

Sophomore Guidance Information

This packet is designed to provide you with information that will enable you to get a good start in your high school career. While graduation may seem a long way off, there are things you should be doing now to prepare for life after high school.

- Do your best in all of your classes.
 - Not only do you need the credits, but your good grades can earn you college scholarships.
- Perform community service
 - It's not just for National Honor Society Students. Community service hours look great on a college application.
- Do your best on standardized tests.
 - Your scores on these tests will show you your strengths and weakness early on.
- Keep a High School Resume
 - 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.

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

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HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS (grades 9-12)

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

PLAN

The PLAN® test is administered in the fall of the sophomore year. The PLAN® program helps 10th graders build a solid foundation for future academic and career success and provides information needed to address school districts' high-priority issues. It is a comprehensive guidance resource that helps students measure their current academic development, explore career/training options, and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years.

PLAN can help all students—those who are college-bound as well as those who are likely to enter the workforce directly after high school.

As a "pre-ACT" test, PLAN is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT. At the same time, many schools recognize the importance of PLAN testing for all students, as it focuses attention on both career preparation and improving academic achievement.

(<http://act.org/plan.html>)

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

PSAT/NMSQT

PSAT/NMSQT stands for Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. It's a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT Reasoning Test™. It also gives you a chance to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) scholarship programs.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study, to see how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college, and to help prepare for the SAT with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT. (<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students in 10th grade must meet the following criteria to be inducted into the Lakeside chapter of the National Honor Society.

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

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)