LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Glossary

AP Classes: Advanced Placement courses are rigorous, college-level classes offered in high schools through the College Board, allowing motivated students to tackle college-level work while they're still in high school and earn college credit by scoring well on end-of-year exams.

Block Schedule: Lakeside is on a block schedule meaning students take four classes per semester, for a total of eight classes each school year.

CCRPI: College & Career Ready Performance Index is a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all educational stakeholders, promoting college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students. Visit the GA Department of Ed. for Lakeside's CCRPI dashboard HERE.

Club Rush: The annual recruitment campaign where extracurricular activities, clubs and organizations are presented to the student body. Examples include JROTC, Lakeside Legend, or Yearbook club. Organizations are stationed around the cafeteria during lunch.

Common App: The **Common Application**, (commonapp.org) is a centralized online platform used by high school seniors to apply to multiple colleges and universities simultaneously. It is the primary application method for many of Georgia's top public and private institutions simplifying the process. Students can apply to college, research financial aid and scholarships, and connect to college counseling resources.

Concurrent Enrollment: a form of dual enrollment that allows students to take College Algebra (MATH 1111) and Composition I (ENGL 1101) through Georgia Piedmont Technical College (GPTC) while remaining on the Lakeside High School campus. These are real college courses built directly into the student's 7-block daily schedule, just like any other Lakeside class.

Core Subjects: Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies are the core subjects. Freshmen are required to complete a minimum of six (3 core & 3 electives) to

be promoted to 10th grade. Sophomores 12 credits, Juniors 18, and Seniors require 24 credits to graduate.

CSIP: The Continuous School Improvement Plan is to facilitate professional growth, encourage data-driven decision-making, and promote collaboration among stakeholders to ensure that all Lakeside students receive a high-quality education.
• LHS CSIP Summary 2025-2026

CTAE: Career Technical and Agricultural Education. This program is housed at Cross Keys High School. Students receive current technical, employability, and critical thinking skills through their engagement and completion of career pathways.

Curriculum Night: On Curriculum Night, held in September, families follow their students' schedule for brief course overviews. You can also learn about clubs, organizations, and the PTSA. It is not the night to conference with the teacher.

DCSD: DeKalb County School District (sometimes also DCPS: Dekalb County Public Schools). The district serves over 92,000 students, 138 schools, and 14K employees.

Diploma Types: There are three different types of diplomas: College Prep, Career Tech, and Honors with Distinction.

Dual Enrollment: Georgia's Dual Enrollment program lets high schoolers (grades 9-12) earn college credits up to 30 hours, covering tuition, fees, and books for approved courses at USG/TCSG colleges, via a http://www.gafutures.org application.

ELT: Extended Learning Time. The purpose of ELT (Grade Repair) is to provide students whose final course average was between a 50% – 69% with an opportunity to earn a passing grade. It allows for a small-group, standards-based instructional experience, where they will complete targeted assignments aligned to priority standards and, when needed, receive individualized support.

Email Blast/e-newsletter: The email blast is the weekly electronic newsletter for LHS. It contains important information and reminders about school and DCSD related events and activities. Shorter reminders are also sent via Remind text messages from the principal. Some information is also posted on the Lakeside High School Parents Facebook page or WhatsApp groups.

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Program for English Language Learners to help boost their English skills. All students who speak a foreign language at home are evaluated to see if they qualify.

FASA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It refers to the application your family uses to determine eligibility for financial assistance like Pell grants and work-study loans used for college or career school. It must be completed every year.

Feeder School: A school that automatically sends all enrolled students who graduate to the next higher school. For Lakeside, the main feeder school is Henderson Middle School, with elementary schools like Briarlake, Evansdale, Hawthorne, Henderson Mill, Oak Grove, Pleasantdale, Sagamore Hills, and part of Oak Cliff theme school. Other non- DCSD feeders are Cliff Valley and Globe Academy.

Georgia Futures: https://gafutures.org/ Georgia's primary resource to help students plan apply and find affordable ways to pay for post-secondary education. Track financial aid, Hope & Zell eligibility, and research colleges.

Georgia Milestones: This is an annual test, taken in the spring, to measure how well students have mastered the state adopted content standards in English Language Arts.

GPA: Grade Point Average scale. This is a measure of a student's academic achievement. It is calculated by adding all class grades then dividing them by the number of classes taken over a semester or school year. Typically, A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1.

LHS Foundation: The Lakeside High School Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on raising funds to provide grants, student scholarships, physical plant improvements and educational enhancements. www.lakesidefoundation.org.

IEP: Individual Education Plan. It is a legal plan under U.S. law IDEA detailing special education services for students who have been diagnosed with some form of learning disability. It outlines goals, supports, accommodations & services to ensure students receive a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).

Infinite Campus Parent Portal: A secure website provided by DCSD that allows parents, guardians, and students to view student information including grades, schedules, and information about completed assignments. You can also access your child's Georgia Milestone or MAP scores (see below) through Infinite Campus by clicking on 'SLDS Portal' and then on 'Performance'
http://www.dekalbschoolsga.org/infinite-campus/

Lockers: Students do not have assigned lockers at Lakeside. Chromebooks and other essential items are carried with students throughout the day.

MAP testing: Measure of Academic Progress is a computer-based standardized assessment used to measure students' progress in their learning. Students typically take it at the beginning, middle, and end of each school year. Students will get a score in each subject that measures their growth; a percentile score tells how your student compares to other students (50th percentile is average, higher means above average, under the 50th percentile is considered below average). Scores are posted on Infinite Campus. Learn more about the test here.

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National Honor Society: (NHS) is a prestigious U.S. organization recognizing outstanding high school students for excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Character. Membership signifies typically a high GPA and a commitment to serving others.

Naviance- Naviance Student is a mobile-friendly, comprehensive website that you and your student can access at any time to make plans for colleges and careers. Naviance Student is linked with Naviance, a service that DeKalb County School District uses in our schools to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that's specific to our schools.

Open House and Registration: A day before the start of school to register or re-register, find out the student's schedule, join PTSA, etc. Usually on the Wednesday before the first day of school. Dekalb County sets the date.

PAC: Principal's Advisory Council. PACs are responsible for setting and monitoring the strategic direction of schools. The PAC does the following: • Approve the school's Continuous School Improvement Plan (CSIP) • Provide feedback on the principal's performance • Interface with the school's Title I committee (where applicable) • Roll out of the annual CSIP and implementation • Lakeside High School PAC website

Parent Liaison: This school staff member ensures a welcoming environment for all families. Parent Liaisons empower parents to become active partners in the education of their students. They aim to increase parental involvement within the school and district through workshops, technology assistance, or arranging an interpreter if you need to communicate in your own language.

Passes: To get into the school early, or to walk around the school during classes, students need a hall pass from their teacher. They are generally recorded in the student's planner.

PBIS: Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports is a data-informed framework that positively impacts how a student, staff, parent and community partners feel in the school community and building.

PTSA: Parent-Teacher-Student Association. This is an organization which supports the school. Usually run by parents but in collaboration with teachers and students. They organize programs and services to help teachers and parents and raise funds for the programs and services. All parents are invited to join and attend meetings. The PTSA has an executive board, (president, vice president, secretary, communication, treasurer, etc.), who are elected by the membership. View the PTSA Newsletter HERE.

PE: Physical Education (sports, movement, health education). To graduate high school in Georgia, students need one full credit (or two half-credits) in Health and Physical Education (HPE).

Physical Science: A high-school level physics class that students can take instead of 8th grade science. The grade will count as a Carnegie Unit towards graduation (see above).

RAMP – The DCSD Resource Allocation/Methodology Plan. See it Here.

Remind: An app and website service that is used by many teachers and organizations to send information to communicate with parents or students via text or email. You need to sign up with a code that is provided by sending a text.

Resource Teacher: A specialized educator that assists children with physical or educational learning difficulties. Helps students develop specific skills.

Rising: The term is used for a student who has completed one grade and is in transition to the next. For example, at the end of 9th grade, the student becomes a rising 10th grader.

Robert's Rules of Order: A set of parliamentary procedures that provide guidelines for running orderly, fair, and efficient meetings where every member's voice is heard. The agenda of the meeting has old business, new business, and decisions are made by members making a motion for a vote, another member supporting that motion as a 'second', discussion is followed, and then the vote is taken by members saying yes or no. Notes from the meeting called 'minutes' are also voted on for approval.

SAIL: Student Advisement Intervention Lab**.** This academic intervention supplements the general curriculum outside of the regular classroom. It's once a week, usually Thursdays during school to ensure students can receive individualized support, enrichment, attend a club meeting, close learning gaps, or prepare for exams.

SLDS Portal - Statewide Longitudinal Data System: Online website where you can track your child's standardized test scores (like Georgia Milestones, MAP testing, see above). You can reach it through the Infinite Campus Portal.

SchoolCafe: The website you use to pay for your student's school lunch. Students use their ID numbers to purchase food. Parents must complete an application yearly to receive a free or reduced lunch. See website HERE.

Spirit Night: Fundraiser in which families have dinner together at a selected restaurant. The restaurant then donates a percentage of the profits back to the school. At Lakeside, these usually are held to benefit specific clubs.

Spirit Wear: Clothing with a design or logo that represents the school, including t-shirts, sweatshirts, and shorts. They are available ONLINE or throughout the year through various sport teams.

SRO: School Resource Officer: These officers are responsible for security and making sure no laws are broken. Discipline is handled by the Assistant Principal; SRO assists in urgent situations.

SST (Student Support Team): A support program for students who have learning or behavior challenges. The school counselor and the teachers work together to develop this program.

STEM: An approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math together. Being a STEM school means having a curriculum that is driven by problem solving, discovery, exploratory learning, and student-centered development of ideas and solutions. HMS is currently working on certification as a STEM school.

Student Council: Student-elected and student-lead council. Leadership consists of president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, with two representatives for each team. Elections for leadership are in the spring. The Student Council holds fundraisers or education campaigns.

Student Conductor: Student Conductor is our system for managing student tardies, hall passes, and minor classroom disruptions (e.g., cell phone violations). There are multiple tardy check-in kiosk stations located throughout the school. Every time a student is tardy, an email and/or text message is sent to a parent/guardian notifying them of the tardiness and the discipline assigned.

VIP Program: Vikings in Progress. Extra academic support for at-risk students failing three or more classes but have less than 6 absences. They meet weekly for tutoring during SAIL in the cafeteria.

WhatsApp: Lakeside has two WhatsApp groups to connect parents in either English or Spanish. These groups serve to increase parent and family engagement with the school, encourage parent volunteering, and facilitate parent-school communication.

WIDA – World-Class Instructional Design & Assessment. WIDA is a consortium of states, territories, and federal agencies focused on supporting multilingual learners. It provides English language development standards, assessments, and professional learning opportunities to help educators effectively support students who are learning English.

504 Plan: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, first implemented in 1977, prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities by entities that receive federal funding. Students who have a special need, medical or behavioral, can receive accommodations. It can assist students with severe allergies, asthma, ADHD, or anxiety, who don't need an IEP but still need some type of extra assistance.