



# La Plata High School

## 2024-2025 Course Enrollment

# COURSE ENROLLMENT MATERIALS

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- ▶ You should have received a “Student Course Enrollment Worksheet” and “Course Enrollment Instructions”.
- ▶ The worksheet lists all classes offered at La Plata High School.
- ▶ You will use the worksheet to choose your classes for next year.
- ▶ If you misplace your worksheet, please visit the Counseling Office for a replacement.

# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Please make sure you review your graduation requirements carefully. The “Course History” tab in your StudentVue shows your progress towards completing your requirements.

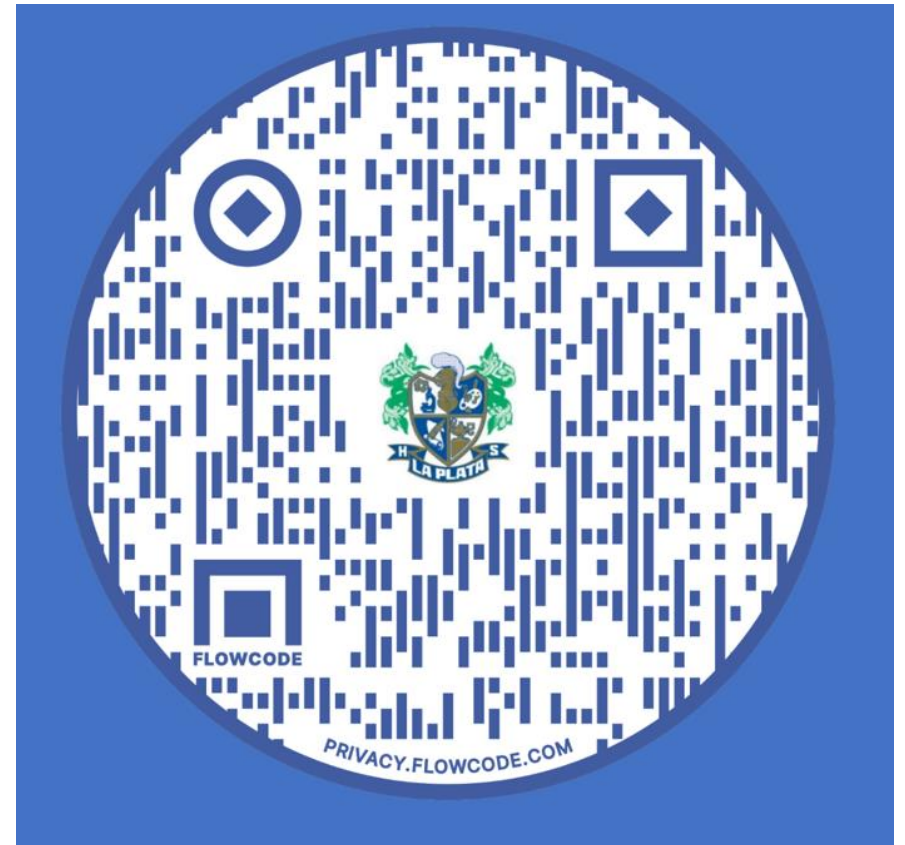
Graduation Status <i>Class of 2025</i>		
Subject Area	Progress	
English	50.0%	<div><div></div></div>
L/S/N Govt	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
US History	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
World History	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Algebra	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Geometry	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Math	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Earth Science	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Life Science	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Physical Science	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Physical Education	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Health	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Health II	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Fine Arts	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Technology Ed	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Financial Literacy	0.0%	<div><div></div></div>
World Language	100.0%	<div><div></div></div>
Elective	66.7%	<div><div></div></div>

You should utilize the “Graduation Status Report” on the back side of your instructions to help you keep track of your credits throughout high school and plan for next year.

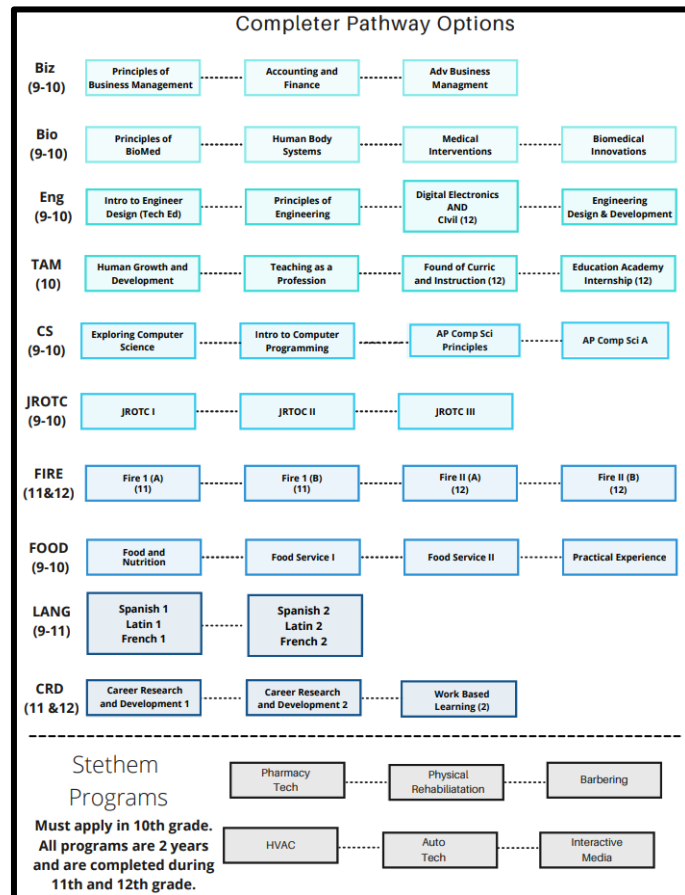
High School Graduation Requirements – 23 credits		☐=Requirements you have successfully completed																					
<b>English – 4 credits</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> English I <input type="checkbox"/> English II <input type="checkbox"/> English III <input type="checkbox"/> English IV	<b>Choose <u>ONE</u> of the following options</b> <b>2 credits of the same World Language and electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> <b>Career and Technology Education Completer Program and electives</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>																					
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<b>Student Service (SSL)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed																						
		<b>Electives</b> ALL students must earn a minimum of <u>23 credits</u> to earn a diploma. The number of <u>electives</u> needed will vary based upon the option chosen above.																					
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# WHAT IF I NEED HELP?

- ▶ If you need assistance with choosing your classes, please schedule an appointment with your School Counselor.
- ▶ To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code hanging throughout the building or go to <https://linktr.ee/LPHSCounselors>.



# COMPLETER PATHWAYS



- ▶ All students must complete at least one graduation pathway listed on the “Completer Pathway Options” chart on the back side of your instruction sheet.
- ▶ Please review this information to assist with developing and completing your four-year plan.
- ▶ More information about the Career & Technology Education (CTE) programs can be found on pages 18-38 of the “High School Program of Studies”.

# WHAT CLASSES DO I NEED TO TAKE?

- ▶ When completing your Student Course Enrollment Worksheet, you must sign up for seven classes and three alternate elective courses.
  1. Unless otherwise told by your teacher or School Counselor, you will sign up for the four required core academic classes for your grade level.
  2. You will also sign up for three additional courses that fulfill graduation requirements, that are part of your graduation pathway and/or are electives you wish to take.
  3. Lastly, you will choose 3 alternate elective courses to enter in the “Alternate Courses” space at the end of the worksheet.
  4. This is a total of 10 courses that are listed or selected on your form that is returned.

# TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

## 01

Your current core academic teachers will give their recommendation for placements in A-level, honors, or AP courses.

CTE teachers will also approve your enrollment in graduation pathway courses.

## 02

If your parent/guardian disagrees with the recommendation, they should contact the teacher to discuss their concerns.

## 03

After talking with the teacher, your parent or guardian can override a recommendation. They must attach a written request to your Student Course Enrollment Worksheet when it is submitted.



# DO I REALLY HAVE TO TAKE MATH?

- ▶ Maryland state law requires that each student take a math course each year while in high school and students must earn 4 high school math credits to graduate.
- ▶ Even if you completed math credits in middle school, you must still enroll in a math course each year you are in high school.
- ▶ For admission to any public college or university in Maryland, you will be required to take a math class at the Algebra II or higher level in your senior year of high school.
- ▶ Additionally, while CCPS requires two credits in the same foreign language for graduation, many colleges either require or prefer students to have 3 credits of the same foreign language.



If you are planning to attend college, it is important to take **challenging** courses throughout high school. If you are not already **challenging** yourself, you should seriously consider selecting at least one higher-level course for next year. Most college admissions officers tell us that taking **challenging** courses is more important than earning straight A's in high school.

# CAN I CHANGE MY MIND?

Schedule changes each year are only made in extreme circumstances, such as errors in academic placement. You must be very careful with course selection.

Please select the correct course levels with the help of your parents/guardians and your current teachers.

Carefully choose your electives and alternates and make sure these are classes you will be happy with.

You should review the “High School Program of Studies” for descriptions of courses before you sign up for a class.

If you’re still unsure about a course, please speak with your School Counselor or the current course teacher before selecting the class.

# DEADLINE

Your Student Course  
Enrollment Worksheet must be  
submitted by the deadline:  
Friday, January 12th.

# WHERE DO I TURN IN MY WORKSHEET?

The completed worksheets should be turned in to the appropriate grade-level box outside the Counseling Office in the Commons Area.

You may turn in your worksheet to the boxes before 1st period and during lunch.

# COURSE REQUESTS IN STUDENTVUE

- ▶ February 1st through 9th students will be called by grade-level to the cafeteria to input course requests into StudentVue.
- ▶ Your worksheet will be returned to you at that time to assist with this process.
- ▶ School Counselors will be available to help.

## INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

School Counselors will meet with each student individually from February 12-March 11 to finalize course requests.

# Reminders for the Class of 2026

- ▶ You must take a Math **EVERY** year while in high school and you must pass **FOUR** math classes to graduate.
- ▶ You must have a complete pathway to graduate from high school (ie. World Language or a CTE program)
- ▶ You must take **two** years of the **same** world language if that is your complete pathway (ie. Spanish I & II or French I & II, or Latin I & II). This also applies if you desire to attend college.
- ▶ You must complete an Earth, Life and Physical Science course to graduate (Earth Systems/AP Environmental, Biology, Chemistry/Physics)
- ▶ You must complete two Health courses (one with PE & one with Financial Literacy in 11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ To graduate early you must have **two Math credits before** the beginning of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Also, you must apply for early graduation, be approved, and take English III in summer school before the beginning of the third year.
- ▶ To attend early college, you must complete Geometry **before** the beginning of 10<sup>th</sup> grade.



# Alternative Programs During High School That Affect Your Future Career and College Plans

Plan Ahead NOW!

## 11<sup>th</sup> grade options:

### Early Graduate, Dual Enrollment, Dual Credit, CSM Early College

- ▶ If you are interested in graduating early or starting college courses early, these are some of the requirements.
- ▶ Interested in **Fire and Rescue (MFRI)**. Click here for more information. To enroll for 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade, you must apply by the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade, be 16 years old and established with a firehouse.
- ▶ Interested in **graduating early** during third year of high school? You must have already taken Geometry or have two math credits by the beginning of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. And you must take English III in summer school before your third year in high school. Click here for more information. Application will be available during individual scheduling meetings.
- ▶ Interested in **CSM Early College** during junior or senior year? The application is open! The application closes on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Click here for more information.
- ▶ Interested in **Dual Credit** during junior or senior year? LPHS offers course in the building that will allow you the opportunity to receive credit towards high school graduation and college credit, if all requirements are met. The classes offered are: Advanced Algebra with Trig, Pre-Calculus and Composition and Rhetoric.
- ▶ Interested in **Dual Enrollment** during junior or senior year? Click here for more information.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> grade options:

### Early College, Dual Enrollment, Full Time College Waiver

- ▶ Interested in **CSM Early College** during junior or senior year to earn an associates degree or certificate? You would attend CSM **all** day.
- ▶ Interested in **Dual Enrollment** during senior year to earn college credits? You would attend school for **half** the day and then CSM for afternoon courses. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ▶ Interested in **Full Time College Waiver** at CSM to earn college credits during senior year? You would attend CSM **all** day. Click [here](#) for more information.

# Planning for Life After High School

- ▶ Start your research on your pathway beyond high school.
- ▶ If you are planning to attend a college or university, begin planning to take the SAT and/or the ACT during your junior year.
- ▶ If you are planning to attend a college or university, begin your research on what is required to meet your goal of attending your desired college or university.
- ▶ If you are planning to attend a trade school, begin your research on what is required to attend your desired trade schools.
- ▶ If you are planning to go to the workforce, begin your research on career opportunities post high school.
- ▶ You can make an appointment to meet with our College and Career Advisor, Mrs. Sisson. QR codes are posted throughout the building.

**Thank you for completing your course selection. If you have any questions, please contact your School Counselor.**

***I am looking forward to next year!***

