

## **Frequently Asked Questions Rising 9th Graders**

### **Academic**

- **Do I have to take advanced level classes in order to earn the Advanced Studies diploma?**
  - Students don't have to take advanced level courses in order to earn the Advanced Studies diploma. However, students who are pursuing the Advanced Studies diploma with Honors Seal must successfully pass the required classes on the following levels, Advanced, Advanced Placement and/or Dual Enrollment.
  - Beginning with 9th graders who entered high school for the first time in 2018-2019 and beyond, students who are pursuing the Advanced Studies diploma shall either (i) complete an Advanced Placement or honors course or (ii) earn an approved career and technical education credential.
  
- **Is Health/PE required for graduation?**
  - All public school students in the Commonwealth of Virginia have to complete two full credits of Health and PE in order to earn a diploma. Students have to complete two physical education classes and Health 9 and Driver's Ed/Health 10. There is a fee for behind-the-wheel.

### **Am I allowed to take classes over the summer?**

- Health/PE 9 is a graduation requirement that can be taken in the summer for a fee of \$225.
  - Personal Finance and Economics is a graduation requirement that can be taken in the summer for a fee of \$225. During the summer, this course is open to rising 10th-12th graders.
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- **I took classes in middle school, will they transfer?**
    - High school credits taken in middle school will reflect on a student's transcript and will be factored in the high school grade point average.
  
  - **I took classes in middle school but didn't do well, can they be removed from my transcript?**
    - Students/parents can request that middle school classes be expunged (removed) from their academic transcript. This can occur at the end of the school year or by August 1.

- If classes are expunged and it's a core class, students will be rescheduled in the class.
- For students who attend a school outside of LCS, the school awarding the high school credit must expunge the course credit from the student's transcript.
- **I'm in French 1, but want to take French 3 in 9th grade am I allowed?**
  - No, we will not allow a student to skip a level. If students are currently enrolled in French 1, they will take the next class in the progression, which is French 2.
- **I want to take AP World History as a 9th grader, am I allowed to do that?**
  - We abide by the grade and course prerequisites that are noted in the Program of Studies. AP World History is a course that students take in the 10th grade.
- **What if I don't like a class that I signed up for?**
  - The master schedule is built based on student course requests. Students have the first ten (10) days of school to request a schedule change; however, there are no guarantees that the change will occur.
- **I signed up for a class, but didn't get it, what do I do?**
  - There are several factors that could contribute to students not getting their first choice electives. During the course selection process, students are asked to select alternate/substitute electives that they would be willing to take if their first choice elective does not fit into their schedule.
- **I'm interested in taking AP Human Geography, what do I need to know?**
  - There is no lower level, we do not offer standard World Geography or Advanced World Geography at Glass
  - It is a college level class so it will be taught accordingly.
  - There is a fee of \$40 for each AP exam; there is a reduced fee for students who receive free/reduced lunch. We must have documentation; documentation can be provided by granting permission on the free/reduced lunch application.

### **Air Force ROTC**

- Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is an elective credit military training program.
  - JROTC offers students opportunities to develop their character through discipline, leadership, life skills, fitness, team building, and community service.
  - The unit is run by the cadets who occupy leadership positions within the unit and are responsible for day-to-day management of the Squadron.
- Cadets must maintain high standards of conduct both in and out of uniform.
  - Cadets commit to wear the uniform one day each week. This requires adherence to strict appearance and grooming standards.
  - Failure to comply with standards in grounds for dismissal from program
- Cadets must participate in a physical education program.
  - An optional Military Drill class is offered which grants PE credit
- JROTC Academic subject alternate every semester covering Leadership Education and Aerospace Science.
- Competitive teams include Drill, Color Guard, Raiders, Rifle Marksmanship and Knowledge Bowl teams.
- Other JROTC activities include field trips, community service, summer camp, model rocketry and more.

### **Information on Promoting Students**

- In order to be classified or promoted as a 10th grader, students must earn four (4) credits.

### **Getting Involved** <https://www.lcsedu.net/schools/ecg/about/activities>

- What clubs and activities are offered at Glass?
  - We offer a wide variety of clubs in the areas related to community service, academic, work experience, and recreation.

### **Athletics** <https://www.lcsedu.net/schools/ecg/athletics>

- **I'm interested in playing a sport at Glass, what do I need to do and how can I find out this information?**
  - Eligibility: All eligibility requirements are per the Virginia High School League (VHSL). For students entering 9th grade, in order to be eligible, students must be enrolled in a minimum of five courses and must have passed a minimum of five courses in the previous semester.

- All athletes are required to have a VHSL physical, Student Code of Conduct, Consent to Treat, Concussion Form and an Emergency Medical form to participate. Copies of these forms can be found on the school website and/or outside of the Athletic Office. All forms should be turned into Ms. Masencup, Athletic Director, in the Athletic Office.
- Conditioning schedule: Coaches set conditioning schedules which are communicated through interest meetings, school morning announcements and flyers throughout the building.
- Try out schedule: Try out windows are set per the VHSL. However, Coaches determine the times, locations and days. This information is communicated through; interest meetings, school morning announcements and flyers throughout the building.
- Communication to 8th graders: Coaches that have 8th graders on their teams usually go down to the middle schools and meet during a lunch period if allowed. Announcements are sent to the middle schools and we post on social media.

### **Resources**

- School counselors provides not only academic and career counseling, but also social and personal counseling.
- Beacon of Hope
- Virginia College Advising Corp
- Family Insight (Day Treatment)

### **Nurse/Clinic**

- **My child has a medical plan, what do I need to do?**
  - Have your medical provider fill out the applicable action plan form for diabetes, seizures, and/or asthma. These forms are good for 1 school year only and have to be renewed each year. Please ask your current school nurse for the applicable form so that you will have it on registration day to give to the nurse.
  - Per LCS policy, ALL medications must be brought to school and signed in with the school nurse by a parent/guardian. You must also have a LCS physician/parent authorization to administer form signed by a medical provider in order for the school nurse to administer medication to your student. (The only exception to this rule are epi- pens, inhalers, and diabetic

supplies for which the student must have written authorization from a medical provider to self carry/self administer).

### **Other questions:**

- **What happens if I am late to class/school?** (discipline matrix)
- **Is an agenda used at the high school?**
  - Students are not provided an agenda at the high school. Google classroom is used by many teachers.
- **Are lockers assigned? What if I don't want a locker?**
  - Students are assigned a locker; however, they don't have to use it.
- **Will I have classes with other grade levels?**
  - Most of the core classes are grade specific. However, you could be in a blended class with students from all grade levels.

### **Staying Informed**

- We communicate through students' LCS email accounts, social media, announcements, newsletters, all-calls, flat screen TVs, google classroom, etc.
- Parents are highly encouraged to sign up for our daily newsletter, ECG News, with Mrs. Wise, Media Specialist.
- Be sure to log into your Parent Portal in Infinite Campus to see your student's grades and set your notification options (call/text/email). Students also can access their grades in Infinite Campus.
- Make sure you (and your student) know the class add/drop dates and that level changes (only) can be requested after the add/drop period.

### **Good to Know for Parents (and students)**

- Students/parents can purchase athletic passes.
- Create an account for My School Bucks; payments can be made through My School Bucks for several things including fees, (AP exam fees, PSAT test fee, field trips, Chromebook insurance), add money to your student's lunch account, yearbooks, etc.
- On Registration Day, schedule changes will not be made. Only students who have a hole in their schedule or a major issue will be seen by a school counselor.
- Prior to Registration Day, take the time to do the online registration and show two proofs of residency. This will speed things up a lot!

### **Lunch**

- Can I leave school for lunch?
  - No, students cannot leave school grounds for lunch or have lunch brought or delivered to the school.

- Lunches are during fifth (5th) period. Teachers will inform you of your lunch period. We have three lunches.

### **Thinking ahead**

- Programs that students apply to in 10th grade are Central Virginia Governor's School (CVGS), Early College Program (ECP) and STEM Academy. More information can be found in the link below. For these programs, their gpa from the end of their 9th grade year is evaluated.  
<https://www.lcsedu.net/schools/ecg/counseling/early-college-cvgs-stem-academy>
- PSAT is a preliminary SAT. Students can take the PSAT in 10th grade, programs such as CVGS and STEM use PSAT scores in their admissions process. Students who take the PSAT in 11th grade are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

### **New Students**

- I'm new to Lynchburg City Schools, where do I start?
  - Complete the Request for Records form so we can obtain information including academic, discipline, attendance, immunization, birth certificate, etc.
  - Complete online registration;  
<https://www.lcsedu.net/parents/registration-information>
  - If the student has not been enrolled in a public school before, we will need the original birth certificate, social security card, immunizations, two proofs of residency to process enrollment. Please keep track of the application number that comes at the end of online registration.
  - Once records are received, your student's school counselor will contact you to schedule an appointment to discuss your student's enrollment and class schedule.