



Admissions FAQs

How do I begin the admissions process?

The process starts with a simple inquiry. You can [click here to create your admissions portal account](#). A member of our Admissions Team will reach out to you very shortly after the inquiry is received and work with you throughout the admissions journey.

When should I apply?

We are always eager to meet new families! While we accept applications throughout the year, we recommend beginning the process early to ensure space availability and a smooth transition for your student.

Is there an application deadline?

No. We utilize a rolling admissions process, meaning that we evaluate applications as they are received. This allows us to work flexibly with your family's specific timeline and needs.

Does LCDS require testing for admission?

Rather than high-pressure standardized testing, we conduct a comprehensive academic evaluation during your child's official visit day. These assessments are tailored to your child's grade-level and help us ensure each student is placed in an environment where they will thrive.

When will I receive an admissions decision?

We know how important this decision is for your family! You can expect to receive a notification shortly after all steps of the application process are complete.

Does LCDS offer tuition assistance?

Yes. We are committed to making an LCDS education accessible to a wide range of families. Please visit our *Tuition Assistance* page for details on the tuition assistance application process and our philosophy on affordability.

Do you offer a sibling discount?

We recognize that enrolling multiple children is a significant commitment. Because every family's financial landscape is unique, we encourage you to schedule a confidential conversation with our Director of Enrollment to discuss how we can best support your family.

What transportation options are available?

Many families take advantage of local busing or our private shuttles:

- **Public Districts:** Busing is provided by *Conestoga Valley, Donegal, Hempfield, Lampeter-Strasburg, Manheim Central, Manheim Township, Pequea Valley, School District of Lancaster, Solanco, and Warwick.*
- **Private Busing:** For a fee, LCDS provides private transportation for families residing in *Berks, Dauphin, and York counties.*

What is the school day schedule?

The standard school day for all students runs from 8:10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Full-Day Preschool/Junior Kindergarten dismissal at 2:30 p.m.
- Half-Day Preschool/Junior Kindergarten dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Does LCDS provide before and after school care?

Yes, we offer programming to support working families:

- Lower School: Before-care begins at 7:30 a.m.; after-care and enrichment activities are available until 5:30 p.m.
- Middle School: Students can participate in our MASH program (supervised study and social time) until 5:30 p.m.