



LCPS High School Graduation Requirements

This document describes the graduation requirements for earning a high school diploma from Lighthouse Community Public Schools (LCPS).

There are three elements that are necessary for graduation from LCPS:

- I. Course Requirements
- II. GPA Requirement
- III. LCPS Milestones

Lighthouse College Preparatory Diploma

All students at LCPS are prepared for college and career through a sequence of rigorous coursework aligned to the UC/CSU A-G Requirements. The LCPS College Preparatory Diploma signifies completion of all entry requirements for the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) colleges as well as additional LCPS requirements.

I. Course Requirements

The following outlines the course requirements for an LCPS College Preparatory Diploma. In order to obtain credit in courses, students must master 60% of learning targets for the course. [70% of learning targets starting with the class of 2023]

Academic Subject Area	LCPS College Preparatory Course Offerings
<p style="text-align: center;">History/Social Sciences (25 Units Required)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ethnic Studies I (5 Units) World History (10 Units) US History (10 Units)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">English (40 Units Required)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English 9 (10 Units) English 10 (10 Units) English 11 (10 Units) English 12 (10 Units)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics (30 Units Required 40 Recommended)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Integrated I (10 Units) Integrated II (10 Units) Integrated III (10 Units) Advanced Mathematics (10 units)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Lab Science (30 Units Required 40 Recommended)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Physics (10 Units) Biology (10 Units) Chemistry (10 Units) Advanced Laboratory Science (10 Units)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Language Other Than English (20 Units or Equivalent Required)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spanish I (10 Units) Spanish II (10 Units) Spanish III Honors (10 Units) AP Spanish (10 Units)</p>

Visual & Performing Art (10 Units Required)	2-D Design (5 Units) Required Graphic Design (5 Units) or Digital Photography (5 units)
College Preparatory Elective (10 Units Required)	Offerings include: US Foreign Policy Since 1945 Creative Writing Art History
CTE Pathway Courses (10 Units Required)	3-D Design (5 units) Advanced Product Design (5 units) Entrepreneurship (5 units)
A-G Required/Recommended Units Additional Units	180 A-G Units
Additional Credits and Courses (30 units total)	College & Career Prep (5 units) Senior Seminar (5 units) Crew (20 units)
Total Units	205 Units Required 240 Units Recommended

II. GPA Requirements

Students must hold a minimum weighted cumulative (9-12) Grade Point Average (GPA) of a 2.0 in order to obtain a diploma.

III. LCPS Milestones

Passage

LCPS students complete a rigorous passage process aligned to the LCPS Graduate Profile. Students must successfully complete 10th grade passage to move to 11th grade.

Seniors must successfully complete 12th grade passage and Senior Seminar in order to graduate.

Lighthouse State Basic Diploma

In some cases, for *qualifying* students with disabilities documented in IEP or Section 504 Plan, a State Basic Diploma may be earned in cases in which the student's disabilities *preclude* attainment of the College Prep Diploma. This recommendation is made with the IEP/504 Team and requires approval by the principal with sign off by CAO. In addition, migratory students and newly arrived immigrant students, students who are in foster care, students who are homeless, or students who are former juvenile court students may be excused from all locally adopted coursework and requirements that are supplemental to statewide coursework requirements. (California Education Code (EC) Sections 51225.1, 51225.2) In such cases, students would receive a LCPS State Basic Diploma. The following outlines the requirements for an LCPS State Basic Diploma.

I. Course Requirements

In order to obtain credit in courses, students must master 60% of learning targets for the course or as indicated by IEP.

Academic Subject Area	LCPS State Diploma Course Offerings
History/Social Sciences	Ethnic Studies I (5 Units) World History (10 Units)

30 Units Required	US History (10 Units) Ethnic Studies II (5 units)
English 30 Units Required	English 9 (10 Units) English 10 (10 Units) English 11 (10 Units) English 12 (10 Units) ELD (10 Units)
Mathematics 20 units Required <i>(including 10 Units Algebra or Algebra Equivalent)</i>	Integrated I (10 Units) Integrated II (10 Units) Integrated III (10 Units) Advanced Mathematics (10 units)
Lab Science 20 Units Required	Physics (10 Units) Biology (10 Units) Chemistry (10 Units) Advanced Laboratory Science (10 Units)
Language Other Than English, Visual & Performing Art or CTE 10 Units Required	Spanish I (10 units) Spanish II (10 units) Spanish III Honors (10 units) AP Spanish (10 units) 2-D Design (5 units) Graphic Design (5 units) Digital Photography (5 units) 3-D Design (5 units) Advanced Product Design (5 units) Entrepreneurship (5 units)
Additional Credits and Courses 80 units total	Spanish I (10 units) Spanish II (10 units) Spanish III Honors (10 units) AP Spanish (10 units) 2-D Design (5 units) Graphic Design (5 units) Digital Photography (5 units) 3-D Design (5 units) Advanced Product Design (5 units) Entrepreneurship (5 units) US Foreign Policy Since 1945 (5 units) Creative Writing (5 units) Art History (5 units) College & Career Prep (5 units) Senior Seminar (5 units) Crew (20 units)
<i>Total Units</i>	180 TOTAL Units Required

II. GPA Requirements

There is no minimum GPA for a State Basic Diploma.

III. LCPS Milestones

Passage

LCPS students complete a rigorous passage process aligned to the LCPS Graduate Profile. Students must successfully complete 10th grade passage to move to 11th grade. Seniors must successfully complete 12th grade passage and Senior Seminar in order to graduate. Requirements for passage may be adjusted or modified for students receiving a State Diploma.

Seal of Biliteracy

LCPS recognizes high school graduates who are eligible for The State Seal of Biliteracy. Marked by a gold seal on the diploma or transcript, the State Seal of Biliteracy recognizes high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing one or more languages in addition to English. In order to qualify for the California State Seal of Biliteracy, students must have passed all their ELA classes; scored proficient or advanced on the ELA SBAC in 11th grade; and received a score of 3 or higher on a World Language Advanced Placement Exam.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma

The Golden State Seal Merit Diploma (GSSMD) recognizes public school graduates who have demonstrated their mastery of the high school curriculum in at least six subject areas, four of which are English language arts, mathematics, science, and US History, with the remaining two subject areas selected by the student. The GSSMD is awarded jointly by the California State Board of Education and the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Participation in Graduation and Senior Activities

Graduation is defined as the opportunity to walk in the graduation ceremony, receive a diploma from Lighthouse, and participate in senior celebratory events (including prom, senior awards night, senior class trip, grad night, etc.). If the above criteria are not met, a student will not participate in any senior activities, including the graduation ceremony, nor will s/he receive a diploma.

During senior year, if any student engages in behavior that is a suspendable offense as defined in LCPS Discipline Policy, the privilege of participating in the graduation ceremony (walking in graduation) and engaging in senior celebratory activities may be revoked.

If a student is passing her/his courses and endures a severe medical hardship or family emergency, certain exceptions may be granted to these policies with approval of the Principal.

IV. Policy Addendum for the 2021-22 School Year - per AB 104

Consideration for Retention

Students who are not on pace with accumulating the credit units required to meet LCPS graduation criteria may be considered for retention. LCPS will hold mandatory meetings with these students and their parents/guardians. These meetings may be initiated by either the parent or the principal.

After a formal written retention consultation request, the student, parent, teacher(s), and administrators will discuss available learning recovery options, research on the effects of retention and the benefits of particular interventions and supports, and consideration of the pupil's academic data and any other information relevant to decide whether retention is in the student's best interests, academically and socially.

LCPS requires all administrators to make sure retention decisions are consistent with a pupil's individualized education program.

Regardless of the retention decision, the student must be offered specific interventions, supports and offered access to prior semester courses in which the pupil received an F letter grade in the 2020–21 academic year, some other form of credit recovery, and/or other supports. LCPS administrators will notify the parent of its retention decision within 10 calendar days of the consultation meeting.

Rising Seniors/Fifth Year Seniors in 2021-22

Any students who in 2020-21 were in their 3rd or 4th year of high school at LCPS who are not on track to meet LCPS graduation requirements within four years will be allowed to meet the California state minimum graduation plan. These students and their families should consider an additional 5th year to meet either the LCPS graduation requirements (which meet UC/CSU A-G requirements) or the state's minimum graduation plan (which does not meet UC/CSU A-G).

Request to change letter grades from the 2020-21 School Year to Pass/No Pass

Any LCPS parent, guardian, or education rights holder of a pupil, or, for a pupil who is 18 years of age or older, who was enrolled in high school and enrolled in a course during the 2020-21 school year may submit a formal request to the principal to change the letter grade for that course to a Pass or No Pass grade on the pupil's transcript.