Transition to High School

Part 1: Graduation Plan and
WHAT IS MY GRADUATION PLAN?

Foundations HighSchool Plan W/ Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA)

This graduation plan requires 26 credits for completion.

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Math
- 4 credits of Science
- 4 credits of Social Studies
- 2 credits of LOTE
- 1 credit of Fine Art
- 1 credit of PE/Athletics/Marching Band
- 6 credits of Electives

There are exceptions, details, modifications and small print for all of these requirements. Please speak with a Counselor before straying too far off the pathway. Specific high school courses taken at the middle school level will count.
9th Grade Courses

We will be meeting with students in each of the Middle School beginning the week of March 1.

Each student will register for four core courses:

- **English 1**
- **Algebra 1 or the next math in the sequence**
- **Biology**
- **World Geography**

Plus four electives:

- **Athletics (x2) or PE or Band (x2) or Fine Art or a CTE Course**

8 Courses Total
Math Pathways

This is an Excellent Resource from our Math Department on selecting the math class that suits each student.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vRnDCjBN9PLr1LBfuyGlkRPdiK0_coYw9qTyXOb_RCG-RICnNcDednnQXBXuQ0A0Zna-rSlUFETGT/pub?rm=minimal&slide=id.gac56af45af_0_442
What is a credit?

A credit is a unit of measure awarded for successful completion of a high school course with a grade of 70 or higher. To graduate high school, a student must have earned a minimum of 26 credits.

A student will earn credits in .5 increments for each semester of a course (to combine for a total of 1 for the year) and need a 70% or higher grade average each semester (half a year) to earn this .5 credit.

IMPORTANT: Did you Know?

In addition to earning 26 credits, you MUST pass 5 End of Course Exams (EOC's)
End Of Course/STAAR EXAMS

The 5 exams that must be passed in order to graduate are as follows:

- English I (9th)
- English II (10th)
- Biology (9th)
- Algebra 1 (9th unless taken in MS)
- US History (11th)
Grade Level Classification

Freshman (9th grade)- Must be promoted from 8th grade

Sophomore (10th grade)- Must earn 6 credits

Junior (11th grade)- Must earn 12 credits

Senior (12th grade)- Must earn 18 credits

Graduation = 26 credits
LTHS “DAY” Schedule

Lake Travis High School is organized into A Day and B Day. Each semester we have 45 A Days and 45 B Days.

A Day - Periods 1-4  
B Day - Period 5-8

GH - Genius Hour - 50 minute class period each day to work on homework and/or meet with CTE (Career Technology Education) courses for compliance.

School opens at 8:15  
First class starts 8:50  
Last class over at 4:10.

bit.ly/lthsday
## Example of an LTHS Schedule

### A Day
- 1st - Art
- 2nd - Algebra 1
- 3rd - Band (A Lunch)
- Genius Hour
- 4th - English

### Lunch - scheduled 3/7
- A Lunch
- B Lunch
- C Lunch

### B Day
- 5th - W Geography
- 6th - PBFM
- 7th - Band (A Lunch)
- Genius Hour
- 8th - Biology

Note: Lunches A, B, and C depend on the course and whether the course is at the Annex or Main.
Some courses may be ‘double blocked’ and meet each day at the same time.

“Double blocked” (athletics, band, etc.) meet every day all year OR back to back class periods.

The Fall semester runs from August-December.

The Spring semester runs from January- May.
Cavalier Tips: How to stay organized?

Lake Travis High School highly recommends a set homework time each day grades 9/10. One hour of study time should be adequate when students take advantage of GH.

The purpose of a set homework time is to establish the habit of outside of the classroom study that is necessary for Junior and Senior year of high school and later for College classes.

Parents should enforce the study time; Students should be responsible for what is done during the study time. (“I have nothing to do” doesn’t matter; study time is a habit. Student responsible for what is due)

A Day homework on A Day; B Day homework on B Day.

Eighth grade is an excellent time to start this habit. Remember, this is a habit for College Bound Students!!