



Senior Resources

School Counselor's Office

School counselors offer services to help guide students through their high school careers and into their futures. At LCL, we take a Christian perspective as we talk with students about college and career plans, life goals, social issues, and more. We strive to help our students grow into strong self-advocates.

Don't hesitate to contact the school counselors listed below with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you!

- Mrs. Katie Goran (students with last names A-K)
- Mrs. Diane Jakubowski (students with last names L-Z)

Considerations

Seniors have many opportunities for post-high school. Each year, approximately 88% of students go on to either a 4-year or 2-year college. The remaining 12% will go into an apprenticeship, the military, the workforce, or take a gap year. Your school counselors are here to help students make decisions on their next steps.

References & Recommendation Letters

Students should always talk to their recommender before submitting names on applications. You may want to provide them with a resume or information about your activities and future plans. It is also very important to give the recommender ample time to complete the recommendation, preferably a minimum of two weeks.

Applying to College

If college is your next step, you will start by submitting applications to the colleges of your choice. Most colleges begin accepting applications on August 1st of your senior year. You may



apply via the individual institution's application or use an application accepted by multiple colleges, such as the Common Application. It is **VERY** important to know all admission deadlines and what information is required, for example: ACT/SAT scores, letter of recommendation, personal statements, etc.

Types of application deadline options:

- **Early Action**—Students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal decision date of May 1st. Decisions are **non-binding**.
- **Early Decision**—Students receive an early response to their application and **MUST** commit to attending that college if accepted. Decisions are **binding**.
- **Regular Decision** - Students follow all regular application deadlines and response timelines.

College Applications

- [Common App](#) - Undergraduate students use this application to apply to over 1500 universities. This is especially helpful if a student is applying to multiple universities. (As of now, only UW Eau Claire, UW Madison, UW Milwaukee, UW Parkside, and UW Whitewater utilize the Common App)
- [Universities of Wisconsin application](#)—Undergraduate students use this application to apply to any of the UW's two —and four-year colleges/universities.
- ****[Wisconsin Guarantee](#)** is now in effect. This guarantee offers guaranteed admission to all UW universities for all who qualify. First-year applicants from WI high schools who are in the top 10% of their class at the end of 11th grade or are a National Merit Scholarship finalist will be guaranteed admission to all UW universities except UW-Madison. All WI students in the top 5% of their class at the end of 11th grade, or who are a National Merit Scholarship finalist, will be guaranteed admission to UW Madison, provided they apply on or before the Early Action deadline.
- [WCTC application](#) - This application is used to apply to Waukesha County Technical College.
- Students can also apply to individual universities directly via their website application.

Transcripts

When seniors apply to colleges, scholarships, or jobs, they will need a transcript. If they are applying to college via CommonApp, their transcript will be uploaded directly into their application. For any other transcript request, students and alumni will use Parchment.

Parchment

LCL uses an electronic transcript service called Parchment to send transcripts. Students can use Parchment to request that their high school transcript be sent to any college or university, as well as the NCAA or other institutions/individuals.

It is fast and easy, and current students and alumni can make transcript requests at any time online. **The fee for alumni transcripts is \$10.00.**

To get started, go to www.parchment.com, and click on Order Now. You will enter Lake Country Lutheran High School as your school. You will then select the New Learner Account if you don't currently have an account, or an Existing User Account if you have already set up your account. If you need to create an account, you will fill in all the required profile information. Be sure to use your full given name (i.e. Matthew instead of Matt). Once your profile is complete, you will see a place to select "order transcripts." You can enter your college or other receiver at that time. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mrs. Jakubowski in the Office.

Please remember that once your account is set up, you will need to remember your username and password to access it at any time.

Dual Credit/College Transcripts

If you have taken a dual credit class or any other class through an outside institution, your transcript from those institutions will also need to be sent when applying to colleges. To make those requests, you must contact the institution's registrar's office directly. As dual credit classes through GCU, Concordia University Nebraska, and Concordia University Wisconsin are



common to our students, the transcript release information for those two institutions are included below:

GCU (Grand Canyon University): <https://www.gcu.edu/admissions/request-a-transcript>

Concordia University, Nebraska (Spanish): <http://transcripts.cune.edu>

LCL dual-credit students will order their CUNE transcript through their CUNE account. (This Parchment account is different than your LCL Parchment account.)

Concordia University, Wisconsin:

<https://helpspot.cuw.edu/helpspot/index.php?pg=kb.page&id=304>

Additional Resources

- [How to Help Teens Struggling With Mental Health](#)
- [What To Do If You Suddenly Can't Pay For College](#)
- [College Admissions and Corona Virus: The New Normal](#)
- [What Are Colleges Looking For In Your Essay?](#)
- [5 Things Know About Planning College Visits](#)
- [Tips For Juniors Planning For College](#)
- [Building Your Resume for College/Careers](#)
- [How Parents Can Help Their Student With the College Search](#)
- [10 Reasons to Go To a Technical College](#)
- [Admission Officers Increase Social Media Checks](#)
- [Cyber-bulling](#)