

Lincoln High School
2026–2027 Course Selection Instructions – 9th Grade

Important Information

The LHS Course Catalog describes all of the course offerings and educational programs at Lincoln High School. It also outlines the graduation requirements, UC/CSU College Entrance Requirements and guidance on creating a 4 year plan. Students and parents/guardians should review this catalog together to make informed choices about educational programs that both interest and challenge students. Enrollment in academically rigorous programs is encouraged to help students reach their full potential. All students must complete the Course Selection Worksheet at the end of this packet.

What You Will Need

- 2026–27 LHS Course Catalog (online at lincolnstudentportal.lusd.net or www.lincolnhigh.org)
- Your 4-Year Plan & Graduation Requirements / 4-Year College Entrance Requirements
- Course Selection Worksheet (pg. 7)
- Student Aeries Account - All students must have a student Aeries account to make course selections.

Course Selection Instructions

1. Review the Graduation Requirements and 4-Year College Entrance Requirements. Complete or update your 4-Year Plan. These items can be found in the LHS Course Catalog and are included in this packet.
2. Make sure to refer to the LHS Catalog for information about available courses, prerequisites, and grade-level eligibility.
3. Discuss possible course options and alternates with your parent/guardian and teachers.
4. 9th grade students enroll in seven class periods.
5. Complete the Course Selection Worksheet (pg. 7) using your 4-Year Plan as a guide.
6. Select courses that fulfill graduation requirements/college entrance requirements, and personal goals and interests. LHS offers a robust Visual & Performing Arts program and several CTE pathways.
7. Course Selection

Subject Area	Course Options
English Language Arts	English 9
Math	Math I or higher
Physical Education	PE 9
Science	Physics NGSS
Social Science	Ethnic Studies (1 sem) + Health (1 sem) or World Geography (1 sem) + Health (1 sem) or AP Human Geography (year-long) *Important note: Students choosing AP Human Geography must take 1 semester of Health separately.
World Language	ASL, French, Italian or Spanish
Electives	CTE courses Visual & Performing Arts courses Leadership

8. **Select alternates for electives and any required courses with multiple options. This is important because some classes may fill. Students who do not list alternates may be placed in any available class.**
9. Advanced Placement (AP) courses: Students enrolling in an AP class must complete the AP Acknowledgement Form (pg. 5). The form must be signed by both the student and a parent and turned in to LHS counselors during individual meetings.

4 YEAR PLAN

Fill out this worksheet to map out your 4 year plan at LHS

9th GRADE 60-70 Credits	10th GRADE 60-70 Credits	11th GRADE 60-70 Credits	12th GRADE 50-70 credits
English	English	English	English
English 9 <i>(Required)</i>	English 10 <i>(Required)</i>	American Literature or Integrated Studies - American Lit <i>(Required)</i>	British/World Literature, Ethnic Literature or Integrated Studies - Brit/World Lit <i>(Required)</i>
Math	Math	Math	Math
Math I or higher <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	Math II or higher <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	Math III/Financial Algebra or higher <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	
Science	Science	(Science)	(Science)
Physics <i>(Required)</i>	Biology <i>(Required)</i>		
PE	PE	Elective	Elective
PE 9 <i>(Required)</i>	PE 10, Weight Training, Fitness & Wellness <i>(Required)</i>		
Social Science	Social Science	Social Science	Social Science
1 sem of Ethnic Studies or World Geography & 1 sem of Health <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	World History AP World History <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	US History, Integrated Studies - US History or AP US History <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	1 sem of Economics/ 1 sem of Amer Gov or AP US Government or Integrated Studies Gov/Econ <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>
World Language	World Language	World Language/VAPA/ CTE/Elective	World Language/VAPA/ CTE/Elective
ASL, Italian, Spanish, French, Sp/Sp <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>	ASL, Italian, Spanish, French, Sp/Sp <i>(Required - Choose One)</i>		
VAPA/CTE/Elective	7th Class (optional)	7th Class (optional)	7th Class (optional)

Class of 2028, 2029 & 2030
LHS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & 4-YEAR COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Subject Area	Graduation Requirements	UC/CSU Minimum for Freshmen Admission
English	4 years	4 years
Math	3 years	3 years Must include Math III or higher 4 years recommended
Social Science	3 years 1 year of World History AND 1 year of U.S. History AND 1 semester of American Government AND 1 semester of Economics	2 years Must Include: 1 year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of Civics or American Government; AND 1 year of World History
Health	1 semester of Health	-----
Science	2 years Must Include: 1 year of Physical Science AND 1 year of Biological Science	2 years Three years recommended
Physical Education	2 years**	-----
World Language	2 years Must be in the same language	2 years Must be in the same language Three years recommended
Visual & Performing Arts	1 year	1 year
CTE	Some CTE courses fulfill the Visual & Performing Arts requirement if UC approved “f”	-----

NOTES ON GRADUATION & COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must earn a grade of **D** or above in each semester of a course to receive credit towards graduation. A grade of **C** or above is required for A-G Eligibility.
- A grade of A in a regular class is a 4.0 GPA, a grade of A in an Honors or AP class is a 5.0 GPA.
- LHS recommends a **maximum** of two Honors or AP classes per year.
- In order to graduate from Lincoln High School, a student must have successfully completed a total of 230 credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

General Information

Advanced Placement Courses

AP Courses are rigorous college level courses. Students should expect to be challenged with the topics and discussion. In addition, there will be an increased workload as compared to other classes. Students will need to devote additional time to studying and preparation for an AP course. Students should discuss course selections with their families prior to meeting with their counselors during the spring registration meetings. AP courses are open enrollment and can be self-selected by students as long as the course prerequisites are met. Please check the LHS 2026-27 Course Catalog for more information. All students who enroll in AP courses are expected to complete the full year's course of study and take the course AP exam in May 2027.

Confidence

AP helps you develop better study habits, improve your writing skills and sharpen your problem-solving abilities. It will give you the confidence to tackle the academic challenges that you can expect in college.

An Edge in College

- **College Acceptance** - "AP" on your high school transcript shows colleges you're motivated to succeed, and taking the exam demonstrates your commitment to tackle and complete college-level work.
- **College Credit** - With qualifying AP Exam scores, you can earn credit, advanced placement or both at the majority of colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Entering college with AP credits gives you time to move into upper-level courses in your field of interest, pursue a double major, or study/travel abroad.
- **Save Money and Time** - Earning credit and placement can open up time on your schedule or even let you graduate early.
- **Keep Options Open** - Earning college credit with AP can give you the flexibility to change majors, pursue a second degree, study abroad, or seek internships.

College Scholarships

AP helps students qualify for scholarships. Over 30 percent of colleges and universities look at AP experience when determining scholarships

College Success

Research consistently shows that students who are successful in AP typically experience greater academic success in college.

Tips for doing well in an AP class

Have a positive mindset

Create and maintain a study schedule

Organize your materials for each of your classes

Take good notes in class daily and review your notes regularly

Get help from your teacher when needed during class and during office hours

Consider creating study groups

2026-27 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
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AP Course Informational Meetings: Students should attend the general AP informational session and AP course specific informational meetings. The meeting dates and times will be published in the Student Bulletin and the LHS website.

Summer Homework: Summer homework is at the discretion of the teacher. Attending informational sessions will provide you with additional information about specific summer homework.

AP Exam: Students enrolled in this class are required to take the AP Exam given in May 2027. The approximate cost of the exam is \$100. Fee waivers are available through the College Board to students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Students will be asked to make a donation to cover the cost of the exam during the fall of 2026, but a donation is not required.

Instructions for Students and Parents/Guardians

Students – Please attend the course information meetings that will be advertised in the Student Bulletin and on the LHS website. Carefully select the AP course(s) at registration and circle your selection(s) below. Sign this form and submit it to your counselor during registration.

Parents/Guardians – Please sign below after discussing AP course options with your students.

Circle the AP Course(s) you will be taking during the 2026-2027 school year:

2026-27 Course Offerings: LHS offers the following Advanced Placement Courses: Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language & Composition, English Literature, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Environmental Science, US History, US Government & Politics, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C, Statistics, Human Geography, World History, Spanish Language & Culture, Spanish Literature & Culture, Music Theory

We have read and understand the information provided above regarding the requirements for this course. We agree to abide by all expectations set forth.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

9th GRADE COURSE SELECTION WORKSHEET

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Student ID #: _____ Student Cell Phone #: _____

SCHEDULE: *School hours will be 8:30 am – 3:40 pm.*

9th grade students enroll in seven class periods.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY:

- Mark with an “X” if you want to play sports in college. If so, you must meet NCAA eligibility standards. Counselors will provide more information on requirements.

Course Selections - 9th Grade

	REQUIRED COURSES (Primary Choice)	ALTERNATE CHOICE
ENGLISH <i>(4 years required)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B00040 (P) English 9	None
SCIENCE <i>(2 years required)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D10040 (P) Physics NGSS	None
PHYSICAL EDUCATION <i>(2 years required)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P20040 PE 9	None
SOCIAL SCIENCE <i>(3 years required)</i> <i>*must select an alternate course</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> A50043 (P) Ethnic Studies & N80043 Health <input type="checkbox"/> A00043 (P) World Geography & N80043 Health <input type="checkbox"/> A00640 (P) Human Geography, AP	Course # _____ Crs Name: _____
MATH <i>(3 years required)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> C00140 (P) Math I <input type="checkbox"/> C00540 (P) Math I Integrated, Honors <input type="checkbox"/> C00250 (P) Math II <input type="checkbox"/> C00550 (P) Math II Integrated, Honors	None
WORLD LANGUAGE <i>(2 years required - same language)</i> <i>*must select an alternate course</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> E40100 (P) ASL <input type="checkbox"/> E20100 (P) French 1 <input type="checkbox"/> E30100 (P) Italian 1 <input type="checkbox"/> E00100 (P) Spanish 1 <input type="checkbox"/> E10100 (P) Spanish/Spanish Speakers 1	Course # _____ Crs Name: _____

TURN OVER TO COMPLETE COURSE SELECTIONS →

