



Welcome to Heritage High School

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Questions and Answers for HHS Rising Grade 9 Students

Question: Who are the principals of the school?

Answer:

- Mr. Timothy Beatty, Principal
- Mrs. Traci Lipscomb, Associate principal (10th & 11th grade)
- Dr. Kendra Fowler-Parks, Assistant principal (11th & 12th grade)
- Mr. Jason Clark – Assistant principal (9th grade)

Question: Who is my counselor?

Answer:

- School Counselor – Bernette Beckles (students with last names A through D)
- Director of Counseling – Sarada Hester (students with last names E through I)
- School Counselor – Katie Baker (students with last names J through Q)
- School Counselor – Staci Davis (students with last names R through Z)

Question: Who is the school nurse?

Answer: Mrs. Robin Wrabley

Question: My child has a medical plan, what do I need to do?

Answer:

- 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).

Question: Who do my parents contact if I am absent from school?

Answer: Mr. Paul Johnson - Attendance

Question: If I need a copy of my transcript, where do I go?

Answer: School Registrar, Mrs. Ashley Dare



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Question: What diploma types are offered?

Answer: Standard, Advanced and Advanced with Honor Seal

Question: How many credits are needed to receive a Standard diploma?

Answer: 22 credits

Question: How many credits are needed to receive an advanced diploma?

Answer: 26 credits

Question: What is an Advanced with Honor Seal diploma type?

Answer: Students who wish to earn the Advanced Studies Diploma with Lynchburg Honors Seal must meet all the course and verified credit requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma. In addition, they must meet the following additional criteria: Students must take and pass at least two advanced placement or dual enrollment courses (or one of each) in different content areas during their senior year. These courses may be in English, Math, Science, or Social Studies.

Question: Do I have to take advanced level classes in order to earn the Advanced Studies diploma?

Answer:

- 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.

Question: How many SOLs are needed to graduate?

Answer: 5 SOLs – Reading, Writing, Biology, 1 Math, 1 History



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Question: If I have question about SOLs, who do I speak to?

Answer: Mr. Cheshire; Testing Coordinator

Question: Will the credits (Earth Science, Algebra 1, Spanish) I received in 8th grade count toward my graduation requirements?

Answer: All of the high school courses you took in middle school will count toward you obtaining the credits you need for graduation.

Question: I took classes in middle school but didn't do well, can they be removed from my transcript?

Answer:

- 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.

Question: Is a foreign language course required for graduation?

Answer: Taking a foreign language class is recommended but not required if you are working towards a standard diploma. Foreign language is a requirement for an advanced diploma. The requirement is: 3 years of 1 language (Spanish I, II & III) or 2 years of two languages (Spanish I & II and Latin I & II)

Question: Is Physical Education a requirement for graduation?

Answer: Yes. PE 9 & PE 10 or you can take Weight Training

Question: Is Health Education a requirement for graduation?

Answer: Yes. There are two health classes you have to take: Health & Family Living and Health Education

Question: How many classes will be enrolled in my freshman year?

Answer: 7 classes



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Question: I signed up for a class, but didn't get it, what do I do?

Answer: 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.

Question: What if I don't like a class that I signed up for?

Answer: 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.

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Question: I'm interested in taking AP Human Geography, what do I need to know?

Answer:

- There is no lower level, we do not offer standard World Geography or Advanced World Geography at Heritage
- 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.

Question: What are some of the electives I can take?

Answer: Art, Chorus, ROTC, Web Design, Computer Application, Band, Introduction to Theater, Business, Intro to Culinary Arts, Construction Technology



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Question: Am I allowed to take classes over the summer?

Answer:

- 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.

Question: If I am struggling in a class, what should I do?

Answer:

- Talk to your teacher first and ask for additional help
- Enrichment period
- See your counselor and request a tutor

Question: How do I find out what time I have lunch?

Answer: Lunches are arranged based on your schedule. Speak to your first period teacher.

Question: What time does school start and end?

Answer: School starts at 7:30 AM and ends at 2:30 PM.

Question: How do I view my grades?

Answer: Infinite Campus through the "Student Portal" or through Google Classroom

Question: Who do I speak to if I have an IEP or 504 Plan?

Answer: Your middle school case worker will be working closely with your high school case worker to ensure a smooth transition.

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.



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Information on Promoting Students

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

Resources

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

Getting Involved

We offer a wide variety of clubs in the areas related to community service, academic, work experience, and recreation. Visit <https://www.lcsedu.net/schools/hhs/about/activities> to see some of the options available to you.

Athletics

I'm interested in playing a sport at Heritage, 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 Mr. Dennis Knight, 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.
- Find more information at: <https://www.lcsedu.net/schools/hhs/athletics>



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Chromebook Problems?

- Problems loading websites or running very slow? Follow the steps on this document to update Chrome and powerwash their Chromebook.
 - Document: <https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1Mbjvd-Yb7JRECHYOHA1cC8H0H9A1sLESNgH--Vm2ZzA/edit>
- Broken screen or power port not working? If they are at HHS, take the broken device to the Media Center to be swapped out for a different one. If they are at home, call the LCS Help Desk at 515-5091.
- In addition, there is a Parent Tech Resources document found on the home page of the HHS and LCS websites in the Parent tab under Quick Links.
 - Document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M5qaaB-r7M0UKU0shekXzgCm_kyf9oqOvNgYfVT5-n8/edit

New to Lynchburg City Schools

- 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.

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. Visit <https://www.lcsedu.net/schools/hhs/counseling/early-college-cvgs-stem-academy> for more information.
- 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.