



LYNCHBURG CITY SCHOOLS

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TO: LCS Students
Parents/Guardians of LCS High School Seniors

FROM: Dr. Tommy Coleman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
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High School Leadership Team Members

DATE: April 9, 2020

RE: Question and Answers

Message to the Class of 2020

We especially understand the impact the COVID-19 school closing has on our graduating seniors. The State Superintendent has provided maximum flexibility for several graduation requirements. This includes waivers ensuring that the absence of SOL tests and industry certification tests this spring will not negatively impact a student's scheduled graduation. Even if you were not passing all of your required courses, there is still time for you to graduate. Your teachers will ensure you have access to what you need to be able to complete your requirements through distance learning; however, you need to communicate with them.

We are committed to supporting and cheering you on as you close out this chapter of your life and prepare to take on the next part of your journey. It is our pledge to continue finding innovative ways to celebrate and honor you as an amazing group of young people.

You may be feeling a range of emotions with this abrupt change to your senior year and the disruption in your life. I understand that your emotions may have turned into uncertainty, stress or sadness. If you need someone to talk to, if you are worried about a classmate or a friend, please reach out to your support, albeit a trusted teacher, school counselors, administrator or other adults in your school for help. We are all in this together. #Unity #LCS STRONG! #Together, we keep climbing!

Important Information

As a senior, what is my current status towards graduation?

We especially understand the impact this has on our graduating seniors. All seniors, including anyone who feels they have completed graduation requirements, need to confirm with their counselor where they stand in regards to graduation. Below are a few guidelines to take into consideration:

On-Track Status: Students who are “*on track*” and who are/were in good academic standing (meaning having a passing (60 or above) average of Q1, Q2 and Q3) for each class and met all SOL requirements (includes SOL & CTE waivers).

Needs Improvement Status: Students who are between a 50-59 average of Q1, Q2, and Q3 for any class are not making adequate progress in their current classes based on grades. Please use Infinite Campus Portal to confirm current grades. Students will need to contact their teachers to discuss information needed to improve and make adequate progress in the class. Your completion of replacement or alternative assignments may improve your Q 3 grade and ultimately your overall grade. It is important that each senior take the extra time to demonstrate that he/she can meet the requirements for graduation. All work must be submitted on or before **May 15, 2020**.

Not On-Track Status: Students who have less than a 50% average of Q1, Q2, and Q3 are not making adequate progress in their current classes based on grades. Please use Infinite Campus Portal to confirm current grades. Students will need to contact their teachers immediately to discuss information needed to improve and make adequate progress in the class. All work must be submitted on or before **May 15, 2020**. However, these students may have to participate in summer learning opportunities to meet diploma requirements for graduation.

Will seniors need to repeat their senior year?

Seniors who complete the requirements for their diploma will graduate this academic year.

Edgenuity updates

All Edgenuity students will continue with their coursework. Seniors must have 100% course completion and a mastery of 60% or better for graduation purposes. Failure to meet these requirements could have negative implications for graduation. **All work must be submitted by May 22, 2020.**

GEAR UP (GUV) Cohort updates

Just a reminder that the last day for parents and students to do the GUV survey is **Friday, April 10**. Please use the survey links below. All students who complete the exit form will be sent the final steps regarding their GUV Scholarship.

English:

Student survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GUVstudentsurvey2019-20>

Parent survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GUVparentsurvey2019-20>

Spanish:

Encuesta para estudiantes - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GUVencuestaparaestudiantes2019-20>

Encuesta para padres - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GUVencuestaparapadres2019-20>

AP Courses

AP students will test at home. Additional information will come from the College Board.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAM - AP Updates from the College Board, April 3, 2020.

- Traditional face-to-face exam administrations will not take place. Students will take a 45-minute online free-response exam at home.
- New revised Exam Schedule for the dates of May 1-22nd with make-up exams for extreme cases on June 1-5th <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/educators/taking-the-exams/ap-exam-schedule>
- Students have access to College Board's free, live AP review lessons, delivered by AP teachers from across the country. These optional, mobile-friendly classes are designed to be used alongside work that may be given by schools. Students can find the classes at [youtube.com/advancedplacement](https://www.youtube.com/advancedplacement)
- College Board has provided tips on preparation and success for the 45 minute online free response exams <https://apcoronavirusupdates.collegeboard.org/students/open-book-tips>

Virtual Virginia

Virtual Virginia classes have resumed. The VDOE has issued specific information about Virtual Virginia classes which can be found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19-faq.shtml.

Per LCS Modified Grading Practice guidelines, no new content for the 2019-2020 school year will be graded after March 13, 2020. Please note, if you are enrolled in an AP course through Virtual Virginia, you must take the AP exam in order to continue to receive AP weighted credit.

Central Virginia Governor's School (CVGS)

Students who are enrolled in Governor's School will follow guidance from CVGS. Please continue to be in communication and contact with your CVGS teachers and Dr. Smith for your classes for a successful completion of this school year.

CTE Courses

Seniors will not need an industry credential to graduate this year. The two main credential tests that are on hold are cosmetology and the CNA exam for nursing students. Teachers will communicate with families what next steps are with regard to testing.

Dual Enrollment Courses, Early College, STEM Academy

Students will follow the procedures set by Virginia Community College System regarding grading and assignments for students enrolled in dual enrollment courses. Students who are enrolled in the Early College Program and STEM Academy will abide by the grading procedures of Central Virginia Community College. As you receive information, please speak with your teacher and/or school counselor regarding your specific requirements.

Senior Prom and Graduation

We are considering all options and know how important these two events are to our Seniors, families and LCS community. At this time, we are awaiting further Covid-19 closure information and recommendations as to how to proceed.

Graduating seniors, NCAA-eligible athletes, scholarship recipients, and those students who have specific circumstances related to GPA, please contact your school counselor to discuss your specific needs.

Contact information for each counselor is listed below:

E. C. Glass High School

Student Last Names	School Counselor	Counselor Contact Info
<p><i>*Students should reach out to their school counselors for individual questions about their graduation status.</i></p>		
<p>ECP participants Functional Living Program Division Wide Autism program (grades 9-11)</p>	<p>Tracy Miller-Goode, Director</p>	<p>millergoodetf@lcsedu.net</p>
<p>A-D</p>	<p>Aaron Humphreys</p>	<p>humphreysda@lcsedu.net</p>
<p>E-J</p>	<p>Janet Reynolds</p>	<p>reynoldsjl@lcsedu.net</p>
<p>K-Q</p>	<p>Tonyette White</p>	<p>whitetr@lcsedu.net</p>
<p>R-Z</p>	<p>Felicia Calloway</p>	<p>callowayfa@lcsedu.net</p>
<p>Registrar</p>	<p>Jean Long</p>	<p>longbj@lcsedu.net</p>

Heritage High School

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A-E	Bernette Beckles	becklesbm@lcsedu.net
F-J	Sarada Hester, Director	hestersc@lcsedu.net
K-Re	Katherine Baker	bakerkp@lcsedu.net
Rh-Z	Staci Davis	davislr@lcsedu.net
Registrar	Stephanie Andrews	andrewssc@lcsedu.net

Empowerment Academy	Tara Dillon	dillontd@lcsedu.net
Fort Hill Community School	Pamela Preston	prestonpl@lcsedu.net

We will do our best to get you answers. Please stay safe and healthy!