



located at

Lexington Christian Academy  
**NORTH CAMPUS**



Lexington Christian Academy North Campus



Harvard University on the Charles River in Cambridge, MA

## Academic English and Cultural Immersion Program

### *8th Grade* PRE-PREP: AECIP

A unique educational program for highly motivated international students planning to attend selective US secondary schools, offered by one of New England's premier college preparatory schools of long history

Designed to help students understand and successfully meet the academic expectations of elite American educational institutions

Equips our graduates with the vital communication, academic and cultural tools needed to thrive in the most rigorous American school programs



Boston Common in Boston, MA



Lexington Christian Academy

## CURRICULUM

While American educational systems are quite diverse, top-level secondary schools and undergraduate programs in the US have an academic culture in common, which is based on a highly interactive, inquiry-driven approach to learning. In these schools, students are expected to:

- Question the material they study
- Approach complex, interdisciplinary problems with confidence
- Collaborate effectively with their peers on group projects
- Seek and develop mentoring relationships with teachers
- Communicate what they have learned in a variety of written and spoken formats

### American Studies

An intensive interdisciplinary study of core themes in American History and Literature. Students will learn to cultivate investigation, communication and expression techniques they will experience in elite US education systems. These studies coupled with weekly cultural discovery trips will provide opportunities for in-depth exploration of American Culture. This core course, taken by all students, meets daily.

### Academic English

A group of courses taught exclusively by native speakers. Courses range from vocabulary development, academic speaking and listening skills, writing, grammar and research techniques. Students are placed into small groups that correspond to their ability level so that their specific needs are addressed. There is ample opportunity for practice and interactive learning.

### STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

American middle school level math and science courses designed specifically for international students. The course enables students to acquire STEM vocabulary and interactive, lab-based learning necessary to succeed in rigorous American upper schools.

### Arts/Music/Physical Education

One of the key advantages of AECIP is that it can draw from resources of Lexington Christian Academy, an accredited New England college prep school. Students in AECIP will have opportunities to participate in vibrant Arts, Music and Physical Education courses mingling with domestic American students of LCA. This will allow AECIP students meaningful, real-life experience of practicing their newly acquired English skills. LCA's main campus boasts a state-of-the-art performance center and a new fitness center staffed with a full time professional trainer. An integral part of balanced American education is participation in these extracurricular activities. Graduates from AECIP will be well prepared to take advantage of enrichment opportunities US upper schools provide in Arts/Music/Sports disciplines.



To meet these expectations, international students must go beyond conversational proficiency in English; they need to develop functional fluency, using English as their primary academic language in complex writing and speaking situations. With this fluency comes the confidence to work alongside native speakers of English and to take an active approach in maximizing the educational opportunities presented by elite schools.

AECIP is specifically designed to develop functional fluency in international students and our rigorous and interactive academic culture helps students prepare for what they will encounter in the best American schools. AECIP is a nine month-long course of studies designed for 8th graders planning to attend American upper schools. The curriculum combines core American Studies, Academic English, STEM and Arts/Music/Physical Education courses.

## ADMISSION

- ▶ Admission to AECIP has a priority deadline of May 1st plus some limited seats available on a monthly rolling basis
- ▶ Please visit [www.lca.edu/aecip](http://www.lca.edu/aecip) to start the application process
- ▶ Please note that your complete application will include transcripts and records of your schooling to date and teacher recommendations, followed by an interview in person or by Skype
- ▶ Once a student is accepted and enrolled, you will receive an I-20 to begin your F-1 Visa process
- ▶ An English placement test will be required in order for us to place students in appropriate small groups. Please visit [www.lca.edu/aecip](http://www.lca.edu/aecip) for more information
- ▶ If you are already in the United States, we encourage you to visit Lexington Christian Academy's campus for a tour.  
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