



Lee-Scott Academy

9th Grade Parent Meeting

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Welcome!

Goals for today:

Understand the transition to high school
Provide a timeline for planning for college

Agenda

- 9th Grade Exams
- Graduation Requirements
- Grade Point Average and Academic Average
- Advanced Placement and Honors Courses
- Testing
- College Timetable

9th Grade Exams

The importance of semester exams:

- Gain experience in taking a cumulative exam
- Boost classroom averages
- Ultimately build a strong GPA

Exam requirements: (English, science, math, history, Spanish I)

- Must take at least 2 per semester
- Must include math and Spanish I
- Exam choices cannot be the same from semester I to semester II

Remaining exam exemptions are possible if student meets all of the following:

- A semester average of 85 or above in the class
- Less than 3 conduct checks for the semester
- Less than 3 unexcused absences in that class

High School Graduation Requirements

COURSE	UNITS REQUIRED
ENGLISH	4
MATH	4
SCIENCE	4
SOCIAL STUDIES	4
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	2
FINE ART	0.5
HEALTH	0.5
PE	1
ELECTIVES	7

Community Service Hours

- Begins summer before 9th grade year
- 75 hours total
- At least 45 completed “off LSA campus”
- Hours earned outside the state of Alabama count as half
- Non-profit organizations

Academic Calculations

- Academic Average
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Advanced Placement Courses (AP)
- Honors Course

Standardized Testing

- * ACT Aspire - 9th
- * PreACT - 10th (November)
- * PSAT - 10th & 11th (October)
- * ACT/SAT - 10th, 11th, 12th
 - * Start Spring of 10th grade
- * AP Exams - 10th, 11th, 12th (May)

What can your college counselor do for you?

- Help with high school schedule and academic choices (Does it fit your post-high school plans?)
- Help ensure you are on track to graduate and meeting all requirements
- Communicate and organize opportunities to meet with college admissions officers
- Help with college application process
- Communicate and research scholarship opportunities and help complete scholarship applications
- Guide you in college major/career choice
- Help you build a powerful resume
- Communicate and research test prep opportunities (ACT/SAT)

Work alongside to help students and families navigate all things high school and post-high school

9th Grade Checklist

- Successful academic record (build a strong GPA)
- Community service hours
- Resume
- Attend, Join and Lead
- College fairs & workshops
- Interest inventories (think about major/career)
- Attend College Preview Days & Major Days
- Prepare for standardized testing
- Build great habits now!

Questions?



Thank you for coming!

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