

# LAFAYETTE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## HONORS PROGRAM

Current year teachers will make recommendations for honors' level courses. These recommendations are based on what the teacher believes is in the best interest of the student to establish a strong foundation in the discipline, as well as ability to perform to the student's highest level. Students are welcome to have discussions with teachers and department chairs to discuss the possibility of taking an honors if they have not been recommended. All requests must be approved by the department chair, Mrs. Doucet or Mr. Myers. Please carefully consider the College Counseling Note below when considering making a request for accelerated courses.

### Placement into 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Classes

- A student must have earned 90% average or higher in the selected course at the end of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade first semester.
- Scores on Terra Nova tests will be considered
- No more than 3 detentions, as this could become a disqualification at the discretion of the administration and department chairs.

### Placement into 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

- A student must have earned a 90% average or higher in selected courses on his or her 1<sup>st</sup> semester report card .
- Students will need to make a sub score of 20 or higher in selected courses on the ACT
- Scores on Terra Nova tests will be considered
- No more than 3 detentions, as this could become a disqualification at the discretion of the administration and department chairs.

**All students must reapply for Honors every year.**

### Dual Enrollment Program (Seniors ONLY)

The Dual Enrollment program, run in conjunction with University of Louisiana Monroe, allows students to earn college credit while taking courses at Lafayette Christian Academy. Dual Enrollment courses are currently offered in Psychology and Sociology. If you take Dual Enrollment classes as a senior, it is required that you take 2 semesters. The first Semester will be Psychology and the second Semester will be Sociology. You cannot opt of Sociology!!

Students interested in the program must have a minimum ACT composite score of 20 and meet all university enrollment guidelines. Seniors must also have a GPA of no less than 2.75.

Students who fail to earn a C or better in any Dual Enrollment program may not register for additional courses. Grading in Dual Enrollment courses is conducted according to the university guidelines and all Dual Enrollment grades may affect the individual student's TOPS status during the first semester of college.

Fees for Dual Enrollment are set each year by the cooperating university/college and are paid directly to the university. Credit is issued for the college course by the appropriate institution, based on the college grading scale. Students, on successful completion of the course, receive credit for the high school course from Lafayette Christian Academy and for the college course from the university.

### **College Counseling Note**

Throughout Upper School, the general rule of thumb is to pursue the five major subject areas – English, Math, Science and World Languages – for as long as possible and to the highest level successfully attainable. It is detrimental, however, to “over challenge” yourself. Taking an honors class, struggling and earning a low grade is not helpful either to a student’s learning or the student’s chances of admission to colleges.

Colleges want students to take the toughest course that they can handle and in which they can do well. Students do themselves a great disservice by accelerating or taking honors courses when it is inappropriate to do so.