



Welcome
Long County High School
SENIORS
Home of the Blue Tide



Long County High School Graduation Requirements

What do you need to graduate?

Graduation Requirements



- ✓ **25 Credits needed to Graduate**
- ✓ **Pass all 4 Portions of GHS GT or EOCT Equivalent**
- ✓ **Everyone must pass the GHSWT**

GHSGT – Retest Dates

➤ **English/LA, Math, Science, Social Studies:**

September 12 – 16, 2011

➤ **Writing: September 27, 2011**

Graduation Requirements

Core Academic Course Requirements

4 - English
4 - Math
4 - Science
3 - Social Studies

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Electives

- **1 Credit in Health/Personal Fitness**
- **3 Credits in Career/Technical/Agricultural Education (CTAE) and/or Foreign Language and/or Fine Arts**
- **Additional Electives (4 elective credits if foreign language is taken OR 6 elective credits)**

Checklist for Seniors:

Create a GAcollege411 account.

- www.gacollege411.org

Includes Free SAT/ACT preps, college information, scholarship opportunities, apply to colleges, apply for Financial Aid and HOPE

Register for the SAT and ACT tests.

Seniors should take these tests before January

•LCHS *High School Code: 111865*

- www.collegeboard.com

- www.act.org

Checklist for Seniors:

- STAR student deadline: **November 5, 2011** SAT is the last acceptable date for STAR 2012 Nominations
- To receive a fee waiver for the cost of the SAT/ACT, come to the guidance office to check you eligibility. There is an income requirement and students are only allowed to receive a total of 2.
- Students who qualify for SAT fee waivers also qualify for a total of 4 application fee waivers that can be used to waive college application fees

Financial Aid

How do I apply? **FAFSA is the Key!**

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between **January 1** and **February 15**.
 - Use your GAcollege411 account to access the FAFSA or visit www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - You will need your **2011 Tax Return** information in order to complete the FAFSA.

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HOPE Scholarship

2 ways to apply:

- By completing the FAFSA *OR*
- Completing HOPE Application

HOPE is calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) using **academic core** grades only.

Checklist for Seniors:


- **Begin College Planning.**
 - **Schedule College Campus Tours**
 - **Apply to at least 2 or 3 colleges.**
- **Complete the FAFSA.** www.fafsa.ed.gov
- **Official Transcript: Colleges must have to completely process your application.**

Includes final grades/graduation date.
Sign-up sheet will be at Graduation Practice and in front office.

Tips for a successful Senior Year:

- ❖ Resist the urge to slack off. You want to **avoid** "senioritis" - a drop in motivation and, consequently, grades, that is sometimes experienced by seniors.
- ❖ Maintaining your grades in **all** classes is very important! Remember: Colleges look at your grades in **elective** classes and these count toward your overall GPA.

Scholarship Information

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- *Stay tuned* to the morning announcements throughout the year for scholarship opportunities.
- See the **guidance office** for scholarship information and the application process.

Get in line early!

- **Timing** is very important!
- Each college has its own **priority deadline.**
- Fill out the FAFSA as early as possible and submit it soon after **January 1.**

Don't forget to...

- Keep on top of all applications (admissions, housing, and financial aid) and their **deadlines**.
- **Make copies** of all documents and applications that you submit for your records.



Want more
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Visit www.gacollege411.org

or

Contact the Georgia Student Finance
Commission (GSFC)

email: gacollege411@gsfc.org

telephone: 1-800-505-GSFC (4732)