

# La Center High School

## October 23, 2014



**Curriculum** - Below is from OPSI showing the state assessments required by the graduation year.

### OSPI's State Assessments Required by Graduation Year

The state legislature determines graduation requirements. The following table shows tests required for graduation as of the 2014 state legislative session. Requirements may change during the next legislative session.

For more information about graduation requirements, please email [gradreq@k12.wa.us](mailto:gradreq@k12.wa.us).

Tests Required for Graduation		
Class of	Subject	Test
2014	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li><li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li></ul>
2015	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li><li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li><li>Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam**</li><li>Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**</li></ul>
	Science	Biology EOC++
2016	ELA	<b>Choose 1:</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading AND Writing HSPE</li> <li>• Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+</li> </ul>
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li> <li>• Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li> <li>• Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>• Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>• Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score)+</li> </ul>
	Science	Biology EOC++
2017 & 2018	ELA	Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC</li> <li>• Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC</li> <li>• Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>• Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**</li> <li>• Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score)*</li> </ul>
	Science	Biology EOC++
2019	ELA	Smarter Balanced ELA test (college- & career-ready cut score)+
	Math	Smarter Balanced math test (college- & career-ready cut score)+
	Science	Biology EOC++

\* Reading and Writing HSPEs will be available to 11th and 12th graders who have not met their graduation requirements in spring and summer 2015, and to 12th graders in spring and summer 2016.

\*\* EOC exams are based on previous Washington State Learning Standards in math. EOC exit exams are based on updated Washington State Learning Standards (Common Core), beginning in school year 2014-15.

+ The Washington State Board of Education will set the exit exam cut score for the classes of 2016-2018. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will set a higher college- & career-ready cut score that will be used for accountability in 11th grade, and as a graduation requirement, starting with the Class of 2019. If a 10th grader meets the college- & career-ready cut score, he or she will not have to take the Smarter Balanced ELA test in 11th grade.

++ Until Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass the biology EOC. After NGSS are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass a comprehensive NGSS Test. The timeline for NGSS is being developed.

In order to meet all the requirements for each graduating class the state has a multitude of test dates set for students. It is very concerning that our students will have so many days that disrupt their learning time, but as you will see we are required to provide these opportunities for our students to meet the graduation requirements. Below are the state assessment testing dates. Please note that there are many times we will require late starts to accommodate the time needed for the testing.+

## La Center High School State Assessment Testing 2014-2015

State Assessment Name	Date	Grades	Testing Schedule	Notes
EOC Math Makeup (Algebra I and Geometry)	Feb. 3	10-12	YES 2 hr. late	For any student who has taken algebra or geometry and biology but who has not passed these previous. Must pass algebra or geometry and biology.
EOC Biology Makeup	Feb. 5	11-12	No	
HSPE Reading	March 17	11-12	No	Only for those 11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> graders who have not previously passed HSPE Reading or Writing
HSPE Writing	March 18	11-12	No	
HSPE Writing	March 19	11-12	No	
ELA Exit Exam	May 12	10	Yes 3 hr. late	This is the new reading and writing exam, 10 <sup>th</sup> graders required to pass
ELA Exit Exam	May 13	10	Yes 3 hr. late	
Smarter Balanced ELA	May 12	11	Yes 3 hr. late	Pilot test. 1//2 of Juniors each day. Students testing in AP Gov. and AP Stats will alternate ELA test dates. ELA Exit Exam and ELA Smarter Balanced is happening at the same time.
Smarter Balanced ELA	May 13	11	Yes 3 hr. late	

Smarter Balanced Math	May 14	11	No	
Smarter Balanced Math	May 15	11	No	
EOC Math (Geometry)	May 26	10-12	No	Due to the low number of Geometry students, we do not need a 2 hr. late start. If a student has already passed the Algebra exam, does OSPI still need to send a Geometry exam for all students?
EOC Math (Algebra I)	May 28	9-12	Yes 2 hr. late	
EOC Biology	June 4	10-12	Yes 2 hr. late	



## Athletics & Activities

Our football team has rebounded well after some tough non-league games during the first 3 weeks of the season. They currently sit number one in league standings with 3 wins and 0 losses in league; the only undefeated team in the Trico thus far. It was exciting to get the news on one of our outstanding seniors, Max Hiller, to be able to participate in his first game of the year. He has been out for two different medical reasons. There was doubt on whether he would get to play this year. Our JV squad is currently 4 wins and 2 losses. The two losses come from a challenging Tumwater squad and the King's Way Christian Varsity squad. King's Way has opted to play 11-man football for the first time this year. So, instead of playing a full varsity schedule, they opted to play our JV along with most of the other Trico schools' varsity teams. The C-team is currently 4 – 3 with their 3 losses coming from Tumwater, Castle Rock's JV team, and Fort Vancouver.

Boys Golf finished the season 3<sup>rd</sup> in our league, which is also our district. Only King's Way, Kalama, and La Center have a boys golf team. So, to create a schedule, the Evergreen League and Trico League combine in golf to make it one league. Hoquiam, Elma, Rochester, and Montesano are the other 4 schools that make up our league for golf. Today was the first day of the District Tournament for golf. We have 3 golfers qualifying for the second day of the tournament: Dustin Ell, Chase Davison, and Austin Rider. When this report was drafted, there were still 3 players yet to determine if they had made the cut: Austin Paradis, Cal Johnson, and Cooper Mohlman.

It is a pleasure to report the status of the Girls Soccer Team. They are currently 1<sup>st</sup> in the Trico League while staying undefeated in league play. Their record is 9 – 3, with their 3 losses coming from Washougal, Battle Ground, and Mark Morris. Ceclia Hagemier is in her second year as the head coach of the program and is having much more success with the girls. The JV team is 3 – 4 with a roster of mostly young and new players to the game of soccer.

Volleyball is currently sitting in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the Trico League with a record of 6-3 in league and 8-4 overall. Our new coach, Cymany O'Brien, has done well to instill her ideas and philosophies into this program. She takes great pride in being a La Center coach since she graduated from this school. We had a great celebration on October 9. On this night, the 1994 Volleyball State Championship team from La Center was recognized since it was the 20 year anniversary. John Johnson was very appreciative of being recognized and enjoyed seeing his former players. Interestingly enough,

the 1993 team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in state, which Cymany was a part of, and the 1995 team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in state. So, we also recognized all athletes that were on these teams as well.

Cross Country finished their regular season last night with the Trico League Championships held in White Salmon. The girls team finished 1<sup>st</sup> and the boys finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in league. The District Championships will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> and held at Lewis River Golf Course in Woodland. Both teams are expected to qualify for the State Meet in Pasco, WA on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Chess Team is off to a great start this year. The team is currently 3-0 with wins over Stevenson High School, Skyview High School, and Lewis and Clark High School. Our next match is at the Clackamas Open on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, our team is planning to join the Portland High School Chess League starting November 5<sup>th</sup> and going until the end of February (12 matches) against some of Portland's best high schools which leads right into the WA State Chess Team Championship in early March. The team just completed their fundraiser and was able to clear just over \$1000 to be deposited into their account. Overall, we have about 22 players on the team and 15 that play competitively. What I have seen from this team is that it gives students the opportunity to feel a part of this school that would not normally do so. These students are held to the same academic eligibility standards to participate as our athletes. This has motivated a few students to keep their grades up and be a productive citizen within their school. I am very pleased with this team and with Timm DiStefano for wanting to provide this opportunity for our students.

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**Teachers-** John Johnson, math teacher and Brian Clegg, English teacher were selected by the state as a Washington State Math and

English Fellow for the 2014-2015 school year within our region. John and Brian are considered strong leaders within the math and English community of regional educators and will continue to become extremely knowledgeable of high leverage practices for implementing the Common Core State Standards. The team will be working on teacher leadership skills and formative assessments aligned to the CCSS in math and English. Congratulations John and Brian!

**LCHS Book Club** – A big shout out goes to Mrs. Marshall for organizing an afterschool book club! The word about a book club got around school and students were excited to have this opportunity to meet and discuss some of their favorite books. Currently 27 students have signed up. Their first book, *Anatomy of a Misfit* is available on ebooks and audiobook formats during the Big Library Read that is going on worldwide from October 13th through the 28<sup>th</sup>. The publisher has also sent some books to distribute to our students for them to keep. Mrs. Marshall has generated such a positive atmosphere in the library that students enjoy using the facility. Happy reading!

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**Students** – Mrs. Bounds’ Global Studies 9<sup>th</sup> graders shared some very powerful papers and drawings they completed this past week on

the Rwanda Genocide. The story is “Valentina’s Nightmare” which depicts a young girl that has survived the horrific and brutal effects of the war. Mrs. Bounds had the students do the CSI activity from the *Making Thinking Visible* book by Mark Church. CSI is about thinking of the big ideas and important themes in what you have just read, seen or heard. 1) Choose a **color** that you think best represents the essence of that idea. 2) Create a **symbol** that you think best represents the essence of that idea and 3) Sketch an **image** that you think best captures the essence of that idea. Students had the opportunity to really express through writing and drawings their thoughts on this assignment. As we often find in education, many students shared some very powerful insights about their interpretation and symbolism they came up with to represent the meaning of the story. I was very moved by what I read and saw from their work. Mrs. Bounds also was impressed of the work these 14 year old students presented. Their work will be displayed outside Mrs. Bounds’ classroom for all to see. Please feel free to stop by and look at their work. It’s pretty powerful.

The **La Center Church** has been so very gracious to donate money to help out students that are in need of a lunch. The program that has been set up allows students who don’t have sufficient funds, new to the school or will qualify for the Free/Reduced program (but we need time for the paperwork to get processed) will now have a way to access funding so they can have a lunch as needed. Pastor Mike Kirkman said that the church is willing to open an account starting with a \$100.00 donation and is planning on donating an additional \$40.00 each month throughout the school year. This outpouring of love has been great and we are so very thankful to the members of the La Center Church for their contributions.

Check out the **Wildcat Roar**, the LCHS newspaper. Students have been busy writing articles featuring various organizations, programs and individuals around the building. Recently a wonderful article about our Foreign Exchange Student from Thailand, Chanya, who goes by Pang is available to read. To view the posts please visit: <http://webster.lacenterschools.org/newspaper> It’s a wonderful webpage filled with pictures, information and polls that high school students enjoy. Our students have done a fantastic job creating the Wildcat Roar!

Respectfully submitted,  
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