

New Student Information Guide

Lehigh Area High School
2022-2023

Welcome!

Welcome to Lehigh Area High School! We would like to extend a warm welcome to all students and their parents. We are excited and looking forward to serving the students, parents, and guardians of our community. We will continue to provide a positive and caring atmosphere that is conducive and essential in making the school year successful. Our commitment to you and the community is to continue making students and learning our top priority. All students can learn and we will do everything within our means to help all our students achieve high levels of academic success. We are a team and we need your help and support in order for this to be a successful and memorable experience for your student(s). Communication is an important factor in this equation. One of our goals is to see that the parents/guardians of students like the students themselves, feel at home in Lehigh Area High School. To help accomplish this goal, we want to maintain and improve upon an open dialogue between the home and school. Our door is always open for positive suggestions that can improve our school, academics, and athletic programs.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Howland and Mr. Brown

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Principal

Mrs. Suzanne Howland

Assistant Principal

Mr. Floyd Brown

Athletic Director

Mr. Kyle Spotts

Nurse

Mrs. Kali Andrew

Guidance Counselors

Mrs. Kelli Costenbader

Mrs. Kathy Martin

Social Workers:

Mrs. Mary Jo Stere

Mrs. Carrie Kenny

Administrative

Assistants

Mrs. Melissa Armbruster

Sec. to the Principal

Mrs. Melissa Hunsicker

Sec. to Athletics and
Facilities

Mrs. Lori Hawk

Sec. to Guidance Dept.

School Police Officers

Peter Salerno

John Orsulak

Director of Special Education

Mrs. Samantha Kistler

- **Absent Excuses** -- Please submit excuses within three days of the date of absence. Excuse blanks can be submitted electronically under the Parents tab of the District's website (<https://lehighton.org/domain/634>) or to Mrs. Hawk in the Guidance office. Parents, if there is an issue getting an excuse submitted, please email or call Mr. Brown (fbrown@lehighton.org). Please see the student handbook for additional information.

Grading Scale:

- 90%-100% = A
- 80%-89% = B
- 70%-79% = C
- 61%-69% = D
- 00%-60% = F

DISTINGUISHED HONORS:

A student must have a 3.8 weighted GPA in all classes with no grade lower than a 90%.

HONOR ROLL:

A student must have a 3.52 weighted GPA in all classes with no weighted grade lower than an 83.

*Courses may be on AP, Honors, College Prep, or Applied levels with possible weighted GPA.

Graduation Requirement:

Students must complete the required minimum of 26 credits.

Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

Athletics		
Cheerleading	Field Hockey	Football
Golf (Co-ed)	Soccer (Boys & Girls)	Softball
Tennis (Co-ed)	Track & Field (Boys & Girls)	Volleyball
Wrestling	Baseball	Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)		

Academic Eligibility

"Eligibility shall be cumulative from the beginning of a grading period and shall be reported on a weekly basis" (PIAA By-Laws, Article IX, Section 1).

To be eligible for participation during any semester, a student/athlete must have passing grades in at least 3 courses per semester (6 for the year). If failing one course, the student/athlete will be placed on probation and is required to schedule remediation with the classroom teacher for that course. The student/athlete will maintain eligibility upon receipt of a "release from athletic probation form" available in the High School office or the office of the Director of Student Services and Facility Planning. This form must be signed by the classroom teacher and presented to the Director of Student Services and Facility Planning on or before the second school day after the declaration of athletic probation. If remediation is not scheduled, the student/athlete will lose his/her eligibility. The student must improve their grade to a passing mark in 3 weeks or they will be deemed ineligible.

The following procedure will be followed if the student/athlete fails to meet this minimum requirement:

1. Teachers will not permit usage during class time. Use of a cell phone in class is at teacher discretion based on the objectives of their individual lessons. Teachers may limit phone/device usage on an individual basis if violations of school rules occur.
2. Teachers and staff may direct students to place cell phones and personal devices in classroom storage areas for the duration of a class.
3. Students are NOT permitted to take cell phones and devices into restrooms. Such an action may warrant a disciplinary consequence.
4. All texts, calls, taking pictures/video, or connecting to the Internet during the school day or at school events with a personal device are subject to school rules. Unfiltered connection to the Internet via one's personal cell phone or device is prohibited.
5. Parents are not to call or text students during the school day. Any needed contact can be handled through the main office or guidance office.
6. All devices are the responsibility of the student – teachers, administration, and Lehigh School District are not liable for any damage or loss to personal devices.
7. Filming classes, taking pictures, and/or recording audio is not permitted without permission, and violators could be referred to the police and prosecuted.
8. **Cell phones and devices—including earbuds and headphones are to be kept “out of sight” while students are in the halls.** This is to ensure the safety of all students. A member of the faculty, staff, or administration may assign an immediate detention for violation of this rule and confiscate the device. **Any confiscated devices must be picked up by the parent/guardian after school—they will NOT be returned to the student.**

Student Dress

The home and school need to cooperate in the matter of dress. Good grooming and dress are, first of all, the responsibility of the parents and students. In addition, for the health, safety, and well-being of all the students, our school is also involved in this responsibility. Proper dress is conducive towards the

by getting one from Mrs. Hawk in the guidance office. If you are absent from school, students are not permitted to attend/participate in after school extracurricular activities and athletics.

Attendance Definitions

Truant – incurring three (3) or more unexcused absences

Habitually Truant – incurring six (6) or more unexcused absences

Chronic Absenteeism – incurring ten (10) or more excused absences

- **What should I do if I come in contact with somebody with COVID or feel I may have COVID?**

Please contact Mrs. Andrew (kandrew@lehighton.org), Mrs. Howland (showland@lehighton.org) or Mr. Brown (fbrown@lehighton.org). If you're a confirmed positive case you will be recommended to stay home for five days.

- **What should I do if I do not feel well in class?**

If you do not feel well in class, ask your teacher(s) permission to go to the nurse's office.

- **What should I do if I am late?**

If you report to school after 7:30 a.m. you should immediately report to the main office and sign in.

Fast Fact: Any student who signs in after 9:30 a.m. will be marked for a half day absence. In most cases, tardiness will be considered an illegal absence. Oversleeping, missing a ride or bus, etc. will not excuse a student from class.

Students must arrive by 8:59 a.m. in order to be eligible to participate in athletics/after school activities.

- **What if I need to leave early?**

If you need to leave school early, you must bring a written note to Mrs. Hawk in the guidance office or put the note in the guidance office drop-box before or during homeroom on that day. The note must be signed by your parent/guardian requesting permission to leave and stating the reason.

- **What if my locker won't open?**

If your locker will not open, go to the main office to report the problem and they will notify maintenance to assist.

- **Who do I contact if I have a problem with my schedule or a class?**

Contact your guidance counselor to arrange a meeting to discuss your concerns. The 9th and 11th grade guidance counselor is Mrs. Kathy Martin (kmartin@lehighton.org). The 10th and 12th grade guidance counselor is Mrs. Kelli Costebader (kcostenbader@lehighton.org). The link to sign up for a meeting will be provided during the first week of school. If you do not have the link, email your assigned guidance counselor.

- **What should I do if I have a technology or computer issue?**

For technical support, students should enter a support ticket with the District help desk. To do this, go to the District website, under student links and select help desk. With Canvas questions, email Mrs. Volcskai