

April 2026

THE NINTH GRADE NEWS

The Lee County School System fosters relationships through diverse, challenging, and quality educational experiences that cultivate successful citizens.

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LAWRENCE

As we begin thinking about closing out the school year, one event immediately comes to mind--standardized testing. This year, your student will need to take the Georgia Milestones Assessments in Algebra Concepts and Connections and Biology. No other 9th-grade course requires a Milestone assessment, thus finals will be administered at the end of May for all other classes. The Georgia Milestones Assessments are administered annually at the high school level to students enrolled in biology, algebra, US history (11th grade), and 10th-grade literature and composition. This year, the results of these assessments will help us monitor where our students are academically and how we need to help prepare them in the future. The test dates are:

Algebra Concepts & Connections - April 30

Biology - May 1

Each test is divided into two sections, and students will take both sections in one sitting. The only supplies your student will need for testing are:

Algebra: a pencil and a calculator

Biology: only a pencil is needed

All students will start testing at 8:00 a.m.

each testing day.

All students will be provided with the information they need for testing, including when and where they will test, what they will need for testing, and what they should not have with them or on them during testing (no cell phones, Apple watches, or other electronic devices). It is very important that your student attend school on these testing dates. Please ensure they get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast before they take these important assessments. Please note that the Georgia Milestone End-of-Course Assessments are not optional. These tests count as 20% of your student's final grade for each course. While opting out of testing has been an option in the past, that is no longer allowed by the state. If a child does not complete the EOC assessment, a grade of "0" will go into IC to calculate the student's final grade in the course. That final grade will be reported on the student's transcripts for GPA calculation. Thank you for helping us prepare your students for these important tests.

We would like to make you aware of some information regarding the **Georgia Milestones End of Course Assessments (EOC)** and the role they play in your student's academic success. The EOC assessments are comprehensive tests that measure how well students have mastered the state standards in core subjects. The assessment results help identify areas of strength and where additional support might be needed for students. EOC results also provide families with valuable insight into their student's academic performance.

The engagement and support of our parents/guardians plays a critical role in our students' preparation and confidence. Some helpful resources are linked below for you to use with your student to support learning at home.

- [Georgia Milestones Parent Resource](#)
- [Online Study Resource Guides](#)
- [Practice Tests](#)

Our foremost responsibility is to prepare our students for success in college and future careers, which requires maintaining high expectations and clear standards. **It is important for you to be aware of how EOC assessments factor into the privilege of earning an early release period during a student's senior year at Lee County High School. Students must achieve proficiency (a score of 3 or 4) on all EOC assessments that are taken during or after the spring semester of this school year.** Our students are actively developing the academic and personal skills necessary to meet the expected level of proficiency through their daily classroom experiences. We encourage students to set goals, challenge themselves, and work toward earning this privilege their senior year. **Please also note that students who score a Level 1 (beginning level learner) will participate in summer learning and take the EOC re-test on the day stated in the chart above.** Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting high expectations and academic excellence for our high school students. If you have any questions regarding state testing, feel free to reach out to your student's school counselor.

Upcoming Activities

- 3/30-4/2 - Basketball Cheer Tryouts
- 3/30-4/2 Auxiliary Tryouts
- 4/6-10 - Spring Break
- 4/13-15th - Competition Cheer Tryouts
- 4/15 FREE Physical Day @ LCHS Ninth Grade for Freshmen
- 4/15 - Wear purple for the military child
- 4/21 - Progress Reports
- 4/25 - Saturday School
- 4/30 - EOC Algebra
- 5/1 - EOC Biology
- 5/4-5/8 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/5 - AP Human Geography Exam at 8:00
- 5/14 - Honors Night @ LCHS 5:30 p.m. (you will receive an invitation if your student is to receive a reward)
- 5/18-5/21 - Final Exams
- 5/27-6/11 - Summer school at LCHS Ninth Grade Campus

FREE PHYSICAL DATES FOR 2026

GHSA forms can be picked up in the front office or found on the school's website.

- April 1- Wednesday- Lee County Middle School West | 10am- until
- April 2 - Thursday-Lee County Middle School East | 10am- until
- April 15 -Wednesday- Lee County Ninth Grade | 12- until
- April 22- Wednesday- Lee County High School | ALL Day
- April 23- Thursday- Lee County High School | ALL Day

Students must complete a sports physical with pages 1 and 2 completed and signed by a parent to be evaluated.

This physical form will cover your student athlete for all sports for the entire 2026-2027 school year. there is no cost. The student must have a GHSA Sports Physical form to participate in all sports.

If you have any questions: Call Lee County High School's Athletics Department office at 903-2250.



LEE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

LCHS BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

MUST HAVE:

- Current physical on file
- Proof of insurance
- Current grades report

MARCH 30 - APRIL 2 | 3:45-6:00 | LCHS GYM

CONTACT COACH RUSSELL

TRYOUT DAY: APRIL 2

ATTIRE: white top/black bottom

Participation on the cheer squad in a previous season does not guarantee placement on the cheerleading team for the upcoming season.

LEE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TROJAN BAND

AUXILIARY TRYOUTS

COLOR GUARD AND DANIELINE

MARCH 30 - APRIL 2

LCHS BANDROOM 3:30-5:30

****COLOR GUARD TECHNIQUE SESSIONS MARCH 24th & 26th LCHS BANDROOM 3:30 - 5:00**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

LINDSEY KINNEY - KINNEYLI@LEE.K12.GA.US - DANCE
EMILY LIMOGES- LIMOGESSEM@LEE.K12.GA.US- GUARD

LEE CO. CHEER High School TRYOUTS

NEW TRYOUT DATES

April 13th - 15th

LCHS Multipurpose Room 3:30-5:00

Open to current 8th-11th graders

Scan the QR code to sign up.

Sign up by Mon. 3/30

These teams do both competitions and football games. You must have a current physical on file to try out.

For more information: barrellre@lee.k12.ga.us

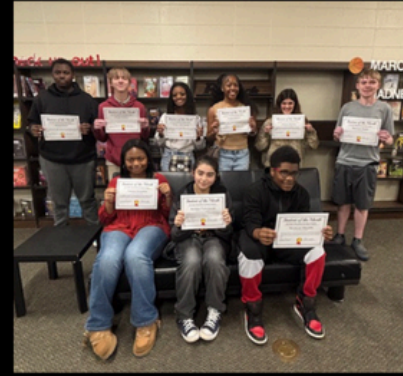
LCHS Ninth Grade Campus PBIS Teacher of the Month for March



Congratulations to Mr. Chapel Douglas for being selected by our students as the LCHS Ninth Grade Campus PBIS Teacher of the Month for March. Mr. Douglas teaches marketing and examining teaching on our campus. Congratulations, Mr. Douglas!

Congratulations

LCHS9 PBIS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2026



Seated: Titania Edwards, Antonia Fuentealba, Nicholas Walker
Standing: Ethan Price, Kyler Murphy, Israel McClendon, Alyssa Brown, Annaka Partain, Brayden Riner

These students were chosen by their teachers for always showing Trojan PRIDE. PRIDE stands for Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence.

School Fees and Fines

Any and all LCHS Ninth Grade Campus fees and fines must be paid by the end of the school year. These fines include athletic fees, media fines, phone charges, extracurricular/athletic fees, holds, etc. If a student begins the 2026-2027 school year with outstanding fees or fines, they will not be in good standing at LCHS and will not be able to buy a parking pass or homecoming tickets.



Library books and Textbooks

School-issued textbooks (biology, algebra, geometry, literature, and AP Human Geography) and library books will need to be turned in at the end of the school year. Teachers in each subject area will inform students of the date for textbook returns. If a student fails to return a textbook or library book, a hold for the replacement cost of the book will be placed on the student's account. Until the book is returned or the fee is paid, the student will not be in good standing and will not be able to buy a parking pass or homecoming tickets at LCHS for the 2026-2027 school year.

Textbook prices are:

9th grade Literature - \$22.00

Biology - \$134.00

Algebra - \$62.00

Geometry - \$62.00

Classroom Connect



Civics - For the month of April, students will study the United States legal system, the origins of political parties, and political propaganda techniques.

AP Human Geography - Students will begin reviewing all seven units in preparation for their AP Exam on May 5th.

World Geography - World Geography will continue to explore the political, economic, and geographic issues in the United States.



This month's units will focus on history and economics. Students will learn about leaders for peace and equality, as well as conduct spending and budgeting exercises. Current issues for the month are about Women's History Month, the EPCOT International Flower & Garden Festival, and National Library Week. Our CBI visits will include a visit to Colony Bank, Hog-n-Bones, the Dougherty County Public Library, Turtle Park, the Lee County Transition Fair, Mark's Melon Patch, Philema Animal Clinic, WALB, and Lee County Auto Service. April is also Autism Awareness Month, so students will complete activities to raise awareness about autism and ways to advocate for it.



This month in the health classes, the focus will be on the prevention of alcohol, drug, and nicotine use in teens. Students will learn about the potential short and long-term health risks associated with these items. They will also develop and demonstrate effective refusal skills to use when someone is pressuring them to participate in this behavior. Activities will include buzz groups, case studies, problem solving, interactive WebQuests, scenarios, role playing, and open discussions about real life.



This semester in Introduction to Healthcare Science, students have learned how to break the chain of infection with methods of infection control and practiced donning (putting on) and doffing (taking off) personal protective equipment (PPE). Most recently, students have learned the American Heart Association's basic life support skills. Students who passed their certification test and skills assessment were CPR certified through the American Heart Association. HOSA members have also been busy this semester working on projects and then competing in the HOSA State Leadership Conference. Fifteen Ninth Grade Campus students attended the leadership conference this year. The LCHS Ninth Grade Campus HOSA Club will be partnering with the Phoebe Foundation to sell Children's Miracle Network balloons for \$1 to raise money for their NICU and pediatric units.

Classroom Connect



Algebra Concepts and Connections:

The Algebra Milestones EOC is quickly approaching. This is a cumulative exam which will be given on April 30. Students will have access to DESMOS within the testing program; however, they may also use a handheld calculator. Students will need to provide their own if they wish to use one. The calculator that we recommend and use in class is the TI-36X Pro. This is the most advanced calculator they may use and is sold on AMAZON. They are generally hot items this time of year, so purchase early.

Algebra Concepts and Connections Support Classes:

As we continue supporting the Algebra classroom work, please encourage students to complete their IXL assignments.

Geometry: Honors Geometry students are in the middle of Unit 6 “Making Sense of Circles”. This unit is an extensive study of the relationship between arcs, angles, and intersecting segments in circles. They have learned lots of new vocabulary and have even learned a new unit of measure called a radian! Upon finishing the circle unit, they will move to their final geometric unit which involves a study of surface area and volume of 3 dimensional objects. Students will study prisms, pyramids, spheres, and cones.



In biology, students are currently finishing up with ecology and the classification of organisms. Over the next several weeks, students will be reviewing and preparing for the Georgia Milestones End-of-Course test which will take place on May 1st. Students will have access to study guides, review questions, and review games they will play in class through Google Classroom. Progress Learning is always a great tool to use at home for practice test questions. Biology teachers are also planning some hands-on labs and vocabulary reinforcement after the EOC to finish out the school year with some engaging activities.



It's no April Fool's joke when we say we have lots going on in literature classes right up until the very end of this school year! In these final weeks of the year, we are finally reading a famous work of Greek mythology, *The Odyssey*. Through *The Odyssey*, we will build on and apply prior knowledge of a prologue, which we learned through *Romeo and Juliet*, along with vocabulary knowledge, context clues, character analysis, selection of relevant textual evidence, understanding conflict, and much more. *The Odyssey* also helps readers understand many allusions in other works of literature and well-known sayings attributed to this quest. Honors literature students will be connecting *The Odyssey* to Ayn Rand's novella, *Anthem*, a perfect brief pairing to accompany *The Odyssey*, since it contains allusions to mythology. Finally, honors students should be on the lookout for increased formal writing assignments and are encouraged to adopt the mantra “Make NEW mistakes!” While none of us are perfect writers, we will strive during these final nine weeks to avoid the same mistakes we made on previous assignments and accelerate our writing, pushing ourselves to develop our style and voice!