriate next step.

*Children in the Discovery program must be non-aggressive, able to work or play for a developmentally-appropriate amount of time as determined by the Discovery Program team, and be able to complete all toileting needs.

- Offered to ages 4-13* (*age appropriateness is based on the discretion of the administration)
- Small Group Instruction
- State Certified Teachers with ESE certification
- Intervention Curriculum
- Academic Focus in the Following Areas:
  - Reading, Math, Writing, Social Studies and Science
  - Independent Functioning
  - Communication
  - Social Skills
- Inclusion Opportunities/Inclusion Paraprofessional Based on Student Needs
- McKay and Gardiner Scholarship Accepted
- Financial Aid Available
- Speech/Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Tutoring Available
- Sensory Room Available Based on Student Needs

Program Levels

Level 1
The student is able to participate in all academics and Specials held in the general education classroom independently. Therapy is provided on campus. Sensory breaks will be provided as needed. The Discovery teacher will meet with the team of teachers to assure the child is meeting/exceeding goals in the general education classroom. The Discovery teacher and classroom teacher will develop and maintain the IEP.  $17,500

Level 2
The student will receive a custom academic schedule in the Discovery classroom and in the general education classroom. The student will participate in most of the general education Specials (PE, art, music, recess, chapel) and does not need para support.  $19,400

Level 3
The student is in the Discovery classroom for all academics as well as social and life skills training. The child will have opportunities for inclusion with general education peers. Para support is needed during inclusion opportunities.  $21,500

Level 4
The student is in the Discovery classroom for the full day.  $24,000