



FIFTH GRADE

Fifth grade marks the culmination of growth and experience over five previous years of elementary school. Increasing skills, both individual and collaborative, are nurtured and displayed in all areas as these students prepare to transition into middle school. Strengthening and fostering Godly-character development, students continue to increase personal responsibility in both the academic and social settings. Core subjects become even more defined as fifth graders focus on Biblical studies, recognizing life-application and purpose. Students continue advancing their technological skills, writing processes and grammar, as well as computational and problem-solving strategies. Science and science labs, 20th Century American history, art and music are also major focuses.

Cornerstones of Lighthouse Fifth Grade

- Combined class participation in Biz Town (Junior Achievement), an in-depth hands-on project focusing on economics and free market enterprise
- Increased oral and independent reading skills, including research, application and comprehension in a variety of genres
- Advanced operations with fractions and decimals, introduction to algebraic equations, geometry and problem solving strategies
- Fine and performing arts opportunities
- Biblical worldview approach to teaching and learning.



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How Lighthouse Christian School students performed in Standardized Testing 2017-18:

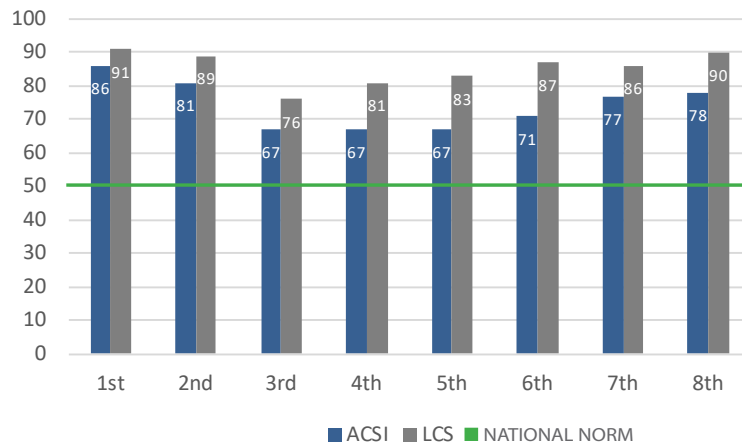


Our students score, on average, in Standardized Testing in the top 15th percentile in the nation.

The LCS academic program demonstrates a strong balance in foundational skills.



Total Score: Reading, Language and Math



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

READING

- Using class novels (*Island of the Blue Dolphins*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, a biography, and *Bud, Not Buddy*) the students practice reading aloud for greater fluency, guided reading to increase comprehension, and independent reading to apply skills
- Accelerated Reading program to monitor progress and assess comprehension

WRITING/LANGUAGE

- Processes for writing descriptive essays, research papers, fictional short stories, and poetry
- Grammar, including parts of speech and sentence diagramming

MATH

- Computational skills and problem-solving strategies
- Review of the four operations and application to fractions and decimals
- Geometry (area, perimeter and percentages)
- Introduction to algebraic equations

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT/BIBLE

- Focus on Psalms, the Gospel of Matthew, and Phillipians to develop a Biblical worldview and recognize application
- Genders are divided at times to discuss relevant social issues
- Chapel

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

- Geography
- US History from 1900-1950
- Economics
- Minerals
- Fossils
- Matter
- Energy
- Circulatory and respiratory systems

SPECIALISTS

- Technology
- Science Lab
- Library
- Art
- Choir
- Band
- PE

FIELD TRIPS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Biz Town (Junior Achievement) for economic application
- Camp Seymour overnight experience
- Service/Ministry projects
- LCS Fifth Grade State Fair (projects/presentations)
- Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) events

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