



# LIDETA CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Lideta Catholic Cathedral School is one of the most respected schools in Ethiopia. LCCS believes that every person deserves to have the opportunity to study and develop their potential to the maximum in a caring and enabling atmosphere. Our students and staff, of all faiths, share and respect our fundamental human values and beliefs, and cherish the dignity of each human person. LCCS continues to provide extremely high-quality education. Every year, a high percentage of LCCS students get accepted to the best universities locally and internationally including, Columbia, Princeton, Harvard, MIT, Yale, Stanford, Cambridge....etc

## VISION

The school envisions being a center that provides quality education and the harmonious development of the students, thereby producing worthy citizens for Ethiopia and the world.

## MISSION

To promote integral human formation encompassing academic excellence, ethical values, and the student's social growth.

## HISTORY

The establishment of Lideta Catholic Cathedral School (LCCS), formerly known as Nativity Boys' School, was started in 1953 by the Catholic Archdiocese of Addis Ababa. From 1956-1973, the De La Salle Brothers, or the Christian Schools, took over the school administration. It was then handed over to the administration of the Archdiocese of Addis Ababa. In the first year, there were only 50 students in a single classroom. Later, the school expanded to accommodate more students. As a result, the enrolment capacity has increased. The school was upgraded from Elementary and Junior School to High School in 1994.

## CULTURE

LCCS is infamous among high schools. This is because we have one of the most **intensive** curriculums in the country.

### RIGOR

LCCS has a handcrafted curriculum by each teacher beyond the mandated courses. New students struggle to adapt to the intensive study times they have to dedicate. We encourage all of our students to be collaborative with each other.

LCCS is not just academic. We also have a rich local culture. This came to be through the unique environment LCCS offers students. And one of the things everyone knows LCCS for is... **basketball**.

### BASKETBALL

LCCS has not only sculpted generations of academic wonders, but we have also helped students find their passion for basketball and hone their skills to the fullest under the strict supervision of our coach, Daniel. Many players in our A team have gone on to play in professional basketball, some making it their life's careers. Any student of LCCS knows that Friday lunchtime is dedicated to basketball. Every Friday, a match is held. It could be between Grade 12's A team and Grade 11's A team, or between LCCS's A team and B team, or it could be against another school's team, or even against LCCS Alumni! Whatever opponent it was, the LCCS community never missed the game.

Promoting Integral  
Human Formation



## CORE VALUES

Altruism • Collaboration • Commitment • Flexibility • Honesty • Respect • Justice • Tolerance

## ADMISSIONS

Students can apply to LCCS only when entering Grades 1, 7, 9, or 11. However, students with siblings currently in the school can apply for any grade. Parents should bring all the necessary documents – namely their previous school transcripts, report cards showing that the student has been promoted, the registration fee, and birth certificates – and register their children. They will have to take an entrance examination to decide whether the students will be able to enroll or not. Our school is **very selective** with an average admission rate of **34.6%**.

## CLASS RANK

LCCS believes in growth through friendly competition, and hence, we rank our students to motivate them to do better than their classmates or to strive to keep their position at the top of their class. But, we don't believe class rank should dictate their futures, so we don't use these rankings beyond domestic purposes, and class ranks aren't documented in any way.

## DEMOGRAPHY

For the year 2022/23, LCCS has enrolled the following number of students in Grades:

1: 166

3: 164

5: 165

7: 342

9: 515

11: 513

2: 166

4: 164

6: 158

8: 260

10: 412

12: 493

## GPA SCALING

Our students are evaluated using a 100-point scale, as is the standard for all high schools in Ethiopia. However, we use the 4.0 GPA scale for unweighted GPA and the 5.0 GPA scale for weighted GPA when recording our students' results. We also use the letter scale for easier GPA projection. Our scaling is as follows:

A+ = 100 - 95%  
A = 94 - 80%  
B+ = 79 - 65%  
B = 64 - 60%  
C+ = 59 - 55%  
C = 54 - 50%  
D = 49 - 40%  
F = Below 40%

### UNWEIGHTED

A+ = 4.0  
A = 4.0  
B+ = 3.75  
B = 3.25  
C+ = 2.75  
C = 2.0  
D = 1.5  
F = 1

### WEIGHTED

UNWEIGHTED + (0.5 OR 1.0)

**NB:** For (I) subjects, +0.5 and for (A), +1 is added to the standard GPA



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lideta Catholic Cathedral School (LCCS) is a successful Ethiopian school focusing on the educational vision of the Catholic Church and the Ethiopian Ministry of Education. It provides integral human formation to future Ethiopian leaders, regardless of social status or religion. Of our achievements, some are as follows:

- Grade 12 students from LCCS taking the Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Exam (EHEEE) achieve a 100% pass rate and unmatched rewards.
- LCCS has been ranked in the top 10 of the best high schools in Ethiopia.
- The Cathedral Alumni Association comprises over 70 years' worth of graduates, most doctors, engineers, and lawyers whom the top schools in Ethiopia qualified.
- LCCS has been awarded numerous awards nationally and internationally for being a firm educational foundation for many students in different professions.
- Over the years many of our students ended up in world-renowned colleges including Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Cambridge, KAIST, and many more. (Refer to Page 4)

## CURRICULUM

### Grades 7-8:

- Social Science (R)
- English (R)
- Amharic (R)
- Mathematics (R)
- General Science (R)
- Ethics (R)
- Civics (R)
- PVA (R)
- CTE (R)
- HPE (R)

### Grades 9-10:

- English (A)
- Amharic (I)
- Mathematics (A)
- Civics (I)
- Information Technology (IT) (I)
- Physics (A)
- Chemistry (A)
- Biology (A)
- History (I)
- Geography (I)

**NB:** Students are required to choose a track once they finish Grade 10: Natural or Social Science

### Grades 11-12 (Core Curriculum):

- English (A)
- Amharic (I)
- Mathematics (A)
- Civics & Ethical Education (I)
- Information Technology (A)
- Mathematics includes:
  - Algebra 1&2
  - Geometry
  - Calculus
  - Probability
  - Statistics

Advanced Math (H) - Honors Program

### Grades 11-12 (Track Specific):

- | Natural Science           | Social Science           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Physics (A)             | • Business (A)           |
| • Chemistry (A)           | • Economics (A)          |
| • Biology (A)             | • World History (A)      |
| • Engineering Drawing (A) | • Geography (A)          |
| • Vectors                 | • Linear Programming     |
| • Trigonometry            | • Advanced Economics (H) |
| • Reasoning               |                          |

Advanced Physics (H) - Honors Program

**Course Levels:** Regular (R), Intermediate (I), Advanced (A), Honors Program (H)



## CLUBS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Book Hunters                    | Woman Empowerment        |
| Toast Masters                   | Cathe Times              |
| π-Students for Students         | FHPC                     |
| Social Psychology               | Red Cross                |
| Social Awareness                | Justice & Peace Advocacy |
| Future Biomedical Professionals | Chemistry Club           |
| IT Club                         | Bright Future            |
| Art & Music                     | Math Club                |
| Master Mind                     | Anti-Cancer              |
| Interact Club of Cathe's Vega   | Faith In Action          |
| Prospective Researchers         | MAP                      |
| Humanity Club                   | PASS                     |
| STEAM                           | Cathe Covidient          |
| Social Concern                  | Lego Tech                |
| Cathe Cardiac                   | "ሀገራችን እወቅ"              |
|                                 | Literature               |
|                                 | Cathe First Aid          |

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

LCCS and its students are known for participating in multiple community movements. During the previous year, LCCS had a non-insignificant factor in achieving the world record-breaking green movement: Green Legacy. We have also participated in various charities and fundraisers for the war-displaced people in Northern Ethiopia. Every year, students donate money for the completion of the Great Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. Our student-led charity clubs - like Faith In Action, Cathe Covidient, Cathe Cardiac, etc. - also organize fundraisers for a variety of charity organizations, from feeding the homeless to treating children with heart diseases. Our students don't stop at money; they actively participate in their communities with various activities. They clean up our school compound, engage in networking events, organize Gratitude events, and so on.

**The Student Council** (est. 2021) is the local student governing body, made up of elected students who represent the students' opinions

## COLLEGES OUR STUDENTS WENT TO

- American University in Dubai
- Amherst College
- Augustana University
- Bethany College
- Bradley University
- Brandeis University
- Brown University
- Calvin University
- Columbia Engineering
- College of Wooster
- Cornell University
- Cornerstone University
- Dartmouth University
- Denison University
- Duke University

- Franklin and Marshall University
- Harvard University
- Korean Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- Minerva University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Montgomery College
- Morehouse University
- New York University: Abu Dhabi
- New York University: Shanghai
- Princeton University
- Seattle University
- Stanford University

- Stony Brook University
- Syracuse University
- University of British Columbia
- Trinity College
- University of Chicago
- University of Winnipeg
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wellesley College
- West Virginia University
- Western Michigan University
- Williams College
- Union College
- University of Michigan Ann Harbor
- University of Washington Bothell
- Yale University