



Laguna Hills High School

Freshman Parent Night

Class of 2027

Agenda

- ❖ **Who's who in Guidance**
- ❖ **Tips for success and staying connected**
- ❖ **Review of high school graduation requirements and pathways**
- ❖ **Tools for College and Career Planning**
- ❖ **Understanding Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate courses**
- ❖ **IB Diploma Program**

LHHS Counselors

Counselors provide:

- ❖ Social/emotional support
- ❖ Academic planning
- ❖ College planning
- ❖ Career planning
- ❖ Collaboration with students, parents, community members teachers/staff
- ❖ At-risk meetings/Student Study Team
- ❖ Course placement

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LHHS Guidance Techs

The Technicians help with:

- ❖ Registration and scheduling
- ❖ Graduation reviews
- ❖ Course changes and requests
- ❖ Address verification
- ❖ Summer school

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Supports on Campus

- ❖ **Freshmen Nest**
- ❖ **Tutorial/Mandatorial**
- ❖ **Peer Tutoring**
- ❖ **Mental Wellness Counseling**
- ❖ **Credit Recovery options during the school year and summer**
- ❖ **Student Success Team meetings**

Keys for Freshmen Success

- ❖ **GET INVOLVED!**
- ❖ **Join a club**
 - **3 types of Clubs: Curricular, Non-curricular, Service**
- ❖ **Play a sport**
- ❖ **Try out for musicals or plays**
- ❖ **Consider yearbook, leadership, mentor programs, volunteer opportunities**

Keys for Freshmen Success

- ❖ **Be here on time!**
- ❖ **Be productive- make the most of class time**
- ❖ **Be organized**
- ❖ **Study habits- devote dedicated time each day at home for study time**
- ❖ **Time management**
- ❖ **Complete make up work when absent and communicate with teacher**
- ❖ **Use tutorial effectively**

College and Career Tools



- ❖ CaliforniaColleges.edu
 - Create academic/college/career goals
 - Take a career assessment
 - Tools for students to engage in self-exploration and make meaningful connections between their preferences and their college and career plans
 - College, career, major search and planning tools (for all colleges in U.S., not just CA)
 - Resume builder
 - Partnership with the district to allow students to submit their CA college applications from website

2023/24 Grading Periods

1st Quarter Progress (D or lower)	09/15/2023
1st Quarter Grades (all students)	10/13/2023
2nd Quarter Progress (D or lower)	11/17/2023
1st Semester Grades (on transcript)	12/22/2023
3rd Quarter Progress (D or lower)	02/09/2024
3rd Quarter Grades (all students)	03/22/2024
4th Quarter Progress (D or lower)	04/26/2024
2nd Semester Grades (on transcript)	05/30/2024

Grades are viewable in AERIES approximately 10 days after the grading period ends

Staying Connected

- ❖ Check Parent/Student Portal
- ❖ Subscribe to LHHS Newsletter
 - LHHS.Newsletter@svusd.org
- ❖ Read monthly Counselor's Corner Newsletter
- ❖ Communicate with teachers and counselor
- ❖ Clear Attendance within 3 school days of absence:
 - Call the attendance line
 - Email LHHSAttendance@svusd.org
 - Send a note with your student

High School Graduation Requirements

- ❖ 4 years English
- ❖ 3 years Math (to include Algebra I)
- ❖ 3 years Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- ❖ 3 years History (World History, US History, Civics and Economics)
- ❖ 1 year World Language or Visual/Performing Art or CTE
- ❖ 2 years PE/Athletics
- ❖ 1 semester Health
- ❖ 55 elective credits

Total: 220 credits (“D” is passing for graduation requirements)

Students must also complete 8 hours of community service over the course of four years

High School Curriculum Options

- Diploma Requirements
- CTE Pathways
- College Preparatory
 - “A-G” requirements
- Honors/Advanced Placement Completion
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Program










A-G Requirements

- ❖ Minimum number of courses needed for admission to a UC/CSU
- ❖ Algebra and language courses completed in middle school count

A – G Requirements

University of California and Cal State University

A	HISTORY 2 years required	
B	ENGLISH 4 years required	
C	MATHEMATICS 3 years required through Algebra 2	
D	LAB SCIENCES 2 years required/ 3 recommended	
E	WORLD LANGUAGES 2 years required/ 3 recommended	
F	VISUAL/PERFORM ARTS 1 year required	
G	COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE 1 year required	

Grades of "C" or higher are required for all A – G courses

Why take Honors/AP/IB Courses

- ❖ Honors/AP/IB courses are more rigorous
- ❖ Colleges and universities would like to see students challenge themselves
- ❖ Students receive additional grade points by receiving a weighted academic rank
- ❖ Students can earn college credit by taking AP and IB courses and sitting for the exams
- ❖ Students register for courses in March/April

Honors/AP/IB Courses

❖ Honors courses:

- Moves faster and goes into more detail

❖ Advanced Placement (AP) courses:

- College-level class that culminates with an exam in May
- Can earn college credit based on score received on exam and college/university policies
- AP courses typically begin in 10th grade

❖ International Baccalaureate (IB) courses:

- Most rigorous curriculum program offered at LHHS
- College-level courses that have an internal assessment and exam in May
- IB courses begin in 11th grade
- Students in the IB program typically take honors and AP courses in 9th and 10th grades



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

IB Coordinators: Mrs. Laurel Crossett and Mr. Tom Krucli
EE Coordinator: Mrs. Carri Geiger
CAS Coordinators: Mrs. Michelle Carmo and Mrs. Loni Gallo



WHY IB?

ipods

Tax Software

Driverless Cars

Contour Crafting



What Is the IB Diploma Program?

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- International course of study resulting in an internationally recognized diploma from Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2-year program completed during the **Junior and Senior year** of high school.
(11th and 12th Grade only)



The most rigorous course of studies at LHHS

Difference between AP and IB?

**Focus on depth of knowledge: 40% of final marks
come from internal assessments**

To Receive the IB Diploma...

- Students enroll in IB honors level courses to prepare them to take 6 exams in the 6 subjects (Science, English, History, Foreign Language, Math, Elective)
- Write an Extended Essay (research paper) and Theory of Knowledge (TOK) Paper
- Complete Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) activities

The Honors Path

9th Grade

- English 1 Honors
- Geometry (H) or Algebra 1
- Biology
- Spanish or Chinese (Mandarin)

10th Grade

- English 2 Honors
- Algebra 2 H or Geometry
- AP World History
- Chemistry
- Spanish or Mandarin

What do you need to do to prepare for IB?

- Must be in English 3H and AP US History in 11th grade
- Must take four years of foreign language
 - Spanish
 - Chinese

What are the benefits of IB?

- ❖ Challenging & exciting classes, focusing on writing, thinking, communicating, & experimenting
- ❖ Well-rounded curriculum which offers breadth & depth (English, 2nd language, social sciences, math, science, elective)
- ❖ Enhancement of skills in writing, critical reading & analysis, research & original thought
- ❖ Development of an international perspective, a mandatory skill as a 21st century citizen
- ❖ Commitment to community & welfare
- ❖ Development of time management & organizational skills needed for college & future work experience
- ❖ Students become more self-confident about their ability to handle college-level materials & demands
- ❖ Potential for priority admission & college credit for students with an IB diploma

LHHS IB Website

Use the QR Code to
connect with our IB
website!



Universities Attended by LHS IB Diploma Students (Sample)

CAL POLY POMONA
BRONCOS



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology



STANFORD
UNIVERSITY



BROWN



GEORGETOWN
UNIVERSITY

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY



UC DAVIS



JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY



Northwestern
University



UC IRVINE

Questions

Welcome to the Nest!

