



PARENT POWER:

HIGH SCHOOL 101

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- Mrs. Andrea Eichelkraut
- Mrs. Meg Kowalczyk
- Mrs. Taylor Krull
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- Mr. David Spudic
- Mr. Matt Makeever, Counseling Intern
- Mrs. Nicole Kowalczyk, SEL Interventionist

Agenda



- Communication
- Graduation Requirements
- Grades
- Support
- Career Exploration
- College and Career Planning
- What Can Parents Do?
- Involvement
- Testing
- Bullying/Social Media



Communication

Faculty Contacts



- Email
- Voice Mail
- PowerSchool

www.lphs.net



The screenshot shows the homepage of the LaSalle-Peru High School website. At the top is a red navigation bar with a search icon, a home icon, and links for 'Our District', 'About LPHS', 'For Students', 'For Parents', 'Athletics', 'Directory', and 'Calendar'. Below the navigation bar is a green header with the school's logo and name, 'LaSalle-Peru High School'. The main content area features a large photograph of a school hallway with a brick wall and a large arched doorway at the end. Overlaid on the left side of the hallway is a 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section with a dark green background. It lists three events: 'Aug 25 Tuesday 7:15 am - 12:15 pm Photo Make-up Day', 'Sep 07 Monday Labor Day (No School)', and 'Oct 09 Friday Teacher Institute Day (No School)'. Below the events is a 'View Calendar' link. In the center of the hallway photo, there is a semi-transparent grey box with the hashtag '#InspiredLearning'. At the bottom of the page is a green footer bar with six icons and labels: 'CAVSCONNECT', 'DAILY UPDATES', 'DIRECTORY', 'COVID-19 RESPONSE', 'LIBRARY', and 'PAY FOR LUNCH'. The 'PAY FOR LUNCH' icon is an apple, and the 'POWERSCHOOL' icon is a stylized 'P'.

LaSalle-Peru High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

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View Calendar

#InspiredLearning

CAVSCONNECT DAILY UPDATES DIRECTORY COVID-19 RESPONSE LIBRARY PAY FOR LUNCH POWERSCHOOL



Graduation Requirements

LP High School Graduation Requirements



Courses	Number of Credits
English	4
Math	3 (Including Algebra (1) & Geometry (1))
Science	2 (Including Biology, Chemistry)
Social Studies	2.5 (World History-1, US History-1, Government-.5)
Personal Finance or Principles of Economics	.5
PE	3-3.5
Health	.5
Essential Technology	.5
Fine Art, Vocational Education, or Foreign Language	1
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	23

Driver's Ed



- Driver Education classroom is NOT a graduation requirement (.5 credit)
- Who is eligible for driver education?
 - Must complete 8 classes in the 2 semesters prior
 - Must be 15-years-old prior to start date of class
 - Students selected based on birthdate cutoffs (ie, February 15 - April 30)
 - Class costs apx. \$125 + Permit costs apx. \$20 (good for 1 year)
 - Summer school driver's ed
 - Signups usually end of February
 - Preference given by birthdate
 - Extra fee vs. regular school year



Grades



Grade Point Average

- Elective classes count towards GPA (Band, Choir, etc.)
- Freshman PE counts towards GPA
- Sophomore/Junior/Senior PE does NOT count in GPA
- Advanced Placement (AP) and Honors classes receive weighted grades
- Measured on a 4.0 scale
- Max. 6 classes go into GPA Junior & Senior year

LP GPA Scale



Percentages	Grade	Regular Grade Points	Weighted Grade Points
100 – 97	A+	4.4	5.4
96 – 93	A	4.0	5.0
92 – 90	A-	3.6	4.6
89 – 87	B+	3.4	4.4
86 – 83	B	3.0	4.0
82 – 80	B-	2.6	3.6
79 – 77	C+	2.4	3.4
76 – 73	C	2.0	3.0
72 – 70	C-	1.6	2.6
69 – 67	D+	1.4	1.4
66 – 63	D	1.0	1.0
62 – 60	D-	0.6	0.6
0 – 59	F	0.0	0.0

GPA Examples



English 1: A ($4 \times .5 = 2$)
Algebra 1: B ($3 \times .5 = 1.5$)
Biology: B ($3 \times .5 = 1.5$)
World History: A ($4 \times .5 = 2$)
Health: A ($4 \times .5 = 2$)
Spanish 1: B ($3 \times .5 = 1.5$)
Essential Tech 1: A ($4 \times .5 = 2$)

$$\underline{2+1.5+1.5+2+2+1.5+2}$$

3.5

EQUALS: 3.5714

English 1 Honors: A ($5 \times .5 = 2.5$)
Algebra 1 Honors: B ($4 \times .5 = 2$)
Biology Honors: B ($4 \times .5 = 2$)
World History Honors : A ($5 \times .5 = 2.5$)
Health: A ($4 \times .5 = 2$)
Spanish 1: B ($3 \times .5 = 1.5$)
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EQUALS: 4.1428

Class Rank



- Takes all students in order of GPA, highest to lowest
- Can be ties
- Can determine percentile rank
 - 31st out of 314 students = Top 10% of Class
 - 75th out of 314 students = Top Quarter of Class
- PowerSchool – About Me
 - Current GPA
 - Current Class Rank
 - Cumulative Credits Earned

How Important are Grades?



- Awards & Scholarships
 - Honor Roll -3.00 or higher
 - High Scholarship Legion- 3.50 or higher
 - LP Honor Society
 - Other scholarships have GPA requirements
- Athletic Eligibility-
 - Passing 5 classes
 - 1.5 or lower – Athletic Probation (can play)
- College Admissions and Athletics

How Important are Grades?



LaSalle-Peru Township High School District 120

Official Transcript

541 Chartres Street
LaSalle, Illinois 61301
Phone: 815-223-1721
Fax: 815-223-3444
www.lphs.net

Student Name:
Address:

Grade: 12

Birthdate: Weighted GPA: 2.1937
City/St of Birth: Unweighted GPA: 2.1937
Gender: Credits Earned: 34.00
IL SIS: Rank: 229 out of 298
Counselor: Graduation Date:

Course Name	Semester 1		Semester 2		Course Name	Semester 1		Semester 2	
	Mark	Earn	Mark	Earn		Mark	Earn	Mark	Earn
17-18 La Salle-Peru Township High School									
AM GOVERNMENT			B-	1.00					
ENGLISH 3	C	1.00	C	1.00					
ENHANCED PE	B+	1.00	B	1.00					
GEOMETRY	AU	0.00	D	1.00					
PERSONAL FINANCE	D	1.00							
RESIDENTIAL WRING 1 ACC	B	2.00	B-	2.00					
16-17 La Salle-Peru Township High School									
BIOLOGY	C-	1.00	D	1.00					
DRIVER EDUCATION	B+	1.00							
ELECTRICITY	B-	1.00							
ENGLISH 2	C+	1.00	C	1.00					
ENHANCED PE			A	1.00					
GEOMETRY	C-	1.00	F	0.00					
US HISTORY	C	1.00	C-	1.00					
WOODS			B-	1.00					
15-16 La Salle-Peru Township High School									
ALGEBRA 1	B-	1.00	D+	1.00					
ENGLISH 1	B	1.00	C+	1.00					
HEALTH	B-	1.00							
INFO PROCESSING I-DC	C	1.00							
INT TO BUS			B	1.00					
LEARNING READINESS PE			A	1.00					
PHYS SCI	D+	1.00	B-	1.00					
WORLD HISTORY	B-	1.00	C	1.00					
GPA Scale Information									
4.0 GPA Scale									
Regular -- A+ 4.4, A 4.0, A- 3.6, B+ 3.4, B 3.0, B- 2.6, C+ 2.4, C 2.0, C- 1.6, D+ 1.4, D 1.0, D- 0.6, F 0.0									
Weighted -- A+ 5.4, A 5.0, A- 4.6, B+ 4.4, B 4.0, B- 3.6, C+ 3.4, C 3.0, C- 2.6, D+ 1.4, D 1.0, D- 0.6, F 0.0									
ACT Scores					SAT Scores				
00/00/0000			00/00/0000		00/00/0000			04/10/2018	
Composite	0.0	0.0	0.0		Total Score	770.0			
English	0.0	0.0	0.0		Reading & Writing Total	360.0			
Writing	0.0	0.0	0.0		Math Total	410.0			
Mathematics	0.0	0.0	0.0		Reading subscore	18.0			
Reading	0.0	0.0	0.0		Writing subscore	18.0			
Science	0.0	0.0	0.0		Math subscore	20.5			
Additional Information									
* weighted course ** summer school *** modified curriculum ++ 2 hour course AU=Audit WV=PE Waiver									
Vocal & Inst.Music, P.E. & Driver's Education not used in academic rank prior to 2014-2015; Enhanced P.E. not included in rank for any year. Am. Govt or AP Govt US class satisfies Constitution requirement.									

Registrar Signature: _____

Date: _____



How Important are Grades?

Fall 2021 Scholarships for Incoming Freshmen – NIU

Incoming freshmen are automatically considered for one of the following merit scholarships based on grade point average:

GPA Range	\$ Per Year	Total \$ Amount
4.0	\$7,000	\$28,000
3.9 – 3.99	\$6,000	\$24,000
3.7 – 3.89	\$5,000	\$20,000
3.5 – 3.69	\$3,000	\$12,000
3.25 – 3.49	\$2,000	\$8,000
3 – 3.24	\$1,000	\$4,000

Grade Level by Credits Earned



- Student grade level is determined by total credits earned at the end of each year.

Grade Level by Credits

Start of 1st Semester

Freshman

n/a

Sophomore

min. 2 credits

Junior

min. 9 credits

Senior

min. 16 credits

Grade Level by Credits Earned



Benefits to this change:

- Students and parents are more aware of current graduation status.
- Provides additional motivation to remain on track to graduate.
- Highlights natural incentives related to grade promotion (registration, homerooms, ACC courses, prom, etc.)

Checking Grades



- PowerSchool
 - Updated regularly by teachers
 - Both parent and student logins
 - Mailed home at 9 weeks
 - Semester (Final Grades)

Renaissance



Renaissance is a nationally recognized program that has proven to be a successful motivator in encouraging students to reach new academic and behavioral heights. This program is built to empower students, educators and community to work together to encourage and celebrate the achievements of students and staff.



Renaissance Cards

- Gold Card
 - 3.50 or higher
 - No discipline notices
 - 1 excused absence
- Silver Card
 - 3.0 or higher
 - 1 or less discipline referrals (no OSS)
 - 3 or less excused absences
- Bronze Card
 - 2.75 or higher
 - 2 or less discipline referrals (no OSS)
- Red Card
 - Grade point increase of .5



Support

Counselor Information



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Support



- Teachers
- Tutoring/Math Labs – (next slide)
- Athletic Vouchers
- Group Counseling
 - Study skills
 - Substance use
 - Grief
 - Empowerment

Academic Resources



ACADEMIC RESOURCES		
Math Labs		
Period	Teacher	Room
7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Mrs. Monahan	343
1st	Mr. Zukowski	343
2nd	Mrs. Patrick	343
3rd	Mrs. Gaworski	343
4th	Mr. Beale	343
5A & 5C	Mrs. Hartman	343
6th	Mr. Bjerkaas	343
7th	Mrs. Lawrence	343
Tech Lab	Teacher	Room
7:00 - 7:45 a.m. Mon - Fri	Mr. Spencer	326
World Language Lab/Tutoring	Teacher	Room
Monday 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Mrs. Liebhart	136
Tuesday 7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Mrs. Liebhart	136
Wednesday 7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Mrs. Liebhart	136
Thursday 7:00 - 7:40 a.m.	Mrs. Liebhart	136
Friday 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.	Mrs. Liebhart	136
IVCC Free Tutoring, Grades 9-12		
Mondays 3-7 p.m.	Academic Support Center	A201
Wednesdays 3-7 p.m.	The Ottawa Center	



Career Exploration

What We Do



- Career Cruising with all freshmen in October
- Four-year academic plans before sophomore registration
- Career research paper in English 2 for all sophomores
- Career Fair for sophomores
- Individual appointments



What Parents Can Do

- Stay positive and focused on a future of success
- Encourage information gathering and informed choices
- Take advantage of opportunities
- Provide guidance and encouragement
- Encourage your student to set goals



Websites of Interest

- Career Cruising
- www.careercruising.com
- Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- www.whatsnextillinois.org
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- Occupational Information Network (O*NET)
- www.onetonline.org



College & Career Planning

High School vs. College Requirements



High School Graduation Requirements	College Entrance Requirements
English: 4 years	English: 4 years
Math: 3 years	Math: 3 - 4 years
Science: 2 years	Science: 3 - 4 years
Social Studies: 2.5 years	Social Studies: 3 years
Foreign Language/Fine Art: At least 1 year of EITHER a foreign language, music, art, or vocational education	Foreign Language or Fine Art: Min. 2 years (Foreign Language varies from college to college for entrance and grad requirements.)

Career Technical Education (CTE)



- Grades 9-10
 - Introduction to Technology
 - Engineering Essentials
- Grades 10-11
 - 1 Semester, 1 Hour CTE Courses
 - Introduction to Engineering Design
- Grades 11-12
 - 2 Semester, 2 Hour CTE Courses through Area Career Center
 - Principles of Engineering
 - Civil Engineering and Architecture



What Can
Parents Do?

Keys to Success



- Make sure students have the needed materials.
 - Varies by class
 - Notebooks, folders, binders, poster board, markers, notecards, etc.
- Designate a study area at home.
- LP Planner
 - Keep track of all assignments, projects, exams.
- Monitor homework and study habits.
 - Will have *something* every night
- Be involved.
 - Parental Involvement is key indicator of success.
- Check PowerSchool!
- E-mail Teachers/Counselors with questions/concerns.

Keys to Success



- Observe student behavior.
 - 9th grade is a time of social exploration & growth.
 - New friends, new routines
 - Ask “what,” “where,” “who with?”
- Be aware of smartphone use.
 - Social media impact
 - Sexting
 - Night-time cellphone use
 - Linked to poor sleep, increased depression/anxiety, and low self-esteem



Involvement

Why Get Involved?



- Friendships (common interests)
- Social Skills (compromise, increased interactions)
- Productivity (time management)
- Character Building (responsibility, self-confidence)
- Talent and Recognition
- College Admission and Scholarships
- Cav cord, honor society, service awards, etc.



How To Get Involved

- Sports (<https://il.8to18.com/LaSallePeruHS/>)
 - Organized
 - Intramural
 - Spectator
- Clubs & Organizations (<https://www.lphs.net/domain/37>)
 - School-sponsored
 - Outside of school (Scouts, 4-H, Junior Achievement)
- Community Service (<https://www.lphs.net/Page/521>)
- Work Permits (<https://www.lphs.net/Page/521>)
 - Contact Mrs. Wilson in Counseling Office.
 - Student must have job first.



Testing

SAT Suite



The **SAT Suite of Assessments** focuses on the skills and knowledge that will help today's students solve problems, communicate clearly and understand complex relationships.

The tests are designed to:

- Measure the essential ingredients for college and career readiness and success, as shown by research.
- Have a stronger connection to classroom learning.
- Inspire productive practice.

Testing Schedule



PSAT 8/9 – Freshmen – Spring

PSAT 10 – Sophomores – Spring

PSAT/NMSQT – Juniors – Fall

SAT – Juniors - Spring



Bullying



What To Do if Your Child is Being Bullied

- First, focus on your child. Be supportive and gather information about the bullying.
- Contact your child's teacher, dean of students, or administration.
- Anonymous reports accepted by phone or in writing.
- Safe2SpeakUp on Clever portal on ChromeBook
- Help your child become more resilient to bullying.
- Be aware of your child's social media use.

The End



Please watch our webpage for up-to-date information
Thank you for attending!