



# HONORS & ADVANCED PLACEMENT PATHWAYS AT LOS ALAMITOS HIGH SCHOOL

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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 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night is **Tuesday, March 3, 2020** @ 7:00pm, LAHS PAC
- ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>LAHS Counselor Visits</b>	<b>LAHS Counselor Visits</b>
<b>Introduction to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration: March 2, 2020 @ McAuliffe</b>	<b>Introduction to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration: March 3, 2020 @ Oak</b>
<b>Individual student meetings with counselors: March 13, 2020 @ McAuliffe</b>	<b>Individual student meetings with counselors: March 10, 2020 @ Oak</b>



## TRANSITION FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> 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
<b>A</b> History/ Social Science (2 years)	*Elective	*World History	*US History	*Am. Pol. Trad. / *Economics
<b>B</b> English (4 years)	English	English	* English	* English
<b>C</b> Mathematics (3 years/ 4 rec.)	Math	Math	Math	*Math
<b>D</b> Laboratory Science (2 years/ 3 rec.)	Science	Science	*Science	*Elective
<b>E</b> Foreign Language (2 years/ 3 rec.)	World Language	World Language	World Language	*Elective
<b>F</b> Visual/ Performing Arts (1 year)	Elective		Elective	
<b>G</b> College Prep Elective (1 year)			*Elective	*Elective
High School Grad Requirements	<b>PE / Sport</b>	<b>PE / Sport</b>		
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 (11<sup>th</sup>)
- A.P. English Literature (12<sup>th</sup>)

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



# 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

10<sup>th</sup> 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

11<sup>th</sup> 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

**12<sup>th</sup> 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

- ▶ SOME students choose to take courses over the summer to advance the course sequence in certain disciplines.
- ▶ Students complete the Request for Off-Campus Coursework form before taking off-site courses.
- ▶ *Specific requirements for off-site coursework do apply.*
- ▶ ***Must be submitted to LAHS Main Office by May 1, 2020***



**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://bearticulation.usop.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](http://www.losal.org/LAHS)  
LAHS Counseling Homepage: [www.losal.org/Domain/82](http://www.losal.org/Domain/82)  
LAHS College & Career Homepage: [www.losal.org/Domain/80](http://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](http://parents.collegeboard.org)
- ❑ **FOR STUDENTS:** [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)



The ACT manages both the PreACT and ACT programs: [act.org](http://act.org)



[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/)



The California State University

[www2.calstate.edu/](http://www2.calstate.edu/)

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# QUESTIONS?

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