

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is the Block Schedule?**

Block Schedule refers to our class schedule. All classes meet on Mondays. Tuesdays and Thursdays periods 1, 2, 3, and 7 meet; Wednesdays and Fridays periods 4, 5, and 6 meet, each for 90 minutes.

- **What is Academy?**

Academy is on Wednesdays and Fridays, for 55 minutes. Students can use Academy to gain clarity from a teacher, take a missed test, work on projects with classmates, or even get a leg up on homework. Academy is embedded in the school day and attendance is required.

- **When is Registration due?**

8<sup>th</sup> grade and junior registration packets are due February 3, 2020 in your student's English or US History class, respectively. Freshmen/Sophomores will turn in their documents on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, respectively, at their appointment with their counselor. At that time, your student will need to turn in a completed the colored sheet indicating requested courses and alternates AND have completed the online registration through the PASS Portal.

- **How much homework will my student have?**

Your student should plan to have no more than two hours of homework weekly for each class.

- **What is considered a full academic load?**

Six classes are considered a full academic load. Freshmen have the option to request seven.

- **Can freshmen take Advanced Placement (AP) classes?**

No, AP classes are not offered at the freshman level.

- **Is there a community service requirement for graduation?**

Las Lomas does not have a community service requirement for graduation.

- **What grades are reported on transcripts?**

Semester grades are the official grades that are reported on transcripts. Progress report and quarter grades are not reported on transcripts.

- **Do freshman grades count?**

Yes! Freshman grades count to meet graduation requirements and college eligibility requirements. Some schools (most UCs and CSUs) use the GPA from grades 10-12 for admission purposes, but individual freshman grades are still considered to prove proficiency.

- **What if my student has a question about his/her grades?**

Students should speak directly to their teacher/s. School Loop is a tool to monitor grades.

- **What if I want to change a class?**

The add/drop period takes place the first ten days of the school year. Students who would like to add and/or drop a class will need to fill out a course change request form (available online during the add/drop period). Changes will only be made as space allows.

- **Can students request a teacher change?**

Given scheduling constraints, we cannot honor teacher change requests.

- **Will classes change after the first semester?**

No, all freshman classes are year-long, which does not allow for semester changes.

- **How do I contact a teacher?**

Teachers can be reached via e-mail or phone (voice message). Please allow up to 48 hours for a response.

- **How does a student make an appointment with his/her counselor?**

Students fill out an appointment request form in the Counseling Office. Please keep in mind that counselors must prioritize emergencies and urgent matters.

- **How do parents make an appointment with their student's counselor?**

Please call or e-mail your student's counselor to schedule an appointment. Counselors cannot accommodate drop-in appointments.