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# LCA GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

**CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND**

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# Ohio Department of Education

## LONG-TERM REQUIREMENTS PATHWAY

- Ohio law enacted new, long-term graduation requirements for the class of 2023 and beyond. These requirements are also available as an additional option to students in the classes of 2021 through 2022. Guidance is available for these long-term graduation requirements at [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov). The guidance document provides more information on the competency scores and detailed information about each of the state-defined seals.

# COURSE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- Liberty Christian Academy students are required to earn a minimum of 25 course credits, which exceed the state minimums.

# COURSE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS COMPARISON

LCA

Minimum Required Credits	25 Credits
English	4.0
Math	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Financial Literacy	.5
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Foreign Language	3.0
Bible	4.0
Fine Arts Elective	1.0

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Minimum Required Credits	20 Credits
English	4.0
Math	4.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.0
Health	.5
Physical Education	.5
Electives	5.0

# COMPETENCY-TESTING REQUIREMENT

- According to the new Ohio State Graduation Guidelines, students must demonstrate competency in Math and English by passing the state's Algebra I and English II tests.
- At Liberty Christian Academy, students are scheduled to take the IOWA Test in Algebra I and receive a minimum score of 255.
- Students at Liberty Christian Academy are also scheduled to take the IOWA Test in English II and receive a minimum score of 249.

# DIPLOMA SEALS REQUIREMENT

- Ohio Law requires students to earn two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined, to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions.
- At Liberty Christian Academy, students will earn their Diploma seals as part of their curriculum. Only two seals will be listed on a Student's Diploma and transcript, though students may earn additional seals. The following seals are available to be earned at LCA:

# HONORS DIPLOMA SEAL

## ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

A student must complete the required coursework for LCA and also receive one of the following:

- Earn a final GPA of 3.5 or higher, and/or
- Score a 27 or higher on the ACT (for the SAT a student must score a 1280 or higher).

\*\* Required coursework is 4 Math, 4 Science, 4 Social Studies, 3 Spanish, and 1 Fine Arts credit.



# TECHNOLOGY SEAL

To receive this seal, a student must earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a “B” or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus Program.

The Technology course will focus on applying technology tools and processes along with critical analysis of the impact of technology development and use.



# MILITARY ENLISTMENT SEAL

A student must provide evidence that they have enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

\*\*To show evidence of enlistment a student will provide the school with a signed copy of the Department of Defense Form Enlistment/Reenlistment (DD Form 4) enlistment contract.



# COLLEGE-READY SEAL

Students must earn the following scores on the ACT or SAT in each category to earn the college and career readiness seal:

ACT: English score of 18 (or higher);

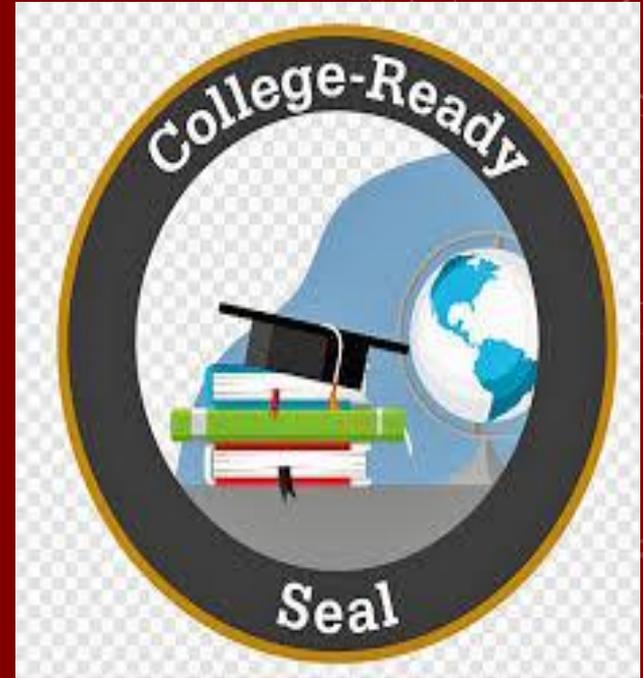
Reading score of 22 (or higher);

Mathematics score of 22 (or higher)

OR

SAT: Evidence based Reading and Writing score of 480 (or higher);

Mathematics score of 530 (or higher)



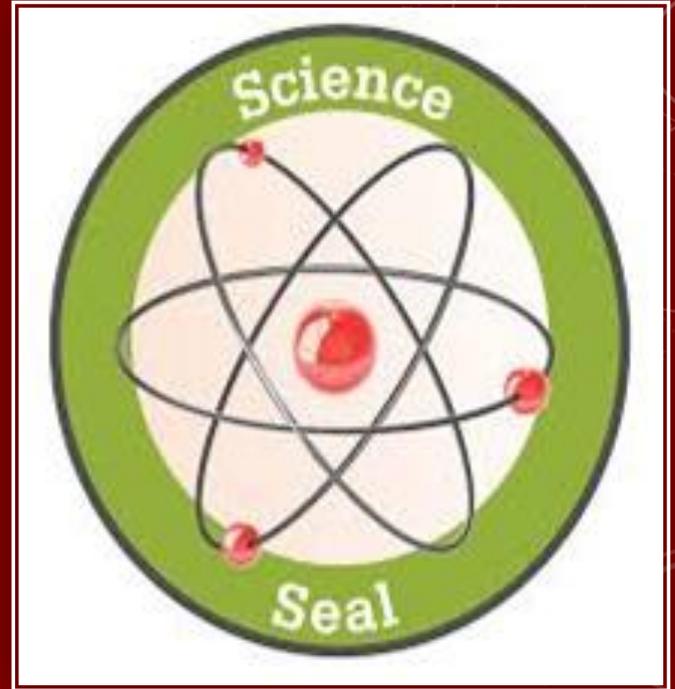
# CITIZENSHIP SEAL

To receive this seal, a student must score a Proficient score on the US History and US Government tests which will be given in school. Students will be given the IOWA test after completing these courses.



# SCIENCE SEAL

To receive this seal a student must receive a Proficient score (minimum of 263) on the IOWA Biology Test, which will be given in school.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE SEAL (LOCAL)

Students will complete 10 clock hours of a pre-approved community service for each year they are enrolled at LCA (9th-12th grade). Only 10 hours will be counted in each academic year.

The following are considered Approved Community Service:

Church Related Service – can include assisting in Nursery, Sunday School, Security, etc.

School Related Service- can include assisting faculty and staff, participating in fundraiser events, developing a pre-approved service project.

Community Related Service – can include assisting neighbors, serving in charity projects such as soup kitchens or Habitat for Humanity.

\*\*Forms for pre-approval and verification of community service are located on our webpage under HS Guidance.



# FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS SEAL (LOCAL)

Students will receive the Fine and Performing Arts Seal by participating in 2 school productions (9th - 12th grade).

Students who are selected to be in stage crew (9th-12th grade) must participate from stage crew interviews through the final performance to be eligible for this seal.

Students must provide a signed form from the production director. This form is located on our HS Guidance webpage.

\*\*Participation from auditions through final performance is required to be eligible.



# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SEAL (LOCAL)

Students will receive the Student Engagement Seal by completing one of the following requirements:

- Participate in 4 seasons of an organized school sport (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), or
- Participate in an organized community sport for 2 seasons such as club teams, swim team, martial arts, etc. (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade), or
- Participate in Student Government for 2 years (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>).

\*\* Each season or year must be signed off by the coach or advisor verifying student participation from start to completion. Forms are posted online under HS Guidance. These forms need to be submitted to the High School Guidance Office. Please keep a copy for your records in the event a form needs to be resubmitted.



# End of Course Required Testing

- Students are still required to take the following End of Course Tests:
  - Algebra I
  - English/Language Arts II
  - American History
  - American Government
  - Geometry
  - Biology

\*\* These tests will be given during the regularly scheduled school wide testing period in the spring of each year, 9th-11th grade.

# WHAT'S NEXT?

## Student Meetings

- Graduation Requirements and status review
- SCOIR account set up

## Questions