Curriculum Night
Classes of 2025, 2026, and 2027

January 9, 2024
Tonight’s Presentation  (7:00-8:00pm)

• Metaphors and Mental Models
• Graduation Requirements
• Advice for choosing courses
  • Rising 10th graders
  • Rising 11th graders
  • Rising 12th graders
• Global Online Academy
• Summer School
• Outdoor Trips
• Signup Process and Timeline
• Quiz!
• What to do now? Where to find more info? Questions?
Metaphors and Mental Models

![Stress Performance Curve](https://medium.com/@ahmadjnaous/stress-performance-curve-7852cae29cc9)
Metaphors and Mental Models
Graduation Requirements

- English: 4 years
- History: 3 years (2 World, 1 U.S.)
- Math: 3 years (in main sequence)
- Languages: through Level III, at least two years at the Upper School
- Science: 3 years (Biology; Physics OR Chemistry; additional year)
- Arts: 2 years
- Human Development & PE: HD/PE in grade 9, plus 2 semesters PE in grades 10 and/or 11
- Outdoor Education: one week trip or longer
- Service Learning: 80 hours submitted and approved; at least 60 with an out-of-school organization
Choosing Courses for Sophomore Year

• Continue to complete core program – usually following established paths
• Choose Arts and PE electives (rank choices)
• Think about the mental model you want for 10th grade!
All (or nearly all) 10th Graders Take…

• English 10
• Math – placement recommended by current math teacher
Many/most 10th Graders Take…

- Arts – required if not taking now
- History – usually World History II (H200)
- Language – usually level II or III
- Science – usually Physics: Honors or General
- PE – choice of 2 semester electives taken by end of 11th grade; **Advice:** take them NOW
- Looking for a balanced scheduled
- 6 or 7 classes is common
Choosing Courses for Junior Year

- More freedom to choose electives
- Junior year is intense academically – you can’t shouldn’t try to do it all
- Think about your mental model, and consider all activities & commitments
- Ranking choices is important during signup for electives
All (or nearly all) Juniors Take...

- English – English 11 or American Studies (combined English/history)
- Math – placement recommended by current math teacher
Many/most Juniors Take…

- Arts – deeper or something new
- History – US History (and/or electives)
- Language – usually level III or IV
- Science – Chemistry: Honors or General (and/or electives)

- Look for a **balanced** schedule
- 6 classes is common; 7 is often fine if one is an Art
Choosing Courses for Senior Year

• Enormous range of elective choices and substantial freedom
• 145 ways to do it
• Ranking choices is important
• College applications = a class
• What is your mental model for senior year?
All (or nearly all) Seniors Take…

- English – at least one fall and one spring elective (18 options)
- Math – placement recommended by current math teacher
Many/most Seniors Take…

- Arts – deeper or something new (18 options)
- History – senior semester electives (17 options)
- Language – level IV/V, or I
- Science – semester or year-long (9 options)

- Chance to specialize more, but some balance is healthy and wise
- Usually 6 classes
Global Online Academy

- Typically better fit for 11th and 12th graders
- Semester-long courses (mostly)
- Mostly “electives” vs. core classes
- Count for Lakeside credit on transcript
- One class a semester included in tuition
- Equal workload to a “brick-and-mortar” class
- Fits the learning styles of many students, but not all
Lakeside Summer School

• Why take a summer class?
• June 24 – August 2 (for 6-week classes)
• Homework & attendance policies
• Current students may indicate interest as part of regular course sign-ups in January
• Course sign-ups next year should assume completion of Summer School course
• **February 12 at 8 a.m. early registration opens (link emailed to families before Winter Break)**
• **Financial aid available**
• Dates & offerings: [www.lakesideschool.org/summer](http://www.lakesideschool.org/summer)
• Questions? SummerSchool@lakesideschool.org
Summer School Classes for Rising 10th, 11th, and 12th Graders

Mathematics: Algebra II, Precalculus, Accelerated Calculus AB
Computer Science: Computer Science I, II, & III
Science: Physics
Languages: GSL Costa Rica: Advanced Spanish Immersion
History: United States History
Art: Photography I
Skill Building: 9th/10th Grade Writing, Service Learning Experience, Personal Finance
College Counseling: College Application Essay Writing Workshop, SAT Prep
Lakeside Summer Institute: AI
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Outdoor Trips

• All students must complete one Lakeside outdoor trip during upper school in order to graduate
• Applications for summer 2024 open late January, and will be emailed directly to students
• More info: see the Outdoor Programs Canvas page or email Greta Block

Trips offered in recent years:
Course Sign Up Process

1. Choose courses (read CG; have discussions)

2. Online signup:
   - Academic year courses
   - Summer school (optional)
   - Sports (a chance to express interest; not a commitment)

3. Confirmation emails will be sent to P&G and advisors

4. Complete online signup by February 9
Important Dates

• **Friday, February 9th**: course sign-up forms due (online!); not “draft” – final version!

• **Mid-June**: list of courses (not schedules) distributed to students

• **Mid-August**: schedules available online; open course change period begins

• **First day of school**: updated schedules handed out during Advisory

• **Two weeks into school**: add/drop period ends for first semester
And now... a **QUIZ**

Go to [kahoot.it](http://kahoot.it) on your mobile device

Or search for “Play Kahoot”
What Can YOU Do?

✓ Read Curriculum Guide (online)
✓ Know remaining requirements
✓ Talk to your students about choices and options
✓ Questions: contact advisors, dept heads, and/or college counseling office

www.lakesideschool.org
Further Questions?