

Senior 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.

_____ **Meet with the Guidance Counselor.**

Go over list of colleges to make sure that you are academically on track.

Get suggestions from the Guidance Counselor on what schools would be a good fit for you.

Make sure that you have all the credits that you need to graduate this year.

_____ **Start applying to the colleges on your list.**

_____ **Ask teachers to write recommendations (if needed).**

_____ **Focus on doing well in your extracurricular activities.**

_____ **Perform community service**

- o It's not just for National Honor Society Students. Community service hours look great on a college application.
- In order to fulfill your Bright Futures requirements you will need to complete a minimum of 75 hours.

_____ **Retake the ACT or the SAT if you wish to score higher and take it immediately if you haven't already taken these tests.**

_____ **Take a SAT/ACT test prep course online or in the classroom.**

Winter Checklist

_____ **Make sure that you are allowing yourself enough time to study.**

_____ **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.

_____ **Make sure that you have submitted all required applications to each of the schools on your list.**

_____ **Take an SAT or ACT test for practice.**

Spring Checklist

- _____ **Keep studying! Make sure that you aren't falling into what we all know as "senioritis". Senioritis makes everything harder.**

- _____ **As soon as you hear from colleges, visit colleges you haven't seen to help you make your decision.**

- _____ **Make your final decision about where you want to attend college and return the appropriate response by May 1 (for regular admission).**

Summer Checklist

- _____ **Go to orientation weekend.**

- _____ **Take a vacation.**

- _____ **Get a job to save money for tuition and/pr spending money for next year.**

- _____ **Do something that you enjoy.**

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

STANDARDIZED TESTS

ACT

The ACT® test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.

The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay. (<http://act.org/aap/>)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	August 7-20, 2010
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	September 18-October 1, 2010
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	November 6-19, 2010
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	January 8-21, 2011
April 19, 2011	March 4, 2011	March 5-18, 2011
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	May 7-20, 2011

SAT

The SAT Reasoning Test is the nation's most widely used admissions test among colleges and universities. It tests students' knowledge of subjects that are necessary for college success: reading, writing, and mathematics. The SAT assesses the critical thinking skills students need for academic success in college—skills that students learned in high school.

The SAT tells students how well they use the skills and knowledge they have attained in and outside of the classroom—including how they think, solve problems, and communicate. The SAT is an important resource for colleges. It's also one of the best predictors of how well students will do in college.

Each section of the SAT is scored on a scale of 200-800, with two writing subscores for multiple-choice questions and the essay. (<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about/SATI.html>)

2010-10 Test Dates	Test	Regular Registration Deadline (postmark/submit by)
October 9, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	September 10, 2010
November 6, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	October 8, 2010
December 4, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2010
January 22, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	December 23, 2010
March 12, 2011	SAT only	February 11, 2011
May 7, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8, 2011
June 4, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2011

Lakeside's School Code is **100266**. You may need to input this code when you register for achievement tests.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students in 11th grade must meet the following criteria to be inducted into or maintain membership in the Lakeside chapter of the National Honor Society.

- 3.0 GPA
- 20 hours of Community Service
- Recommendation of 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)

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAFSA is the fundamental qualifying form used for all federal and government-guaranteed commercial lenders' programs—as well as for many state, regional and private student aid programs. By filling out the online or paper FAFSA, applicants start the process of qualifying for aid. Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> to fill out your application.

12th Grade Worksheet

Record your academic and extracurricular accomplishments on this worksheet.

12th 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 24-28 credits in order to graduate.)

awards

community service

leadership positions

jobs

summer activities

extracurricular activities

art _____

Clubs _____

Music _____

Sports _____

Theater _____

Other _____

interests & notes
