

US FAQs

Do students who don't park on campus need to register their cars?

Vehicle registration will occur from August 11th thru August 20th in the Gym Foyer. Students are requested to bring their driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance with them when registering with the school.

Why are all juniors assessed an \$100 prom fee?

Traditionally the junior class sponsors the prom for the senior class. In order to spare the juniors spending inordinate amounts of time fundraising for the dance during one of the most important years academically, a prom fee was initiated some years ago. All juniors are assessed the fee whether they attend the dance or not. Seniors do not pay a prom fee. Other important sources of income for the prom account are the annual poinsettia sale sponsored by junior class moms, an annual gift from LHPA, and actual ticket sales.

How do LHPS Advanced Placement Test pass rates compare to other schools?

Very well. Tests are scored from 1-5. Many colleges and schools accept scores of 3-5 for college credit. Lake Highland's pass rate (students scoring a 3 or better) in the spring of 2010 was 76%. In many important academic subjects the pass rate was in the 90-100% range. These percentages are impressive because Lake Highland encourages its students to attempt the challenge of taking AP courses and allows a very high number of its students to take AP courses thus gaining valuable college level studies experience (371 students took 884 tests this spring). Some competitive prep schools only offer one section of each AP course. Lake Highland also requires all students taking an AP course to sit for the exam. Many schools do not make this stipulation. A number of schools even hand pick those who will be allowed to take the exam. Given the large number of students taking the classes and the requirement to sit for the exam, LHP's pass rate is exceptional.

What is the school's policy on Financial Aid?

Lake Highland offers financial aid to families with students in grades 6-12. In order for us to allocate our resources wisely and fairly, we have enlisted the help of Independent School Management's Financial Aid for School Tuition (FAST) program. FAST provides the school with a report, which includes a recommendation of what a family should reasonably contribute toward tuition. FAST does not decide whether financial assistance will be given or how much to give; rather FAST provides a need-based financial aid analysis service. All information from FAST is kept confidential.

Financial aid awards are based strictly on 1) *financial need of the family*, as demonstrated through the FAST application and a review of the parents' last 1040 tax form and 2) *financial aid funds available*. Families applying for financial aid must file online with FAST according to the applicable deadlines. Lake Highland's Financial Aid Committee makes its decisions in the late spring. All financial aid applications are held in the strictest confidence.

Note that all candidates for Financial Aid must have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA or a 2.5 GPA for the previous semester. In addition to a solid academic record, we look for our students to be of strong character and be involved in activities outside the classroom.