

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q How many schools attend Lewis & Clark Career Center?

A Students attend as many as 17 different high schools not including home-schooled students.

Q How many programs are there at Lewis & Clark?

A There are currently 15 programs in 8 career-cluster areas.

Q How are slots for each sending school determined?

A Slots are determined by the sending school sophomore and junior population. The larger the school, the larger the number of slots. Each district determines how many total students can enroll at Lewis & Clark.

Q Who chooses which students come to Lewis & Clark?

A Admissions decisions are made by the Lewis & Clark admissions committee who works collaboratively with each partner school.

Q What are the criteria?

A Each application is ranked by a rubric score that takes into account GPA, attendance, discipline, the written portion of the application, and the results of the OASIS test. For IEP students, as identified and referred by the sending school, ACE results are reviewed. In addition, the student's transcript is also reviewed for appropriate prerequisite classes passed.

Q What is the OASIS Test?

A The OASIS (The Occupational Aptitude Survey and Interest Schedule) test is a nationally normed test designed for students between the 8th grade and 12th grade. It is a test designed to score and rate students on whether or not they would be successful in the specific programs in which they are applying.

Q Can students earn college credit in any program?

A Students can earn college credit in Health/Health-Related Occupations, Computer Maintenance & Networking, and Power Equipment Technology.

Q How and when will I know if my son/daughter has been accepted to Lewis & Clark?

A Students will find out by both their school counselor and from a letter of acceptance from Lewis & Clark. Most enrollment decisions take place in February, March, and April.

Q What happens when a class is full?

A A prospective student may want to consider another program that matches his/her aptitude and interest. Example: A student who is unable to get into Building Trades may want to consider Brick & Stone Masonry or Electrical Trades. Or, he or she may decide to stay on a waiting list for an opening to occur.

Q If my son/daughter is on a waiting list, how will I find out if an opening occurs?

A Lewis & Clark typically notifies the sending school counselor as openings occur. Sometimes, students and their parents are directly contacted by Lewis & Clark. Students are asked to accept or turn down the offer quickly in order to efficiently manage the waitlist.

Q How many students are in each program?

A Most classes are limited to 16 students in each section (a.m. & p.m. sections). Some classes are limited to 12 while others may have as many as 18.

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Q How will my son/daughter get to Lewis & Clark?

A Each partner public school provides bus transportation. Students are allowed to drive if they have secured a Lewis & Clark Career Center parking permit.

Q What are the class times for Lewis & Clark?

A AM Session: 7:40am - 10:25am

PM Session: 11:10am - 1:55pm

Q Can I schedule an individual tour of Lewis & Clark?

A Of course! Call 636-443-4950, and we will arrange a visit during regular school hours. There are regular "shadow days" where students can experience two classes in a session. Please contact your school counseling office to arrange.

IEP STUDENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What is a CRE?

A A CRE is the Career Resource Educator of the school. The CRE has three primary duties: 1) serves as a liaison for Lewis & Clark and all partner schools for IEP meetings, 2) serves as a counselor for students with IEP's while at Lewis & Clark, and 3) is responsible for helping meet all modifications and accommodations for the students while placed in our programs.

Q How does an IEP work at Lewis & Clark?

A A student's IEP works the same at Lewis & Clark as it does at their home school. All accommodations and modifications are met within the same guidelines as directed in the IEP.

There are a few specific accommodations or modifications that cannot be met in certain Lewis & Clark programs due to the nature of the respective program. Sometimes these are based on safety concerns for the student or other students in the class. Any particular concerns regarding meeting accommodations or modifications will be addressed on an individual basis as necessary.

Q What about the testing requirements? Do you take into account a student's IEP during the entrance test?

A With one program exception (ARBS), all Lewis & Clark applicants are required to take the OASIS (The Occupational Aptitude Survey and Interest Schedule) test. It is a nationally normed test designed for students between the 8th grade and 12th grade. It is a test designed to rate students on whether or not they would be successful in the specific programs in which they are applying. While the directions are read aloud to them, the test is not something that can be read. Many students with IEPs also take the ACE test. Please contact the case manager of the student as soon as possible to schedule an ACE test.