

Lanier High School 9th Grade CORE COURSES

Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts

What are core courses?

Core courses are math, social studies, language arts, and science courses that are **required for graduation**.

Which core courses will I take in the 9th grade?

<u>Core Subject</u>	<u>Description</u>
Language Arts	All 9 th grade students are required to take 9th Literature and Composition I . This course is offered at the honors/gifted or college preparatory level.
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BIOLOGY- Most 9th grade students will take Biology. This course is offered at the honors/gifted or college preparatory level. ● HONORS/GIFTED CHEMISTRY-Strong science students who plan to take AP Biology in the 10th grade may take Honors/Gifted Chemistry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8th grade students qualifying for H/G Chemistry must have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 8th grade science teacher recommendation. ▪ Score of 90 or better on the Physical Science EOC and math Georgia Milestones in middle school. ▪ Final grade of 90 or better in middle school science courses. ● CHEMISTRY (CP or HG Level)- Students participating in the CDAT 9 program will take Chemistry
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Algebra: Concepts and Connections ● Accelerated Geometry ● Geometry: Concepts and Connections
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Optional for 9th graders; Elective credit only; DOES affect HOPE grade point average. ● World Geography ● Law/Contemporary Issues ● Advanced Placement Human Geography-strongly recommended for students who wish to pursue a rigorous high school academic record. ● World History is a 10th grade course, and is not an option for 9th graders

How will I register for my core courses?

Your current language arts, math, and science teachers will review your academic progress during 8th grade and will recommend the appropriate level of 9th grade language arts and the appropriate math and science courses for next year on your registration form.

What if my parents or I disagree with my teacher's recommendation?

Parents and students will have an opportunity to request a different level of science, and/or language arts, and/or a different math course for 9th grade during registration by filling out the [PARENT OVERRIDE](#) section on the registration form.

What other courses are required for 9th grade students?

All 9th grade students are automatically registered for **Health** and **Personal Fitness**. While these courses are categorized as electives, they fulfill graduation requirements. Both are one-semester courses. Students may opt to take one or either during summer school through Gwinnett Online Campus*. Once a student registers for summer school Health and/or Personal Fitness, he/she will be moved into the first alternate elective listed on the **Lanier High School 9th Grade Registration Database**.

*Please see the Gwinnett Online Campus webpage (gcpsk12.org/GwinnettOnline) for summer school registration information.

*Gifted, Multilingual Learners, and Special Education information on the following page.

GIFTED SERVICES

Students who have been identified as *Gifted* are encouraged to register for the Honors or Advanced Placement level for each course in order to receive gifted credit. Qualifying students will be moved to *Gifted* sections prior to the start of school.

*Please contact Jessica Sisson (Jessica.Sisson@gcpsk12.org) for assistance with the Gifted program.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

For students receiving special education services, the case manager will oversee registration for appropriate special education courses.

*Please contact Robin Guttinger (Jennier.Mattox@gcpsk12.org) for assistance with the Special Education program.

MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

Students who qualify as Multilingual Learners will be registered for appropriate ESOL courses by LHS staff after ACCESS test scores are received in April or May.

*Please contact Kari McIntyre (Jenna.Kim@gcpsk12.org) for assistance with the English Language Learner program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Units Required</u>
Language Arts	4
Math	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3
Health/PE	1
Foreign Language*, Fine Arts, Tech. Ed Electives	3
<u>General Electives</u>	<u>4</u>
Total Units Required	23

**For admission to Georgia four-year universities, students are required to pass specific courses in each academic area, including two units of Modern/Classical Languages. Core academic courses, both required and elective, are included in calculation of the HOPE GPA for HOPE Scholarship Eligibility.*

CARNEGIE UNITS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

8th grade students enrolled in Algebra I, Physical Science (high school course), or Spanish I will automatically opt in to accept these credits to count toward graduation requirements at the end of 8th grade.

Please be aware of the following points:

Students may not earn 1/2 Carnegie credit for courses.

Courses that earn a high school Carnegie credit in middle school will not be used in the grade point average (GPA) calculation for high school, which determines class rank, valedictorian, honor graduate, etc.

Courses that earn a high school Carnegie credit in middle school will not be used in GPA calculations for the HOPE scholarship according to current Georgia Student Finance Commission rules for HOPE.

Both semester grades (not yearly average) will be used to determine credit earned. If the student successfully passes both semesters, a 'P' will be placed on the transcript and not a grade. A 'P' will equal 1.0 unit of credit earned.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

The Lanier High School Counseling Department provides students/parents with a comprehensive academic, career, and life skills support system to ensure all students have the appropriate resources to learn, lead, and succeed at their highest level.

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