

Lynden Christian High School

Graduation Requirements

General Requirements

- Each student must earn a minimum of 24 credits and be in attendance for eight semesters. One credit is equivalent to one year of study and each semester course is one half credit.
- Each student will register for 14 classes per year (7 each semester).

Course Requirements

Religion.....4 semesters

Required courses:

Christian Ethics, Bible History, Christian Principles, World Views

Social Studies.....7 semesters

Required courses:

Washington State History, World History A & B, U.S. History A & B, American Government, World Issues

English.....8 semesters

Required courses:

Freshmen English A & B, Writing and Research A & B, American Literature A & B

Seniors will be required to take either *Advanced Placement English A & B, Senior English A & B, or Applied Communications* and one semester of *Reading Literature, Film as Literature or Drama*

Science.....4 semesters

Required courses:

Health and Physiology A & B

Mathematics.....6 semesters

Physical Education.....4 semesters

Required courses:

PE I, II, III, IV (either Aerobics, Lifetime Fitness or Strength and Conditioning)

Business.....2 semesters

Required course:

Tech Connections (required of all incoming freshmen)

Business Education: *Consumer Economics, Business Management or Accounting A & B*

Business Technology: *Tech Connections, Computer Applications I, or Computer Applications II*

Vo-Ag or Home and Family.....1 semester

Fine Arts.....2 semesters

At least two semesters of *music* or *art* are required. One semester of *Yearbook* may apply.

General Academic Requirements

- Each student may register for a maximum of one study hall or study skills per semester. If they register for a study skills class, they will earn one half credit.
- A minimum number of on-campus academic courses must be taken for the year: 11 for seniors and 12 for juniors. On-campus includes classes at the high school and at Bellingham Technical College but not at Whatcom Community College, the Work Study Program or Teacher Assisting.
- A maximum of five credits can be applied toward graduation from music performance courses.
- When a senior, a maximum of three of the following during the school year are allowed: Study Hall/Skills, Teacher Assistant, Parent Release, and Work Study. Seniors may take one period of Parent Release each semester, but may not have both a parent release and a study hall during the same semester.
- When a senior, a maximum of two credits will be accepted from Bellingham Technical College and one credit from the Work Study Program.
- Students may earn a maximum of one half credit in the course of their high school years for serving as a tutor, teacher assistant, or physical education assistant. Students may not register for more than one each semester.

Course Selection

- Course selection begins each year in February. Students are invited with their parents for an evening session to consider their selections for the following year.
- The courses that students choose at these times are the basis for establishing the number of course offerings for the following year and the creation of the master schedule. Careful thought and discussion with parents and your academic advisor help ensure that appropriate course offerings and selections will be available.
- Each student will receive an individual conference with an academic advisor. Parents may also participate upon request.
- Each student must plan his or her schedule for the entire year. Changes will not be made at the semester.