



Land O' Lakes High School Advanced Academics Programs and Expectations

International Baccalaureate Programme (ibo.org/diploma/index.cfm)

Students apply for entry to the Pre-IB/IB Programme. This is a four-year comprehensive continuum of courses challenging students to study at the college level throughout their high school career. The pathway across the years is predetermined with a general elective option in 10th grade and an IB elective option in 11th grade. Students commit to all four years, taking Pre-IB Honors and AP courses in grades 9 and 10, and AP and IB courses in grades 11 and 12. Students earn a course grade through their years' work and take an AP or IB exam in May that many colleges and universities accept for credit towards an undergraduate degree. Students earn the IB Diploma or IB Certificate, internationally recognized academic credentials accepted by universities worldwide.



Advanced Placement Courses from the College Board (apcentral.collegeboard.com)

Students request enrollment in particular AP courses that are areas of strength or special interest. Typically, students who go on to AP courses in grades 10, 11 and 12 have seen success in Honors courses during the earlier years (grades 9 and 10). Students who wish to challenge themselves at the college level in the 9th grade year find



great success in AP Human Geography, while the course remains open to students in 10th grade and above. Most students take AP courses during their day at LOLHS, though some opt for online options with Pasco eSchool or FLVS. Students earn a course grade

through their year's work and take an AP exam in May that many colleges and universities accept for credit towards an undergraduate degree. Each year, over fifty LOLHS students are recognized as AP Scholars for earning a score on multiple AP exams that qualifies for college credits.

Dual Enrollment Courses in Partnership with Pasco-Hernando State College (phsc.edu/explore-programs/dual-enrollment)

Students wishing to start on the road to earning college credits can take PHSC courses through LOLHS. Courses are offered on the LOLHS campus (9th graders beginning semester 2), PHSC campus (11th and 12th grade only), or with PHSC online (9th graders beginning semester 2). Successful Dual Enrollment students have taken Traditional and Honors classes in their earlier years of high school (grades 9 through 11), and are ready to pursue classes that will count towards an Associate Degree or other certificates from PHSC. Students must have met high school testing requirements and demonstrate appropriate levels of college readiness based upon the PERT or equivalent measures. Speak with a guidance counselor for details as access to courses may vary.



H O N O R S

Honors Courses at Land O' Lakes High School (lolhs.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=2454)

Offered throughout the years of study, Honors courses drive students to higher levels of critical thinking and expression. While Traditional classes guide students to demonstrate their abilities with the standards-based curriculum, Honors courses help students develop critical thinking through more rigorous reading and writing. Strong performance in Honors courses is a good indicator of future success in AP and DE classes.

What Can I Expect When I Sign Up for Advanced Curriculum Courses?

Students and parents must select classes wisely. By choosing courses during registration, students commit to meet high expectations for attendance, effort, participation, and cooperation. Students will meet course requirements for the full year.

THE STUDENT

- Focuses on academic learning
- Uses excellent time management strategies
- Dedicated to hard work with a daily reading and study plan
- Takes responsibility for a rich classroom experience
- Collaborates and produces work of an outstanding nature

THE TEACHER

- Holds high standards and guides students to meet them
- Creates opportunities for learning and exploring ideas through text and evidence
- Models critical thinking for student analysis of complex ideas
- Designs challenging activities



THE READINGS & MATERIALS

Include:

- High-level academic language; vocabulary; sentence structure
- Cleverly and richly crafted texts requiring effort to process for understanding
- Serious subject matter requiring maturity from readers
- Ideas from varied sources to be synthesized by learners

THE ASSIGNMENTS & WRITING

- Use academic language
- Employ technical vocabulary
- Deeply developed ideas demonstrate critical thinking
- Evidence supports reasoned hypotheses and conclusions
- Well-written, edited, and presented
- Submitted on time or early