



HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAYS AT LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 24, 2020

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THE GRIFFIN LEGACY

4 A's - Academics, Athletics,
Activities & the Arts

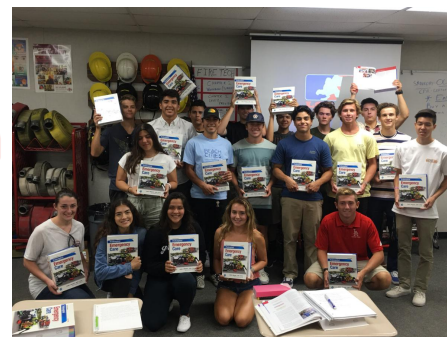
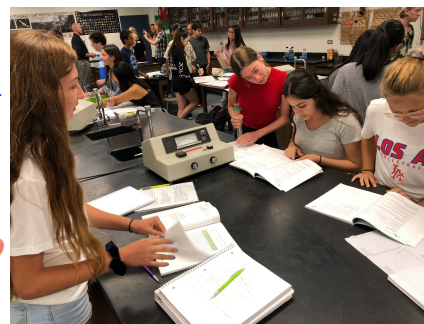


UC/CSU
Completion
Rates



Diverse visual &
performing arts
programs

Award-winning athletics



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TRANSITION FROM 8TH GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ 8th Grade Parent Night is **Tuesday, March 3, 2020** @ 7:00pm, LAHS PAC
- ▶ 8th Grade Athletic Information Night is **Wednesday, May 6, 2020** @ 6:30pm, LAHS Gym
- ▶ Registration Dates for the **Class of 2024**:

McAuliffe Middle School	Oak Middle School
LAHS Counselor Visits	LAHS Counselor Visits
Introduction to 9 th Grade Registration: March 2, 2020 @ McAuliffe	Introduction to 9 th Grade Registration: March 3, 2020 @ Oak
Individual student meetings with counselors: March 13, 2020 @ McAuliffe	Individual student meetings with counselors: March 10, 2020 @ Oak



TRANSITION FROM 8TH GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL

Preparing for High School

- ▶ Select courses of study and involvement that are right for your student.
- ▶ Work with your high school counselor:
 - ▶ Consider the academic, co-curricular and personal commitments for your student when working to select a course of study.
 - ▶ Help your student find balance in their pursuits both in and out of school.
- ▶ Student interests and passions develop in high school...and they may change.

THE GRIFFIN PLAN: High School —> College

This worksheet is for planning and recording academic courses in preparation for college and career. Individual student plans may vary.

Student Name: _____ Graduation Year: _____

CSU/ UC Requirements	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
A History/ Social Science (2 years)	*Elective	*World History	*US History	*Am. Pol. Trad. / *Economics
B English (4 years)	English	English	* English	* English
C Mathematics (3 years/ 4 rec.)	Math	Math	Math	*Math
D Laboratory Science (2 years/ 3 rec.)	Science	Science	*Science	*Elective
E Foreign Language (2 years/ 3 rec.)	World Language	World Language	World Language	*Elective
F Visual/ Performing Arts (1 year)	Elective		Elective	
G College Prep Elective (1 year)			*Elective	*Elective
High School Grad Requirements	PE / Sport	PE / Sport		
Stay Connected Through Activities!				
College Entrance Exams		PLAN / PSAT	PSAT / SAT, ACT	SAT, ACT (by December)
My AP Career Starts Here	<input type="checkbox"/> check here	<input type="checkbox"/> check here	<input type="checkbox"/> check here	<input type="checkbox"/> check here

* Indicates option to take an AP level course which provides rigor and preparation for college.

- Students enrolled in AP courses should plan to take an AP Exam in May.
- Successfully complete the 'A-G' requirements with a grade of "C" or better.
- Participate in the 4 A's – Academics, Athletics, Activities, the Arts!



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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

COLLEGE PREP. VS. HONORS VS. ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

College Prep

- ❑ Constructed around content standards, framework, and necessary subject-specific skills.
- ❑ Provides students with high school graduation AND 4-year college admissions (UC/CSU a-g) requirements
- ❑ Diverse course offerings in all subject areas

Honors

- ❑ Expanded coverage of [some] content and subject-specific skills
- ❑ Increased depth of study
- ❑ Some, but not all, honors courses receive a weighted GPA point
- ❑ Offered in some, but not all, subject areas:
 - ❑ English
 - ❑ Mathematics
 - ❑ World Languages

Advanced Placement (A.P.)

- ❑ Developed and guided by the College Board
- ❑ Designed to mirror the content, skills, and habits of mind of first- and second-year college courses
- ❑ Students can receive college credit(s) if they pass the A.P. exam
- ❑ Receive weighted GPA
- ❑ Suited for students who are: independent; motivated; have personal balance





HONORS & A.P. BY SUBJECT-AREA

English

- ☐ English 1 Honors
- ☐ English 2 Honors
- ☐ A.P. English Language (11th)
- ☐ A.P. English Literature (12th)

Mathematics

- ☐ Geometry Honors
- ☐ Pre-Calculus
- ☐ A.P. Statistics
- ☐ A.P. Calculus AB
- ☐ A.P. Calculus BC

World Languages

- ☐ Spanish 2 Honors
- ☐ Spanish 3 Honors
- ☐ Spanish 4 Honors
- ☐ A.P. Spanish Language
- ☐ A.P. Spanish Literature

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- ☐ French 2 Honors
 - ☐ French 3 Honors
 - ☐ French 4 Honors
 - ☐ A.P. French Language

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- ☐ Japanese 3 Honors
 - ☐ Japanese 4 Honors
 - ☐ A.P. Japanese Language

Sciences

- ☐ A.P. Biology
- ☐ A.P. Chemistry
- ☐ A.P. Environmental Science
- ☐ A.P. Physics 1
- ☐ A.P. Physics C - Mechanics

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- ☐ A.P. Computer Science A
 - ☐ A.P. Computer Science Principles



HONORS & A.P. BY SUBJECT-AREA

Arts

- ☐ A.P. Drawing Portfolio
- ☐ A.P. 2D Studio Art:
 - ☐ Photography
 - ☐ Drawing & Painting
 - ☐ Digital Media
- ☐ A.P. 3D Studio Art:
 - ☐ Ceramics
 - ☐ Jewelry / Metalwork
- ☐ A.P. Art History
- ☐ A.P. Music Theory

History- Social Sciences

- ☐ A.P. World History (10th)
- ☐ A.P. US History (11th)
- ☐ A.P. Psychology (11th or 12th)
- ☐ A.P. European History (11th or 12th)
- ☐ A.P. Human Geography (9th - 12th)
- ☐ A.P. US Government / Politics & A.P. Macroeconomics (One semester each, taken in tandem - 12th)



GRADE 9

English



English 1 - or - English 1 Honors

Mathematics



Algebra 1 - Geometry - Geometry Honors - Algebra 2 / Trigonometry

Lab Science



Biology

World Language



French - German - Japanese - Spanish - American Sign Language

Elective / Fine Art



Visual or Performing Arts / CTE / Applied Arts

Physical Education or Sport



P.E.9 - or - Sport / Activity

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GRADE 10

10th grade students
take the PSAT

English



English 2 - or - English 2 Honors

Mathematics



Algebra 2 - Algebra 2 / Trigonometry - Pre-Calculus

Lab Sciences



Chemistry - or - Physics

**History -
Social Sciences**



World History - or - A.P. World History

**World
Languages**



French - German - Japanese -
Spanish - American Sign Language

**Physical Education
or Sport**



P.E. - or - Sport / Activity

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BEFORE GRADE 11 STARTS...

11th Grade
*US History
*English
Math
*Science
World Language
Elective
*Elective
PSAT / SAT, ACT

Preparing for Junior Year

- ▶ For all students, Junior year tends to be one with increased time commitments and increased workloads.
- ▶ Helping your student develop skills to maintain personal balance, self-care, and time-management prior to Grade 11 will be of great support.
- ▶ Grade 11 schedules open more opportunities for choice and can allow students to pursue their interests and passions in a variety of content areas.
- ▶ It is encouraged that students take the PSAT in the fall and their first SAT and/or ACT in the spring of their junior year.



GRADE 11

English



English 3 – or – A.P. English Language

Mathematics



Many options available

Lab Sciences



Many options available

History - Social Sciences



US History – or – A.P. US History

World Languages



Continue on language trajectory

Elective / Sport / Activity



Many options available for students to explore

11th grade students often:

- ☐ PSAT or PreACT in the fall
- ☐ Their first SAT and/or ACT in the spring
- ☐ May take their first A.P. exam(s) during the first two weeks of May

Students should also continue to explore post-secondary options both on their own and with the College & Career Center.



GRADE 12

English

E.R.W.C. – or – Literature survey courses – or – A.P. English Literature

Mathematics

Many options available

History - Social Sciences

Government and Economics – or – A.P. US Government & Politics and A.P. Macroeconomics

Elective / Sport / Activity

Many students continue their pursuit of lab science and/or world language

Elective / Sport / Activity

If your student has not yet completed 2 semesters of a fine art, they would need to do this to be CSU / UC eligible

Elective / Sport / Activity

Many options available

12th grade students:

- ❑ Take a second, or third, SAT and/or ACT in the fall
- ❑ Take **SAT 2 Subject Tests** in the fall (depending on college program & applications)
- ❑ Begin college applications in the early fall → most due dates are **November and December**



OFF-SITE COURSEWORK OVER THE SUMMER



LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL Request for off-campus summer coursework

CURRENT GRADE OF STUDENT: ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

STUDENT NAME	PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME
STUDENT EMAIL	PARENT / GUARDIAN EMAIL

THE COURSE(S) LISTED BELOW WILL BE TAKEN FOR: ☐ First-Instruction ☐ Remediation

REQUESTED COURSE(S):		
SCHOOL / INSTITUTION	COURSE TITLE	TRANSCRIPT ABBREVIATION

Student & Parent/Guardian must initial each statement below.

- ____ For off-site course completion to transfer to the Los Alamitos High School transcript, the student must first obtain site (LAHS) permission to enroll in off-site instruction (Los Alamitos USD Board Policy § 6172.1).
- ____ Only coursework from accredited institutions will be accepted for LAHS transcript credit. When applicable, off-site courses must also comply with the UC/CSU a-g requirements. The a-g compliance may be checked at the UC Doorways portal: <https://ucarticulation.uscop.edu/agcounselist> (Los Alamitos USD Board Policy § 6172.1).
- ____ Off-site summer courses taken with either honors or Advanced Placement designation will not receive weighted GPA points on the LAHS transcript (Los Alamitos USD Board Policy § 6172.1).
- ____ For off-site coursework to be accepted for LAHS transcript credit, the transcripts provided must:
- Be official, sealed transcripts sent directly to Los Alamitos High School. Transcripts may be sent directly to the student's counselor – OR – the LAHS Records Office:
Los Alamitos High School
c/o Records & Transcript Clerk
3591 Carritos Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720
 - Official transcripts must include the following information:
 - Title of institution as well as contact information (mailing address, website, phone number)
 - Date of course(s) completed / Issuance date of transcript
 - Title of course completed
 - Transcript abbreviation that matches UC Doorways approved course
 - Length of study (i.e. 1 semester, Part A)
 - Issue a letter grade (NOTE: If a grade point is issued by the institution, a conversion or equivalency scale must also be printed on the transcript.)
- ____ Once an official transcript is submitted to Los Alamitos High School, it cannot be altered. Transcripts are accepted as "whole documents," meaning that if a student wishes to accept one course grade on a transcript they must accept ALL the grades on the transcript. Conversely, if a student wants to reject one grade on a transcript, the student must reject ALL the grades on the transcript.
- ____ If coursework is being used to advance a student in the course sequence then the completed, official transcript must be received to Los Alamitos High School prior to the start of the school year.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

☐ UC/CSU approved ☐ Accredited ☐ G.C.? ☐ C.G.?

☐ Approved ☐ Not approved at this time

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HELPFUL RESOURCES



Los Alamitos High School Homepage: www.losal.org/LAHS
LAHS Counseling Homepage: www.losal.org/Domain/82
LAHS College & Career Homepage: www.losal.org/Domain/80



<https://aeriesportal.losal.org/parent/LoginParent.aspx?page=default.aspx>



The College Board manages the PSAT, SAT, SAT 2 Subject Tests and A.P. programs. Their website has useful information for both students and parents/guardians:

- ☐ **FOR PARENTS:** parents.collegeboard.org
- ☐ **FOR STUDENTS:** collegeboard.org



The ACT manages both the PreACT and ACT programs: act.org



www.universityofcalifornia.edu/



The California State University

www2.calstate.edu/

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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