



Lemont High School 101



Placements

Placements are based on the Fall MAP scores and the Explore test (given this coming Saturday).

Our recommendations are based on data and professional judgment.

If you disagree with placements, you may sign a waiver of our placement recommendation after speaking to the department chair.



Next Steps in the Process for Registration

Take a look at the freshmen electives and make selections (1st choice, 2nd choice, etc.). Course descriptions can be found on the LHS Website.

<https://www.lhs210.net/academics/program-of-studies>

In January, review placement recommendations, select electives, and return it to us on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

Schedules are finalized in spring, with course confirmations sent home by May.

Actual schedules are given to students at the August fee payment/registration day.



Electives

Students will generally have between a half credit (one semester) and two and a half credits of electives as freshmen. The number varies based upon the course recommendations.

SOME colleges require 2 years of World Language study.

SOME colleges require 1 credit of Fine Arts study.

ALL colleges want to see a transcript that has both balance and success.



Student Schedules

Lemont started teaching in a block schedule in the mid 1990's.

Students take 4 classes each day, and alternate between a Gold (G) and Blue (B) day throughout the year.

“Math I GB” meets on both Gold and Blue days, but covers the same content as the Math I course. Band also meets on Gold and Blue days during the fall semester.

Semester finals are given in December and May. New courses start in January. Class periods and teachers may change at the semester.

Average class size is 25 for core classes, 30 is the maximum in most cases.

Students take 8 credits each year, earning 32 before graduation. (Most other schools only allow for 20-24 credits)



Busing

Gorski Bus Company handles our transportation. Bus schedules are finalized AFTER August registration when families finalize their transportation plans.

Bus information is found on our website:

<https://www.lhs210.net/about-us/transportation>

Students who are involved in swim, golf, bowling, or any of the sports that compete at the Bell Road complex are taken by bus to practice/competitions after school.



New Student Day

On the first day of school, freshmen, transfer students, and the Link Crew Leaders have the building to themselves.

Students do team building activities in large and small groups, tour the building, and meet their first period teacher (whom they will see that following morning).

Link Crew leaders stay in touch with their freshmen throughout the year to monitor the transition and serve as peer leaders.



Skyward / Google / Staying Connected

Skyward is our student management system - grades, attendance, discipline, etc. There is an app for that, and the website can be accessed through www.lhs210.net

Teachers post information in Google Classroom. Assignments, calendars, notes, videos, etc. are all available.

Emailing teachers is the best route to start a conversation. First initial, last name @lhs210.net.

LHS does not do formal parent teacher conferences. Any conference can be scheduled with a teacher at any time.



Supports for the Freshman Transition

Link Crew Leaders / Older students in sports and clubs

Student Services - Counselors, Social Workers, Deans, Nurse, School Psychologists, School Resource Officer, & Director of Special Services

NHS offers Peer Tutoring

Teachers are available before/after school for assistance, and we have a help center called “The CAVE” open before, during, and after school.



Getting Involved

Involvement is critical to success:

- Academically, involved students have statistically have higher GPAs.
- Kids who are involved report feeling more connected to school than those who are not involved.
- Involvement helps with job applications and college applications.
- Activities and Athletic opportunities exist for a variety of talents and skills. If you can't find what you love, you probably can create it when you get to LHS!