AN EASY GUIDE FOR
COURSE REQUEST SELECTIONS AND
GRADUATION DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS
Steps in Scheduling: 1. Goals

What is your goal?

- **Advanced Diploma**: courses to prepare a student for higher learning at a 2 or 4 year college.

- **Standard Diploma**: courses to prepare a student to be job-ready and enter the work force upon graduation.

- **Applied Diploma**: an option for students with disabilities; courses and skills to prepare a student to enter the work force upon completion of IEP goals.
Determining what you have accomplished:

- Tools that will help:
  - Diploma Requirements List & Worksheet
- Course Catalog
- Individual Student Transcript
Deciding on courses for next year

- Tools:
  - Course Catalog
  - Course Selection Sheet
  - PowerSchool student log-on
### Diploma Requirements:

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Programs to Enrich the High School Experience:

- **Early College Academy**: a new program for Juniors and Seniors who wish to graduate with an Advanced Diploma AND an Associates Degree from RCC. Upon graduation, student can transfer into college as Juniors.

- **Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School**: a dual enrollment curriculum of courses in math and science with an emphasis on marine and environmental science. Students who are selected begin their Sophomore year.

- **Dual Enrollment Courses available to LHS students**: College level English, History, Biology & Advanced Math
Programs to Enrich the High School Experience:

- **Northern Neck Technical Center Governor’s STEM Academies:**
  - Agriculture
  - Maritime Studies
  - Engineering

**Northern Neck Technical Center Career Courses:**
- Automotive Technology
- Auto Body Repair
- Computer Systems Tech
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Cosmetology
- Nurses Aide
- Building Trades: Electricity, Carpentry, Welding.
Career & Tech Programs at LHS:

- Air Force Junior ROTC
- Computer Information Systems
- Early Childhood, Education, and Services
- Entrepreneurship Education
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Web Design and technologies
Elective Program Sequences at LHS

**Fine Arts:**
- Art I, II, & II and Graphic Arts & Photography
- Red Devil Band: Concert & Symphonic bands

**World Languages:**
- Spanish I, II, III, Honors IV/V
- French I, II, III, Honors IV
- Virtual Virginia on-line: Arabic, Chinese, & Latin
Getting Started:
How many courses do I take?

Students MUST take eight (8) credits per year.

There is one exception to this rule:

- **Seniors** who have written permission from a parent/guardian, and have met graduation requirements, may take six credits and be released after third block each semester.
Course selection guidelines:

- Students may take only one core English and Social Studies course per year.
- Students may take more than one Math, Science, or Elective Course keeping within the course sequence.
- Students may be assigned by the administration to a Academic Literacy or SOL recovery class.
Keep in Mind:

- All course offerings are pending enrollment and availability of staff.

- Due to the complexity of the master schedule, changes to requests after the selection process may not be honored.
Special Requirements: All Students

- All Students are required to successfully complete Economics and Personal Finance (EPF)

- All Students are required to have an on-line course experience. This is usually accomplished through a module in EPF.
Things to Know: Standard Diploma

- Standard Diploma students must have a 2/two course sequence in CTE, the Fine Arts or a Foreign Language.

In addition, Standard Diploma students must successfully complete a credentialing exam at the end of a CTE course. The W!SE and Work Place Readiness exams are both given at LHS.
Things to Know: CTE verified credits

- A Career and Tech (CTE) verified credit may be used as the “Student Selected” option. This verified credit is earned by successfully completing one CTE course AND the associated credential exam, usually the Work Place Readiness test. (Since EPF fulfills another requirement, neither EPF nor W!SE can be used for this)
A **Second** CTE verified credit may be earned by:

1. successfully completing a CTE program sequence (this is a 2 year course at NNTC or 3+ course sequence at LHS)

   **AND**

2. successfully completing a related industry credentialing or program certificate exam. This is in addition to the WPR exam.

This second CTE verified credit may replace **ONLY** the history or science verified credit requirement.
Things to Know: Advanced Diploma

- Advanced Diploma students must take a Foreign Language sequence. The choice is either three (3) years of one language sequence or two (2) years each of two language sequences.

Advanced Diploma students must have one elective credit that is from either the CTE or Fine Arts departments.
Promotion Policy:

- TO BE CONSIDERED IN –

- 10th Grade/ Sophomore class: Complete AND Pass 5 standard subject-area credits including English 9.

- 11th Grade/ Junior: Complete AND Pass 10 standard subject-area credits including English 9 & 10.

- 12th Grade/ Senior: Complete AND Pass 15 standard subject-area credits including English 9, 10, and 11.
Web sites with more information:

Virginia Public School Graduation requirements:
http://www.pen.k12.va.us/instruction/graduation/index.shtml

Virtual Virginia Courses:
https://www.virtualvirginia.org/courses/catalog

Power School Student Portal for course selection:
https://lancasterps.powerschool.com/parents
HELP?

- Contact a LHS school counselor:
  - Ms Shafer:  kshafer@lcs.k12.va.us
  - Mrs. Smith:  bsmith@lcs.k12.va.us

- The course selection on-line screens will be locked by April 21.

Make wise choices!!
1. Review selections carefully.

2. Know what you need to graduate (review diploma options and use a 4 year plan or grad requirements worksheet.)

3. Choose electives of interest TO YOU - not your friends
Learning Today—Leading Tomorrow