



## **Important Information for Returning Student Course Selection**

You will need to choose **12** courses for next school year. Each course is worth .5 credit. A student should take a minimum of **6.0** credits per year in order to graduate on time and stay enrolled at Lighthouse Connections Academy. For each core subject course, you will also need to choose a level: **Standard, Honors, or Advanced Placement**.

To stay on track for an on-time graduation, you will need to consider several things when you are choosing courses, Graduation requirements, the High School Typical Course Sequence and credits previously earned, which appear on the high school transcript.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

At Lighthouse Connections Academy, students need to earn **22** credits to graduate.

The **22** credits need to be earned in the following areas:

- 4.0 credits of language arts
- 4.0 credits of mathematics (must include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II)
- 3.0 credits of science (must include Biology, Chemistry OR Physics)
- 3.0 credits of social studies (must include US History, World History, Econ&Government)
- 0.5 credit health
- 0.5 credit physical education
- 1.0 credit visual performing arts
- 2.0 credits foreign language (2 years of a foreign language in the SAME language)
- 4.0 credits additional courses in any subject

**TOTAL 22 CREDITS**

### **CREDITS PREVIOUSLY EARNED - CHECK YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**

Please choose next year's courses carefully **so you do not repeat a course** for which you have already received credit. To see credits you have previously earned, go to your Grade Book and follow the High School Transcript link.

Schools keep track of your earned credits on your transcript. If you have not provided a copy of your transcript from a previous school, please submit it to your school counselor as soon as you can. This will help us determine if you are on track to meet state graduation requirements. If you believe your transcript is inaccurate in any way, please contact your school counselor right away.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **When should I enter my choices?**

Enter your choices as soon as you can, but take your time to make good choices. Wait to enter all course choices at once because you can only edit the selections one time. If you save before you're ready, contact your counselor to make changes. We will select courses for students who have entered choices first. Please enter your choices by May 5 or we may have to choose your courses for you.

## **Help! I don't know what to choose!**

Your counselor will review your records to see which courses you need to take to meet graduation requirements following the Typical Course Sequence. If you have additional questions please schedule a meeting using YouCanBookMe. If you aren't sure what to choose, don't panic! We will make sure that you are taking the courses that you need to graduate. Just do your best and put in the courses you'd like to take. See the Typical Course Sequence for what most students take and when and the LCA Course Offerings for courses that are offered.

You can find the Typical Course Sequence and LCA Course Offerings documents by following the To Do List link to select courses (or keep scrolling through this document :))

### **Book an Appointment with Your Counselor:**

Mrs. Kazantzis 6-8 <a href="#">YouCanBookMe</a>	Ms. Porter 9-12 (A-L) <a href="#">YouCanBookMe</a>	Mrs. Drager 9-12 (M-Z) <a href="#">YouCanBookMe</a>
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## **Will I get all of my choices?**

If you choose a course that you don't need instead of one that you do, your counselor will prioritize meeting graduation requirements over your choices. There may also be prerequisite requirements for some courses that you choose, meaning that there are courses that you must complete first or certain grades you must earn. In cases where you don't meet the requirements, you'll be placed into another course. Fill out as many elective choices as you can for this reason.

Your counselor will make notes on your course placement in the box in your course selection Data View explaining any changes. You can find this by following the link on the student's To Do List.

### **Should I take standard, honors, or Advanced Placement (AP) courses?**

Students enter their preference for the level of each core course. Most students take standard level courses, which are at the college preparatory level. Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses are a great way for students to challenge themselves. Honors level may be taken in any grade level in nearly any core course. Students should have a B average in the subject area to take the honors level in that course. Honors level courses are a great way for students to prepare for AP courses.

AP courses are college level courses and are much more rigorous than even the honors level. The curriculum is at a higher level and moves very quickly. Expectations are very high. The AP courses offered are limited, so there is not an AP option for every core course. There are strict requirements for enrollment in AP courses. Most courses have prerequisite courses students must complete first with grades of A in the standard level or grades of B in the honors level. Students taking AP courses are almost always in grades 11 and 12.

AP courses prepare students to take the AP exam in person in the spring, which is how students may earn college credit for the course. Colleges set their own policies about AP test scores. Many colleges will grant credit for an equivalent college course if students earn the minimum exam score set by the college. To search for credit policies, see this [site](#).

For more information about the AP program, click [here](#).

\*Note that we do not offer all AP courses listed on the site. See the attached course offerings list to view available courses.

### **What should I take to prepare for college?**

Students who are planning for four-year college should:

- Choose the most challenging courses possible, including honors and/or AP courses. Standard level will meet college preparatory requirements.
- Complete at least two years of the same world language. This is a graduation requirement so you will already complete this :)
- Take the College Prep with SAT course in the fall of your junior year to prepare for the SAT that will be held the following spring.
- Choose Precalculus or Statistics for the fourth year/advanced math course.
- Complete a fourth year of science (recommended).
- Check with the admissions department of any colleges you plan to apply to so you can be sure to meet their requirements.

**Does LCA offer Dual Enrollment?**

Yes! Dual enrollment is available and is approved on a case by case basis. Students must meet certain testing or GPA thresholds to be eligible. A student's dual enrollment contract must be approved by administration prior to the start of the semester that the course will be taken. No more than 10 dual enrollment courses can be taken while in high school and must take place during the regular school year. If you are interested please reach out to your counselor for details.

**Does LCA offer Summer School?**

Yes, LCA does have summer school credit recovery classes available for students that need to retake classes that were not passed previously. As your counselor completes your placement they will let you know if summer school is needed to get you back on track. If you are interested in making up classes and want to make sure you have a spot in summer school please reach out to your counselor.

Summer school classes for students that want to work ahead are available through Pearson Online Academy for a fee. Please contact your counselor for additional information if you are interested.

**What are my options for senior math?**

For their senior math class students can choose from: Consumer Math (most common choice), Explorations in Math, Statistics, or Precalculus (recommended for students that earned a B or above in Algebra 2). If you're still not sure what to choose please reach out to your counselor.

## High School Typical Course Sequence - LCA

Subject	9th	10th	11th	12th
<b>English</b>	English 9	English 10	English 11	English 12
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Option A:</b> Algebra I <b>Option B:</b> Geometry <b>Option C:</b> Algebra I	<b>Option A:</b> Geometry <b>Option B:</b> Algebra II <b>Option C:</b> Geometry	<b>Option A:</b> Algebra II <b>Option B:</b> Pre-Calculus <b>Option C:</b> Algebra II A	<b>Option A:</b> Senior Math <b>Option B:</b> Calculus <b>Option C:</b> Algebra II B
<b>Science</b>	Biology	Chemistry or Physics	Other Science	Any Elective
<b>Social Studies</b>	US History	World History	US Government and Economics (1 credit required)	Any Elective
<b>Elective Option 1</b>	Physical Education & Health, Fitness, and Nutrition (1 credit required)	Any Elective	Any Elective	Any Elective
<b>Elective Option 2</b>	World Language I or II (2 credits required)	World Language I or II (2 credits required)	Any Elective	Any Elective
<b>Elective Option 3</b>	Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts (1 credit required)	Visual, Performing, and Applied Arts (1 credit required)	Any Elective	Any Elective

**Additional Notes:**

1. 2 credits of World Language required in the same language. Otherwise, World Language II may be substituted with an additional VPA credit

# **2024-2025 LCA Electives**

You can find descriptions of any of these courses [HERE](#)

Courses with A/B are year long courses

Courses with an \* fulfill the Visual, Performing, Art graduation requirement

**Please note:** course offerings subject to change based on staffing

## **Career Technical and Other**

- African American History A/B
- Career Planning and Skill Development
- CRP: Health Science Foundations IA
- CRP: Health Science Foundations IB
- Entrepreneurship 1 A/B
- Medical Terminology A/B
- Sports Management

## **Health and PE**

- Health
- Personal Fitness
- Physical Education
- Life Skills
- Life Skills: Navigating Adulthood

## **Humanities**

- Art History A/B\*
- Art in World Cultures A/B\*
- Digital Photography A/B\*
- Introduction to Drawing\*
- Living Music I\*
- Living Music II\*

## **Language Arts**

- Creative Writing
- Journalism A/B

## **Science (Other Science Credit)**

- Environmental Science A/B
- Physical Science A/B

## **Senior Math (4th Math Credit)**

- Explorations in Math
- Consumer Math
- Pre Calculus
- Statistics
- Calculus

## **Social Studies**

- Personal Finance
- Psychology A/B

## **Student Development**

- Freshman Success (for 9th graders)
- College Prep with SAT (for 11th gr)
- Senior Success (for 12th graders)

## **Technology**

- AP Computer Science Principles A/B
- Game Design 1 A/B
- Introduction to Computer Applications

## **World Languages**

- French I A/B
- French II A/B
- French III A/B
- German I A/B
- German II A/B
- Japanese I A/B
- Japanese II A/B
- Sign Language 1 A/B
- Sign Language 2 A/B
- Spanish I A/B
- Spanish II A/B
- Spanish III A/B
- Spanish IV A/B

## **Certificate Courses**

**Enrollment in Certificate Courses requires counselor approval**

- Google IT Support Professional Certificate A/B
- Meta Social Media Marketing Professional Certificate A/B

## **2024-2025 LCA AP Classes**

- AP Calculus AB
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental Science
- AP English Language & Composition (11th grade)
- AP English Literature & Composition (12th grade)
- AP US History
- AP Computer Science Principles

## **2024-2025 LCA Honors Classes**

### **English:**

- Honors English 9
- Honors English 10
- Honors English 11
- Honors English 12

### **Math:**

- Honors Algebra 1
- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Precalculus

### **Science:**

- Honors Biology
- Honors Chemistry

### **Social Studies:**

- Honors American Government
- Honors US History
- Honors World History