#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### Why are Governor's Scholars considered freshmen at four-year colleges and universities?

Four-year schools want to ensure that incoming high school graduates are safe and able to have time to acclimate to the college environment. Additionally, they are issuing their degree and need to ensure that all pre- and co-requisites are met for individual majors. This is non-negotiable with the four-year schools. Governor's Scholars may receive recognition by the four-year colleges and universities for their academic excellence through honors housing, scholarships, etc. It is incumbent upon the student to have a transcript and College Board scores available when applying and meeting with counselors at four-year schools.

#### How do I receive my grades?

Grades are issued to students, not parents, each semester. Grade reports are not mailed. Students may view their grades, print unofficial transcripts and have official transcripts sent to other colleges through the online Student Information System. The high school counselor's office also receives a copy of the grades.

#### Where do I get my textbook?

After registering for courses at LFCC, visit the bookstore to purchase textbooks or go on-line at neebo.com/lord-fairfax-community-college.

#### Do I qualify for financial aid?

According to federal guidelines, high school students are ineligible for financial aid administered by the college. In order to qualify for financial aid, you must have a high school diploma or general educational development (GED) credential.





#### What is placement testing?

Placement testing includes English and math and is required to ensure that students are placed in courses for which they are academically prepared. Placement testing may be waived for students who provide official evidence of SAT or ACT scores meeting the minimum requirements and that are generally taken within the last two years.

Contact your high school counselor's department for testing schedules or go to the Testing Center at the College. It is recommended that you call ahead to determine hours. At the **Middletown Campus, call 540-868-7140**; at the **Fauquier Campus, call 540-351-1515**; and at the **Luray-Page County Center, call 540-843-0722**. Students must present a legal photo ID such as a driver's license, passport, DMV photo ID, or a current high school ID.

#### How do I prepare for placement testing?

Information about taking the placement tests and practice test information is available at www.lfcc.edu/are-you-ready. Students are strongly encouraged to review this site.

### When do classes begin?

Visit the LFCC website at Ifcc.edu for information about the College's calendar and inclement weather postings. During inclement weather, students follow the College's schedule.



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information, please visit our website at

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or please call 540-868-7149



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# Dual Enrollment

at Lord Fairfax Community College



Earn College Credit While Still in High School



#### **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

Dual enrollment is a program that provides high school students the opportunity to take college credit bearing courses that may apply to their high school graduation as well as earning a college transcript that may apply toward a credential at Lord Fairfax Community College. All dual enrolled students are considered college students and are assigned a college student number as well as access to library services, student support, and facilities of the college.

#### **ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Students must meet the Admissions criteria in order to be eligible to enroll. Please visit Ifcc.edu/future-students/high-school-outreach/dual-enrollment-homepage/admission-vs-registration. Students should work with their high school counselor and a member of the High School Outreach staff in their course selection. This will ensure that requirements for high school graduation and college credential attainment are being met.

- Dual enrollment is for high school juniors and seniors.
- Apply for admission to the college.
- Complete placement testing or have appropriate SAT or ACT scores. The scores must be attached to the enrollment form. The placement test waiver scores for ACT and SAT can be found at www.lfcc. edu/future-students/are-you-ready.
- Review the college's website for courses for the appropriate semester.
- Complete the appropriate enrollment form and secure the necessary signatures.
- Meet with a member of the LFCC High School Outreach Office or Counseling Staff for approval to enroll.
- Take the form with attachments to Admission and Records. You will be enrolled and receive your schedule.
- Pay your tuition before the deadline to keep from being backed out of classes.
- Home schooled students must attach the following information to the green form **each** time the student registers for courses: placement test scores, letter of approval from school division regarding home schooled instruction or religious exemption, and Required Educational Test results from spring testing done through the public school division. If testing results are not available, the

student is required to meet with the dean(s) of the discipline(s) for the courses for which the student wishes to enroll.

Exceptions may be considered for freshman and sophomore students who are able to demonstrate readiness for college level coursework. It is expected that all students meet placement criteria prior to enrolling in college coursework. Freshman and sophomore students must meet with the dean of the respective division for the courses for which they wish to enroll. The deans will review placement test scores and determine student eligibility.

#### **COURSES OFFERED**

Course selection falls into two categories: transfer (general education) courses and non-transfer (applied science) courses. **Transfer** courses are commonly articulated toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree at four-year colleges and universities. These general education courses include: English, history, mathematics, psychology, etc.

Academic courses intended for transfer with a **grade of "C"** or above should transfer to four-year colleges and universities; however, LFCC cannot guarantee transferability to all colleges and universities.

LFCC **applied science** courses are applicable to specific curricula and are intended to prepare students for employment in those areas. Examples of these courses include: Information Systems, basic electricity, etc. While some of these courses may be accepted for transfer, no unified policy exists on the transfer. Students are strongly advised to consult with their transfer institution to determine transferability of courses.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT AT LFCC**

High school juniors and seniors taking DE classes on campus are part of the college community and are expected to attend regularly scheduled courses. Classes follow the college calendar which varies greatly from high school calendars. Be sure to go to the LFCC website to find the schedule of classes and semester date.

#### **COURSES TAUGHT IN HIGH SCHOOLS**

Classes are offered during the regular school day for students attending the high school where teachers meet LFCC's credentialing requirements.

Check with your high school counseling office to learn which DE classes are offered at your high school.

#### COURSEWORK

Students may only enroll in credit-bearing courses. By Virginia Community College System policy, students are not permitted to enroll in developmental (ENF and MTE) courses. Course selection should be made based upon the student's goal in attending LFCC. If the student is planning to earn a degree, certificate, or career studies certificate, the student will want to follow the program requirements for meeting the credential. All students should expect the courses to be academically rigorous. Content is not altered to accommodate high school students. Students should expect to participate in college-level content and discussion appropriate for adult learners.

#### **Advising Information**

- Grades earned for college credit will be visible on a college transcript and, depending on the grades and college policies, may impact your ability to receive some types of financial aid at that institution. This review of grades and completion rate is part of the federal regulation known as Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students should work hard to protect their grade point average to avoid limitations with financial aid upon graduation from high school.
- Students are strongly advised to check with transfer institutions to determine acceptance of credit. While dual enrollment credit is generally widely accepted by most in-state public institutions and some out-of-state schools, it is good practice to know of any specific requirements of the four-year schools. Acceptance of credit also includes AP and IB credit. It is the student's responsibility to be informed of fouryear school requirements. Be sure to check the Transfer Guide at www.lfcc.edu/transfer.
- When visiting a four-year school or registering as a freshman after receiving any advanced standing credit whether through dual enrollment, AP or IB, students should take an unofficial copy of their college transcript and any copies of their scores for AP and IB. This will ensure that the student is given all possible credit toward degree attainment by the four-year school.
- All students will be considered freshmen when applying to the four-year schools. Fouryear colleges and universities will consider you a freshman for housing, orientation, and other requirements for their freshman students. Credits earned through dual enrollment, AP, and IB will be evaluated as advanced standing and credits may be applied to the student's major as deemed appropriate by the four-year college or university.

 Students can earn the Governor's Scholar designation by completing the Certificate of General Education and/or a degree concurrent with high school graduation.

#### **COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS**

- Students are expected to advocate and navigate through the college processes (drop and withdraw from a class) and the environment. Students should know how to speak with professors, send an appropriate e-mail, follow the course syllabus and use the Student Information System.
- Students need to study at least 2 to 3 hours outside of class for each hour in class.
- Professors schedule tests without regard to the demands of other courses or outside activities.
- A majority of professors refuse to accept assignments late.
- In college, grades are not negotiable. What you earn is what you are given.
- Grades are issued every semester and are not averaged for a yearly grade.
- If you miss class, professors expect you to get notes from classmates.
- All earned grades will be on the official college transcript. Grades are not mailed. The student must log in to the Student Information System (MY LFCC) to check grades.
- The College does not report attendance or grade information to parents due to FERPA.

#### BENEFITS OF DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Provides a wider range of course options for high school students
- Avoids unnecessary duplication of coursework
- Lowers the cost for a postsecondary education
- Shortens time to degree completion
- Increases flexibility with scheduling courses at four-year schools and may provide opportunities for semester-long internships or semester-abroad experiences
- Provides scholarship opportunities with four-year schools based upon successful completion of college courses