

# 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Session

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# PSAT

- ▶ Practice test for the SAT
- ▶ All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at LCHS will take this test on October 19
- ▶ 11<sup>th</sup> graders with high scores on this test can qualify for National Merit Scholarships
- ▶ Use your PSAT booklet to prepare
- ▶ Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for more practice

# College/Career Planner

- ▶ Useful tool to help guide your year
- ▶ Post somewhere prominent
- ▶ Take special note of Progress Report and Report Card dates
- ▶ Stay Connected!
  - ▶ LCHS website – Click on Counselor
  - ▶ Instagram – lchsguidance
  - ▶ Remind 101 – text @msguida to 928-277-8984
  - ▶ Facebook – LCHS Trojans
  - ▶ Twitter – LCTrojanGuide

# Graduation Requirements

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- ▶ 4 years of English
- ▶ 4 years of Math
- ▶ 4 years of Science
- ▶ 3 years of Social Studies
- ▶ ½ Personal Fitness
- ▶ ½ Health
- ▶ 4 units of Electives
- ▶ 3 units of either Fine Arts, Foreign Language, or CTAE electives
- ▶ Total of 23 credits

# English

## 4 Units of English

- ▶ 1 unit of 9<sup>th</sup> Literature
- ▶ 1 unit of 11<sup>th</sup> (American) Literature
- ▶ Two additional units
  - ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> Lit, 12<sup>th</sup> Lit
  - ▶ or Move on When Ready courses (MOWR)

# Mathematics

## 4 Units of Math

- ▶ 1 unit of Coordinate Algebra
- ▶ 1 unit of Analytic Geometry
- ▶ 1 unit of Advanced Algebra
- ▶ 1 additional unit
  - ▶ Adv. Math Decision Making
  - ▶ PreCalculus
  - ▶ AP Math for accelerated math students
  - ▶ Math Finance
  - ▶ MOWR Courses

# Science

## 4 Units of Science

- ▶ 1 unit of Biology
- ▶ 1 unit of Physical Science or Physics
- ▶ 1 unit of Environmental Science, Earth Science, or Chemistry
- ▶ 1 additional unit
  - ▶ College Prep Science
  - ▶ AP Science
  - ▶ Career Pathway Science
  - ▶ Dual Enrollment

# Social Studies

## 3 Units of Social Studies

- ▶ 1 unit of World History
- ▶ 1 unit of US History
- ▶ ½ unit of Citizenship
- ▶ ½ unit of Economics



# Health/Personal Fitness

- ▶ ½ unit of Health
- ▶ ½ unit of Personal Fitness
- ▶ No Substitutions! Must be the state-approved course of Personal Fitness -- PE will not substitute
- ▶ 3 Years of ROTC will satisfy this requirement

# Elective Credit

## 7 Units of Electives

- ▶ 3 units must be from:
  - ▶ CTAE
  - ▶ Fine Arts
  - ▶ Foreign Language(Can be any combination of these)
  
- ▶ 4 additional units of any elective

# Examples of CTAE Classes

- ▶ Computer Applications
- ▶ Criminal Justice
- ▶ Child Development
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Metals
- ▶ Health Occupations
- ▶ ROTC
- ▶ Marketing
- ▶ Work Based Learning/Apprenticeship
- ▶ Dual Enrollment at a Technical College

# Examples of Fine Arts Classes

- ▶ Band
- ▶ Chorus
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Dance
- ▶ MOWR courses

# Foreign Language

- ▶ Spanish offered on Campus
- ▶ Virtual School
- ▶ MOWR Courses

# Some things to Consider...

- ▶ Students who wish to attend a University of Georgia Institution need to complete 2 years of the same foreign language
- ▶ Students who are not planning to attend college, or who plan to attend a Technical college may benefit from pursuing a pathway

# Promotion Requirements

- ▶ Must have 5 units after first year to be a sophomore
- ▶ Must have 11 units after second year to be a junior
- ▶ Must have 17 units after third year to be a senior
- ▶ **Must have 23 units to graduate**

# Testing

- ▶ Students will take an End of Course test at the end of the year for the following courses
- ▶ Biology and Physical Science
- ▶ Coordinate Algebra and Analytical Geometry
- ▶ Economics and US History
- ▶ 9<sup>th</sup> Literature and 11<sup>th</sup> Literature



# What should I do if I am not on track for graduation?

- ▶ Review your transcript and know which courses you have failed and need to make up
- ▶ There are options available: night school, summer school
- ▶ Make up credits ASAP in order to stay on track and graduate on time
- ▶ Questions? See Mrs. Royals

## Grade Point Averages – GPA's

CALCULATED  
USING GRADES  
FROM YOUR  
TRANSCRIPT

# Calculating your GPA

- ▶ A earns 4 points
- ▶ B earns 3 points
- ▶ C earns 2 points
- ▶ D earns 1 point (LCHS doesn't use D)
- ▶ F earns 0 points

## Cumulative GPA (unweighted)

- An average of your grades from all courses you have taken in high school
- Includes electives – This is not your academic or your HOPE gpa

## Cumulative Academic GPA (weighted)

- ▶ An average of your grades from all academic courses you have taken in high school with the weight LCHS adds
  - ▶ Lee County adds .5 point for Honors/MOWR courses and 1 point for AP courses
  - ▶ Honor Graduates – need to have a 4.1 gpa
  - ▶ Honors with Distinction – must have taken a combination of 6 Honors/AP Courses (at least 1 of those being AP)
- ▶ This may still differ from your HOPE gpa

# HOPE GPA

- ▶ An average of your grades from all academic courses you have taken in high school
- ▶ The HOPE GPA is not the same as your Lee County GPA and is not on your transcript
- ▶ To get your current HOPE GPA, go to the GAFutures website, and click on "My HOPE GPA"

# HOPE Scholarship

- ❖ Pays a portion of tuition at colleges in GA for students who graduate with a minimum HOPE GPA of 3.0
- ❖ Zell Miller Scholarship pays a bigger portion of the tuition at colleges in GA for students who graduate with a HOPE GPA of 3.7 and a 1200 Math/CR SAT score in one sitting
- ❖ Meet the HOPE Rigor Requirement – 4 courses of rigor
- ❖ These scholarships DO NOT PAY for room and board, college fees, or books
- ❖ Refer to the HOPE Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions document

## HOPE Grant

- ▶ Pays a portion of tuition at Technical Colleges in GA
- ▶ No GPA requirement to qualify
- ▶ Must earn a 2.0 GPA to maintain eligibility



# GAFutures.org

- ▶ The new website for GACollege411
- ▶ Username – first four digits of your birthday/last name
  - ▶ EX: 0101royals and Password – trojans
- ▶ You will have to reset your password and update your profile the first time you log in
  - ▶ We can no longer reset passwords for you
  - ▶ Use a password you can easily remember such as Trojans@1
    - ▶ Write it down, take a picture – some way to remember it
  - ▶ Pick security questions with answers that don't change
  - ▶ Use an email address that you can access
    - ▶ Remember your school email will be inactivated when you graduate.

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)

- You can access valuable information about:
  - ✓ HOPE and other financial aid
  - ✓ Colleges – click on College Planning to research colleges and majors
  - ✓ Careers – Take the career interest assessments and personality profilers
  - ✓ Move on When Ready – Explore dual enrollment opportunities and available courses

# What should I do to get ready for college?

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- ▶ Take the most challenging courses you can handle successfully
- ▶ Make the best grades you can
- ▶ Get involved in your school and community
- ▶ Explore and gather information about colleges that interest you
- ▶ Visit college campuses
- ▶ Plan to take the SAT or ACT as a junior

## Are you interested in Move on When Ready (MOWR) for your junior year?

- ▶ Take the SAT by March 5, 2016 or the ACT by February 6, 2016 - the sooner the better
- ▶ For Technical College, you will take Accuplacer
- ▶ MOWR Guidelines are available in the Guidance Office
- ▶ Start exploring the GaFutureswebsite
  - ▶ Explore available courses in the MOWR Course Directory
  - ▶ Check out GATracs and what courses will transfer to your intended postsecondary school
- ▶ Talk with your parents about scheduling options – part-time, full time? Academic courses or electives?

## More info

- ▶ Email me at [royalsme@lee.k12.ga.us](mailto:royalsme@lee.k12.ga.us)
- ▶ Stop by the guidance office and let's talk