

# GENERAL INFORMATION

The school reserves the right to cancel any courses that do not attain minimum enrollment.

Advanced Placement (AP) classes are college level courses available for students that meet college reading standards per PSAT scores and have a strong desire for challenging work. These courses are designed for the junior and senior student with one such course open to sophomores. Following guidelines established by the College Board, these courses provide students with an accelerated and in-depth examination of the subject area at a collegiate level. Students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes are required to take the Advanced Placement Examinations offered each spring; there are no exceptions. A number of colleges and universities nationwide give college credit and/or placement for sufficiently high scores. This varies from institution to institution.

Honors classes are available for qualifying students. Both honors and Advanced Placement courses move at a faster pace than college prep courses and require departmental approval. In order to be admitted into an honors course at Lexington Catholic, a student must meet the following criteria:

- An overall grade average of **85%** or higher.
- A grade of **85%** or higher in the previous honors course or **93%** or higher in a college prep course in the same content. In the case of sophomore social studies, English grades are used to replace content area courses.

In order to be admitted into an Advanced Placement course at Lexington Catholic, a student must meet the following criteria:

- An overall grade average of **90%** or higher.
- A grade of **85%** or higher in the previous honors course or **93%** or higher in a regular course in the same content.

Students must earn a "C" or better grade at the end of the first semester in order to continue to be enrolled in honors or AP classes for the second semester.

Honors courses carry a weight of 1.05. AP courses carry a weight of 1.10. The grade achieved in the course appears on the report card, but that grade is weighted when averaged.

Credit for each course taken is awarded on a semester basis, even for courses that continue for a full year. The semester grade indicates, for passing grades, the average that has been assigned for the semester of credit. Work in the second semester will not be averaged with the first semester to produce a year's grade and a year's credit. A full year course is semester one followed by semester two, each one earning a half credit (.5).

To be classified beyond the freshman level, a student must meet the following requirements:

- To be a sophomore, a student must have a minimum of six (6) credits
- To be a junior, a student must have a minimum of twelve (12) credits
- To be a senior, a student must have a minimum of eighteen (18) credits

Credits earned in summer school and correspondence courses are not averaged into the cumulative grade point average (GPA) and are given a pass/fail grade only. If students complete the summer work at Lexington Catholic, these grades are computed into the student's average.