

LIBERTAS ACADEMIC COLLABORATIVE



2024 - 2025

New Family Application Packet

Expanded Mission / Vision Statement

The mission of LAC is to partner with parents in preparing students for a lifelong pursuit of learning through classical methodology and joyful discovery; developing depth of character, wisdom, and a desire to engage their world for the glory of God. *Libertas is not a school, but a homeschool program designed to come alongside parents and students.*

Libertas Academic Collaborative combines four distinctive elements:

- ❖ Gospel-centered worldview
- ❖ Classical curriculum
- ❖ University-Model
- ❖ Cultivation of joyful discovery

We strongly believe that these characteristics work in tandem to educate the whole child: mind, heart, and soul so that they will live out what they learn for the benefit of their generation and to the glory of God. We desire to inspire each member of our community to live a life empowered by the gospel and transformed by Jesus Christ.

Our Vision for LAC Students

Our desire is for students to:

- Desire to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and understanding
- Develop a God-centered, Biblical worldview
- Display Christ-honoring character and humility
- Demonstrate respect and honor for their elders and fellow classmates
- Learn to communicate persuasively and eloquently
- Cultivate diligence, faithfulness, and creativity

Our Vision for LAC Parents

Our desire is that parents:

- Assume the responsibilities of co-teacher for their children in each LAC course of study
- Live out their role as the most influential spiritual advisor for their children
- Encourage one another in training children to work diligently and to glorify God
- Support our vision and serve the various needs of our community

Our Vision for LAC Educators

Our desire is that educators:

- Display a love for God, a love for children, and a love of learning
- Demonstrate a passion for classical education and excellence in teaching
- Assist parents in their role as spiritual and academic mentors
- Cultivate communication skills to motivate and inspire students toward learning
- Demonstrate Christ-honoring character and humility
- Serve as a positive role model for students, parents, and the community

LAC ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admission to LAC is a five-step process for families new to our program. All five steps must be completed before students are allowed to join us for classes.

1. Meet/speak with Libertas Director of Administration to learn about LAC.
2. Review the New Family Application Packet and the LAC Family Handbook.
3. Complete the New Family Application and if Libertas is in session, set-up a time for at least one parent and the student(s) wishing to register to visit classes at Libertas.
4. If you think LAC seems like a good fit at this point, set- up an appointment to meet with members of the LAC Leadership Team for a new family interview.*
5. Complete and submit the online enrollment form along with the notarized Acknowledgement Form and required fees to be registered for classes.

*Family Interview with the LAC Leadership Team

This is an informal meeting that gives us a chance to talk about the LAC community and program, what your family would like to get out of it, your child's academic history and interests, and to answer any questions you may have. Our desire is that like-minded families join our collaborative, so we ask that you give careful consideration to our Statement of Faith before pursuing enrollment with LAC. (*outlined on the next page*)

Admission is based on your child's academic abilities, motivation, desire to learn, and willingness to cooperate with students and teachers in a classroom setting. Agreeance with our Statement of Faith is also paramount to enrolling in our program.

Families interested in Libertas should contact the Director of Administration, Tina Ayers, at hubb.ayers@gmail.com.

Process for Accepting Students

At LAC, we do not enroll students based on the order in which they enroll. Students are considered in the following order:

1. Existing students in good standing (*Returning students will be evaluated on the effort they put forth the previous year. Our expectation is that all LAC students give their best effort to their schoolwork.*)
2. Students of staff
3. Siblings of current students
4. Qualified students who have completed the admissions process

LIBERTAS STATEMENT OF FAITH

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative, inerrant Word of God.
2. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His Resurrection, His Ascension to the right hand of God, His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe in the absolute necessity of regeneration by the Holy Spirit for salvation because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, and that men are justified on the single ground of faith in the shed blood of Christ, and that only by God's grace and through faith alone are we saved.
5. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, and they that are lost unto the resurrection of condemnation. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
7. We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture.
8. We believe that God's command is that there be no sexual intimacy outside of or apart from marriage between a man and a woman.
9. We believe that God wonderfully foreordained and immutably created each person as either male or female in conformity with their biological sex. These two distinct yet complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God.

Our statement of faith is not exhaustive of all of our beliefs. The Bible, as the inspired and infallible Word of God, speaks with absolute authority regarding the proper conduct of mankind and is the unchanging foundation for all belief and behavior. The LAC Board holds final interpretive authority on biblical meaning and application with regard to faith, doctrine, policy, practice, and discipline in our community.

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As a homeschool program, devoted to Christ and dedicated to community, we are committed to forming a relationship with all of our families. Please help us get to know you better!

Family Information

Parents' Names: _____

Name(s) and Grade Level of student(s) applying for Libertas: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Primary Contact Phone Number: _____

Primary Contact Email: _____

Let us know what types of programs your children have been a part of:
(choose all that apply)

- Public School
- Private School
- Homeschool

If your student(s) were previously enrolled in a brick and mortar school, please list the name of the school here: _____

If your student(s) were previously part of another homeschool co-op / program, please list here: _____

Please tell us more about your student's educational experience: _____

Has your student(s) ever been diagnosed with a learning, emotional, or behavioral disorder (e.g. Attention Deficit Disorder or Oppositional Defiant Disorder)? If yes, please explain.

Do you have any additional academic or behavioral information or concerns about your student(s)?

Disclaimer: Libertas Academic Collaborative does not discriminate against children with learning, emotional, or behavioral disorders, but given our small size and limited resources our ability to meet the needs of students with various disorders is significantly limited.

Experience with Classical Education

Are you familiar with Classical Education? Yes No

Please list which resources you have read to familiarize yourself with Classical Education: *Classical Education and the Homeschool* by Douglas Wilson *An Introduction to Classical Education* by Christopher Perrin Other _____

Please tell us if you have any questions or concerns about the Classical model of education: _____

Christian Background

Are you a member of a local church? Yes No

If yes, please list your church home here:

Tell us about your faith and church involvement:

Please list a Pastor or Church Leader Reference:

Additional Information

Is there any other additional information that would be helpful for us to know about your family or child before the family interview?

Tell us why Libertas Academic Collaborative appeals to your family:

How did you hear about Libertas?

Meeting Checklist

In preparation for our new family interview, please check off that the following items have been completed and include this page with your application. We are looking forward to meeting with you!

- We have read the LAC Mission / Vision Statement above and agree with the LAC Mission and Vision.

- We have read through the 2024 - 2025 LAC Family Handbook in its entirety.

- We have carefully reviewed the Statement of Faith and agree fully.

OR

- We have carefully reviewed the Statement of Faith and agree with some questions or concerns (*to be discussed in the new family interview with the LAC Leadership Team*).

- We have carefully reviewed all statements in the Parent/Student Acknowledgement Form (*also found in the handbook*) and will discuss any questions about the program or its policies with the LAC Leadership Team prior to registration.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____