



Welcome to High School

ARE YOU READY?

Mission Statement



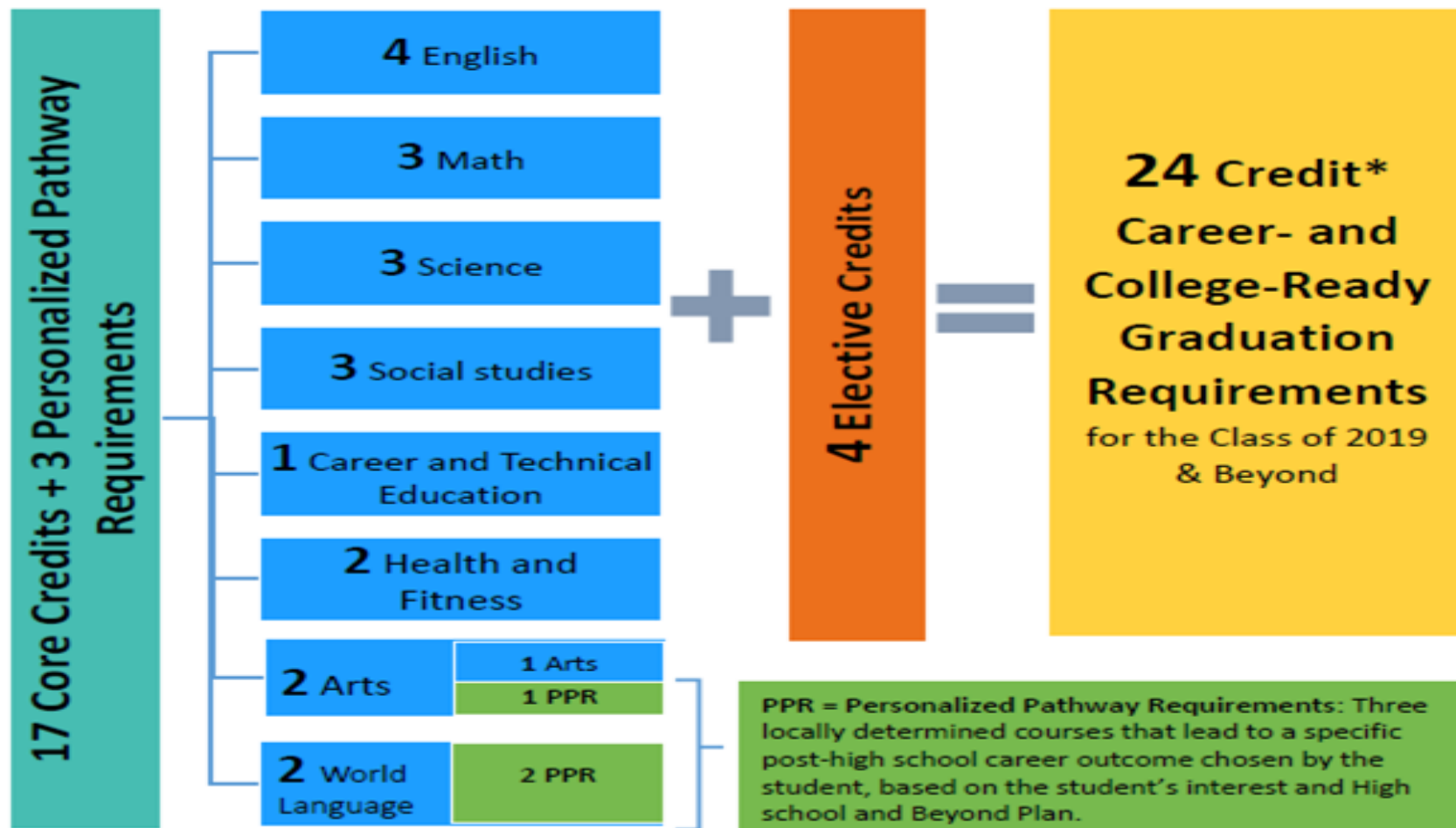
The mission of La Center High School is to provide a positive, caring environment founded on high standards where all students develop skills necessary to be responsible citizens, active learners, and productive members of a modern global community.

Class of 2022 Graduation Requirements

- Complete the **culminating project**, including a High School and Beyond Plan (Beyond High School)
- **WA State History**: Most complete this in middle school
 - Does not count as HS credit unless you take it in HS
- Certificate of Academic Achievement = **State testing**:
 - ELA (Reading and Writing), Math, and Science (10th grade)
- Earn **24 credits**
 - Specific core requirements depend on pathway

How Do the 24-Credit Graduation Requirements Add Up?

$$17 + 3 + 4 = 24$$



Sample Class Schedule

For every class you pass you will receive a .5 credit.

Semester 1

English .5

Math .5

Science .5

PE .5

Art .5

Band .5

Semester 2

English .5

Math .5

Science .5

Health .5

Woods 1 .5

Band .5

Total credits: 3.0 + 3.0 = 6.0/year

6 x 4 years = 24 credits; What if you fail a class?

What is a G.P.A.?

- G.P.A. stands for Grade Point Average.
- G.P.A. is a calculated average of the letter grades you earn in every class.
- G.P.A. is calculated at the end of every semester.
- The first thing colleges do is a transcript review.
- Your transcript is every grade you earn in high school.
- Colleges care about the rigor of the course and the grade you earned.
- Also consider GPA 'trend'
- High GPA wins more scholarships.

GPA

- ▶ A= 4.0
- ▶ A-= 3.7
- ▶ B+= 3.3
- ▶ B= 3.0
- ▶ B-= 2.7
- ▶ C+= 2.3
- ▶ C= 2.0
- ▶ C-= 1.7
- ▶ D+= 1.3
- ▶ D= 1.0
- ▶ F= 0

How Much Student Choice?

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

4 Elective Credits

Districts may have local requirements.

Credits that must be based on a student's High School and Beyond Plan

3 Personalized Pathway Requirement Credits

Courses that lead to a specific post-high school career and educational outcome chosen by the student.

7 Flexible Credits

For students to explore and to pursue a pathway that leads to a post-high school career or educational outcome of their choice.

Personalized Pathway

What is it?

- Provides a focus for you, the student.
- Has related courses that lead to a specific career or educational outcome after high school.
- Chosen by the student based on the their interests and 4 year plan.

Pathways

- Technical – this pathway helps to prepare students interested in gaining skills to pursue the workforce, go to a technical/trade school, or a community college (ex. Clark College).
- Academic – this pathway prepares students for most four year public and private colleges.
- Honors – this pathway prepares students for the most competitive four-year colleges (ex. UW, Yale, Harvard, MIT, Stanford).

What is an Advanced Placement (AP) course?

- An AP course is an opportunity for students to challenge themselves while learning about what it takes to pass a college level course.
- Opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school.
- AP English, AP Calculus, AP Stats, AP US Government, AP Biology, AP Physics

9th grade required courses



- English or Pre-AP English
- Math: Algebra Part 1, Algebra 1, or Geometry (your current math teacher will be selecting your freshman level math class)
- Science: Freshman Physics
- P.E. / Health

Options for the other 2 class periods:

- **Career and Technical/Occupational Education:**
Manufacturing or Business Education
- **Fine Arts:** Visual and Performing Arts
- **World Languages:** Spanish or German
- **Social Studies:** Global Studies
- **Environmental Studies Program** (must go through admission process)

Options for Career and Technical Education Courses - Manufacturing

- Wood/Metal Trades 1
- Wood/Metal Trades 2
- Small Engines
- Automotive Technology
- Forest Technology/Technician

Options for Career and Technical Education Courses- Business Education

- Introduction to Business
- Advanced Business/Entrepreneurship
- Computer Applications
- Personal Finance
- Intro to Computer Science & Programming (full year course)
- Accounting (full year course)

Options for Fine Arts Courses—

Visual Arts

- Ceramics I
- Ceramics II
- Drawing & Painting I
- Drawing and Painting II
- Mixed Media & Collage
- Graphic Storytelling & Book Arts
- The Art of Mobile Photography

Options for Fine Arts Courses-

Performing Arts

- Theater Arts I, II
- Acting
- Advanced Acting (Teacher recommendation
Audition required)
- Choral Ensemble
- Select Treble Choir (Audition required)
- Concert Band
- Jazz Band (Audition required - 0 period)
- Drumming (.5)
- Advanced Percussion

World Language



- ▶ La Center High School currently offers Spanish or German as world language options.
- ▶ 2 consecutive years of a world language are required to attend a 4 year university.
- ▶ We recommend waiting until your sophomore year to start a world language, but exceptions can be made.

Social Studies



- ▶ Freshman are not required to take a course in Social Studies.
- ▶ The majority of students will begin taking a social studies course as a sophomore.
- ▶ For any freshman who is wanting to take social studies, Global Studies is an option.
- ▶ Junior year= US History
- ▶ Senior year= CWP

P.E./Health

As a freshman you are required to take both P.E. and Health.

P.E. Waiver

.5 credit can be waived if you complete one sport season

1.0 credit can be waived if you complete two sport seasons

You must start and finish the season to earn the waiver.

Either Varsity or JV level is OK.

Moves the requirement to elective, the waiver does not count as a credit.

Fall Sports



- Football
- Volleyball
- Girls soccer
- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- Football Cheer
- Boys Golf
- Dance Team

Winter Sports

- Girls Basketball
- Boys Basketball
- Boys and Girls Wrestling
- Cheer Team
- Dance Team
- Equestrian

Spring Sports

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls Track and Field

Activities/Clubs



- Chess Team (September - March)
- F.B.L.A. – Future Business Leaders of America
- G.S.A. – Gay Straight Alliance
- Leo's Club
- Honor Society
- Science Club
- Knowledge Bowl



Cascadia Technical Academy

Grades 11 & 12

- ▶ Applied Medical Sciences
- ▶ Automotive Technology
- ▶ Aviation Technology
- ▶ Construction Technology
- ▶ Cosmetology
- ▶ Criminal Justice
- ▶ Culinary, Baking, and Pastry Arts
- ▶ Dental
- ▶ Diesel Technology
- ▶ Fashion Merchandising
- ▶ Fire Science
- ▶ Homeland Security
- ▶ Information Technology(I.T.S.S.)
- ▶ Administrative Office Application
- ▶ Pre-Engineering Design Technology
- ▶ Travel and Hotel Management



Running Start



- La Center students can choose to attend Clark College or LCC (Lower Columbia College).
- Students can participate in 6 quarters of Running Start
- Running Start covers tuition for Fall, Winter, and Spring
- Does not cover summer quarter
- Registration begins spring of 10th grade year

Skills required to succeed in High School:

- Time management
- Study skills
- Goal setting
- Self-advocacy
- Persistence
- Resilience

'To future Freshman...'

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/watch?v=nohMx-SvCf0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nohMx-SvCf0)