

Freshman Guidance Checklists

This packet is designed to provide you with information that will help you as you come closer to the end of your high school career. While you won't graduate until next year, are things you should be doing now to prepare for life after high school.

Fall Checklist

_____ **Do your best in all of your classes.**

- Not only do you need the credits, but your good grades can earn you college scholarships.
- Grades count more than ever this year.

_____ **Get involved at school.**

- Try out for sports teams.
- Join the yearbook or the Drama class.
- Run for student leadership.
- Other _____.

_____ **Read!**

This is the quickest way to increase your vocabulary and improve your SAT score. If you come across you a word that you don't know the meaning of, look it up.

Winter Checklist

_____ **Make sure that you are allowing yourself enough time to study. Creating a schedule is a great way to accomplish that.**

_____ **Try out for seasonal activities (sports, plays, etc.).**

_____ **If you have your heart set on a difficult career path or college, meet with your counselor now to figure out what steps will need to taken to accomplish that goal.**

_____ **Keep a High School Resume (The Brag Sheet)**

- o Keep track of your activities such as sports and other clubs, your community service hours, and your awards. Remember to keep it updated. This will help you when you fill out college applications and allow the colleges you want to attend to see your accomplishments and credentials.

Spring Checklist

- _____ Try out for seasonal activities (sports, plays, etc.).
- _____ Tag along with your parents when they take your siblings to look at colleges.
- _____ Create a schedule for yourself to allow enough time to study for exams.

Summer Checklist

- _____ Complete your 10th grade worksheet as soon as you receive your final grades.
- _____ Read.
- _____ Ask your parents to take you on a trip to visit some colleges.
- _____ Start searching for Merit Scholarships if you intend to apply for them.
- _____ Do something worthwhile.
 - Get a job and start saving money and not spending it.
 - Get an internship in a field that you want to explore.
 - Volunteer for a cause you believe in.
 - Go to an athletic, arts, or academic camp.

Visit the guidance section of the school website for more information on college preparation.
<http://lakesidechristianschool.org/guidance.html>

If you have any questions about academic requirements, scholarships, or testing, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at jjenkins@lakesidechristianschool.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

(grades 9-12)

- 9th grade: Successful completion of 5-7 credits
- 10th grade: Successful completion of 12-14 credits
- 11th grade: Successful completion of 19-21 credits
- 12th grade: Successful completion of a minimum of 26 credits

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Lakeside Christian School requires a minimum of 24 credits for graduation from high school for transfer students, which includes one credit in Bible for each year a student attends this school in grades 9 through 12.

Students who begin at Lakeside Christian School in 9th grade must have a minimum of 28 credits for graduation.

Although students and parents will be counseled, the student is to assume responsibility for knowing and meeting the requirements for graduation.

The credits needed for each graduation program are listed below.

Class	Credits Required
Bible	1 credit for each year at LCS
English	4
Science	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	4
Foreign Language (2 years of the same language)	2
Fine Arts	1
Physical Education (Health)	1
Computer	1
General Elective	0-4
TOTAL	24-28

ACHIEVEMENT TEST

The **EXPLORE** test is administered in the fall of the freshmen year. EXPLORE prepares students not only for their high school coursework, but for their post–high school choices as well. It marks an important beginning for a student’s future academic and career success.

As a high school intake measure, EXPLORE® gives educators the means to structure high school planning and career exploration for students and parents. It serves as a baseline to monitor academic progress.

Through EXPLORE, students’ strengths and weaknesses can be identified early in their educational development, when they have the greatest opportunity to establish a four-year program of studies that will help them achieve their career and educational goals.

While useful as an independent program, EXPLORE also serves as the entry point into ACT’s EPAS® Educational Planning and Assessment System. This integrated series of ACT assessment programs is designed to enhance students’ preparation for careers, vocational training, or higher education. (<http://act.org/explore/benefits.html>)

For more information about the EXPLORE test, visit their website at <http://act.org/explore/index.html>.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Students in 9th grade must meet the following criteria to be inducted into or to remain members of the Lakeside chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

- 3.0 GPA
- 20 Hours of Community Service
- Recommendations from teachers

CREATING YOUR RESUME - BRAG SHEET

- o Keep track of your activities such as sports and other clubs, your community service hours, and your awards. Remember to keep it updated. This will help you when you fill out college applications and allow the colleges you want to attend to see your accomplishments and credentials

Resume Components

Your Name
Your Phone Number
Your E-mail Address

Academic Awards & Honors
Extracurricular activities
Special Interests
Community Service
Summer Experiences
Jobs

Creating Your Resume

- Use your 4-year worksheets to put together resume.
- Final will need to be typed.
- Keep it to one page.
- Use a commonly used font and size such as Times New Roman size 12 that is easy to read.
- Keep it simple.
- Use bullet points to start each section and start with a verb.
- Be specific about accomplishments and activities
- Do internet searches for example college resumes to get ideas.
- Have a parent, teacher or guidance counselor proof-read your work to check for errors and misspelled words.

Helpful Resources

Resume Help
www.resume-help.org

101 Best Resumes
McGraw Hill \$12.95

FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/>

Florida Academic Scholars

- 100% tuition at one of the state universities in Florida and an additional \$375 for expenses.
- Requirements
 - 3.5 weighted GPA
 - Composite score of 1270 on SAT (based on Reading and Math sections only) OR 28 on ACT (excluding the writing section)
 - 75 hours of community service
 - Courses must include 15 credits of college preparatory academic courses.
 - § 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
 - § 4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
 - § 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
 - § 3 Social Science
 - § 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

Florida Medallion Scholars

- 100% of tuition and allowable fees* for college credit courses leading to an associate degree.
- 75% tuition at one of the state universities in Florida.
- Requirements
 - 3.0 weighted GPA and
 - Composite score of 970 on SAT (based on Reading and Math sections only) OR 20 on ACT (excluding the writing section)
 - Courses must include 15 credits of college preparatory academic courses.
 - § 4 English (3 with substantial writing)
 - § 4 Mathematics (Algebra I and above)
 - § 3 Natural Science (2 with substantial lab)
 - § 3 Social Science
 - § 2 Foreign Language (in the same language)

9th Grade Worksheet

Record your academic and extracurricular accomplishments on this worksheet.

9th Grade GPA _____

Subject	Class title	Credits Earned	Grade
Bible	_____	_____	_____
English	_____	_____	_____
Science	_____	_____	_____
Social Studies	_____	_____	_____
Math	_____	_____	_____
Foreign Lang.	_____	_____	_____
Fine Arts	_____	_____	_____
Physical Edu.	_____	_____	_____
Computer	_____	_____	_____
Gen. Elective	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____

Total Credits Earned _____
(Successful completion of 5-7 credits in order to graduate.)

awards

community service

jobs

leadership positions

summer activities

extracurricular activities

art _____

Clubs _____

Music _____

Sports _____

Theater _____

Other _____

interests & notes
