

Griffins Connections

INFORMATION WORKSHOP

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Griffin Connections

- History Social Science courses offered for graduation credit: World History, US History and Government/Economics (*AP Courses are not offered during the summer.*)
- Remote learning environment: 95% independent online learning/5% Zoom classroom learning.
- Created in response to a need for students to create room in their schedule for the upcoming school year. (*Prioritized for students with a 6-period day next school year.*)
- Free classes designed for students who are self-motivated and independent learners interested in taking an accelerated course.



Summer Courses

- World History
- US History
- Government & Economics

40: 1

(Student to Teacher to Ratio)

95% Independent Online Learning
5% Zoom Classroom Learning

- All A-G approved courses, taught by Los Al Unified teachers and delivered through APEX Learning.
- The curricular demands of the courses will NOT allow students to rapidly complete a semester or leave the bulk of their work until the end of the course.
- Course structure will include weekly check-in points. Therefore, the expectation of completing curriculum will be scaffolded into demands that must be completed and turned in weekly on assigned dates.
- Daily student commitment is anticipated to be 3-4 hours per day.
- Must have access to wi-fi and log into Pacific Standard Time for zoom class.



Summer Courses

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Full year course will be taught in two, 3-week semesters:
(STUDENTS MUST TAKE BOTH SEMESTERS)

- **Semester I: June 12 – June 30**
 - **Mandatory IN-PERSON Learning Day: June 12**
 - **Mandatory Zoom Classroom Learning Days: June 20, June 27**
- **Semester II: July 10 – July 28**
 - **Mandatory Zoom Learning Days: July 11, July 18, July 25**
- Live ZOOM class meeting days are 2 hours in length.
- Students are REQUIRED to attend one in-person classroom day and two Zoom sessions for Semester I and three Zoom sessions for Semester II. Students will NOT receive credit for a semester if they miss more than one day of classroom learning. *(Office hours could be used for a make-up of the seat time for one absence.)*



Summer Courses

Required APEX Course Readiness Module

- To give students a foundational understanding and initial experience with the APEX, the e-learning platform, students MUST attend one, hour-long course zoom learning session:
 - Tuesday, April 4 at 7:15 AM
 - Friday, April 7 at 4:00 PM
 - Monday, April 17 at 4:30 PM
 - Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 PM
 - Friday, April 21 at 7:15 AM
 - Saturday, April 22 at 9:00 AM



Summer Courses

Instructor Office Hours

- Open virtual support hours via email, phone call, Google meet/hangout, Zoom, etc..
- Students can directly reach out to their teacher for support.
- Teachers will communicate the best way to setup support on the first day of Semester I.



Summer 2023 Offerings

- Incoming 10th Grade Students
 - World History
- Incoming 11th Grade Students
 - US History
- Incoming 12th Grade Students
 - Government & Economics

Students are able to select their preference for a class time, however number of classes offered and assignment of class time is based upon student demand and instructor availability.

**Other than the one in-person classroom day and the ZOOM learning sessions students may choose to work and complete assignments online at any time, week-by-week.*

MANDATORY LEARNING DAYS

In-Person

June 12:

(9:00AM – 11:00PM) OR (2:00PM-4:00PM)*

Zoom Sessions

June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25

(9:00AM -11:00AM) OR (2:00PM-4:00PM)*

***STUDENTS WILL BE ASSIGNED A CLASS TIME**

Griffins Connections

Student Self-Survey



Griffin Connections SELF-SURVEY

Is online learning through Griffin Connections the right fit for me?

	Not True 1	Somewhat True 2	Mostly True 3	Always True 4
I have regular access to the Internet and a computer.	1	2	3	4
I am comfortable with and capable of working for 4 hours a day on my online schoolwork.	1	2	3	4
I am comfortable asking my teacher for support or clarification when I am confused or stuck, both online and in-person.	1	2	3	4
My reading and writing abilities are at or above my grade level.	1	2	3	4
I am good at prioritizing tasks and often get things done ahead of time without being reminded.	1	2	3	4
I am able to change my schedule to meet deadlines.	1	2	3	4
I am a self-starter and am internally motivated. I don't need to be pushed or encouraged to accomplish goals.	1	2	3	4
I enjoy being introduced to new technology and learning new software and apps that I haven't used before.	1	2	3	4
I have a parent or another person in my home that will actively support my online learning and help me be successful.	1	2	3	4
I prefer to learn independently by reading and studying course materials. I prefer independent learning over traditional classroom learning.	1	2	3	4
TOTAL POINTS				

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34-40 Points: Griffin Connections is a **GREAT** Fit for you.

27-33 Points: Griffin Connections is a **GOOD** Fit for you.

21-26 Points: Griffin Connections **MAYBE** a Fit, but you will need to make some adjustments and spend more time on planning, organizing and completing daily work to be successful.

0-20 Points: Griffin Connections **ISN'T** the best option for you.

If you received a "D" or "F" in English first semester
Griffin Connections isn't the best option for you.



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Steps to Register

- Student completes the self-survey and review results with parent/guardian. *(PDF of the survey will be included in an email.)*
- Student and parent/guardian complete the digital **Summer 2023 Course Intent Form**. Must be submitted by **Friday, March 3**. (Drop to LAHS Front office or email to griffinconnections@losal.org)
 - Link to the Summer 2023 Course Intent Form will be emailed to all families
 - Link to the form will also be housed on the LAHS Website under the Griffin Connections tab on the homepage



Griffins Connections

Summer 2023 Course Intent Form



LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL
Griffin Connections
SUMMER 2023 COURSE INTENT FORM
Semester I (June 12 – June 30) & Semester II (July 10 – July 28)

CURRENT GRADE: ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

STUDENT DATE OF BIRTH: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

STUDENT EMAIL: _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL: _____

COURSE OF INTEREST:

☐ World History ☐ US History ☐ Economics & American Political Traditions

Does the LAHS student plan to take a 6-period day during the 2023-2024 school year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Would the LAHS student prefer to take the course during zero period next year, 7:29AM-8:23AM? ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Student and Parent/Guardian must initial each statement below.)

- _____ We understand that Griffin Connections is a 95% independent online learning and 5% Zoom learning sessions that will require a student to be self-motivated and work independently to meet weekly assignment due dates.
- _____ The **Griffin Connections Self-Survey** has been completed and we are in mutual agreement that an online course is a good or great fit. *(Student did not receive a "D" or "F" in English Semester 1)*
- _____ We understand that there is ONE mandatory in-person classroom day (June 12) and weekly mandatory Zoom learning sessions, each two hours in length, and that if a student misses more than one mandatory day per semester, they will **NOT** receive credit for the course. Mandatory days are (June 12, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25). *(Traveling and/or lack of wi-fi access is not excusable.)*
- _____ We understand that all students who register for a Griffin Connections course will be required to attend a one-hour Griffin Connections Course Readiness module via zoom: (4/4/23 @ 7:15AM, 4/7/23 @ 4:00PM, 4/17/23 @ 4:30PM, 4/19/23 @ 5:30PM, 4/21/23 @ 7:15AM, 4/22/23 @ 9:00AM)
- _____ We understand that it is the student's responsibility to alert the teacher if they need additional support by initiating the need with an email.
- _____ We understand that courses taken through Griffin Connections and their ending semester grades will appear on a student's Los Alamitos High School transcript.
- _____ We have been notified of the Semester drop deadlines:
- Semester I: Friday, June 16, 2023
 - Semester II: Friday, July 14, 2023

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

This form is due to Mr. David Platt, LAHS Assistant Principal by Friday, March 3, 2023.

Form must be emailed to griffinconnections@losal.org by 4:00PM on 3/2/2023.

(Information below to be completed by LAHS Office.)

- ☐ Please see the attached registration materials for Griffin Connections Summer 2023. To secure your seat the attached registration **MUST** be returned to Mr. Platt by **Friday, March 17, 2023**. If the paperwork is not returned by 3/17/2023 you may lose your seat in the summer course.
- ☐ Unfortunately, we are not able to offer registration for your indicated summer course. Your name has been placed on the waiting list.



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Steps to Register

- Based on student demand of courses it will be determined if a student lottery is required.
- Lottery will be a random selection of students who turn in a Summer 2023 Course Intent Form by **March 3**.
- Students will be notified of registration status by **March 10**.
- Registration packets will be available for students who secure a seat and will be due by **March 17**. Students who don't return registration packets by **March 17** will lose their seat in the summer course and the course will be filled from the waitlist.



Steps to Register

- Students who don't secure a seat in the class will be placed on a waiting list.
- All open seats in a course will be filled in the order registration forms are received after March 17.

TIMELINE REVIEW

March 3 – Summer 2023 Course Intent Form Due

March 10 – Student Notification of Registration Status
and Registration Forms Available

March 17 – Summer 2023 Registration Forms Due

March 22 – Courses Filled from Waiting List First and
Open Registration for Available Seats



Things to Be Aware of...

- Courses taken through Griffin Connections will appear on a student's permanent transcript. Summer courses are no different than a course taken during the school year.
- Be highly-engaged throughout the course paying close attention to semester drop dates and reach out to the instructor as soon as possible with questions or concerns.

Semester I: Friday, June 16, 2023

Semester II: Friday, July 14, 2023



Things to Be Aware of...

- Courses taken from an outside institution to meet graduation requirements require written approval. *(LAHS Assistant Principal of Academics, Mr. Platt)*
- Students can't be concurrently enrolled in Griffins Connections and another public educational agency that receives ADA funding. *(Therefore, a student cannot enroll in Griffin Connections for one summer course and another public education entity for a different course. Example - A student can't take one course with Griffin Connections and one with Pacific Coast High School during the same summer.)*



QUESTIONS

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Thank You for Attending...

