

PTSO Meeting Questions for School Counseling

- How can the school counseling office help me as a parent and what services do you offer to our students?

<https://www.lcps.org/domain/4621>

- How does my child change a class if it is either too difficult or too easy?

- When is it too late to drop/change a class?

<https://www.lcps.org/cms/lib/VA01000195/Centricity/Domain/4622/2020-2021%20Program%20of%20Studies%20updated%20FINAL.pdf>

- The teacher is not a good fit for my child, can we make a change?
- Do you recommend early release for seniors?
- What classes should my child take to have a better chance of getting into the college of their choice?

- What's the difference between Honors and Academic classes?

Academic: Course content and expected student performance require reading and writing at a rigorous level

Honors: Course content is paced with additional depth. Lessons are often designed to be complex, abstract, and open-ended.

- What's the difference between AP (Advanced Placement) and DE (Dual Enrollment) classes?

The Advanced Placement Program is a cooperative education endeavor with the College Board. AP courses allow students the opportunity to take college-level courses while they are enrolled in high school. Students who enroll in an AP course should expect extensive reading, writing, and critical thinking which generally require additional time. College and universities may award credit and/or special placement if a student earns a qualifying score on the exam given in May.

Participation in Dual Enrollment courses allow students to meet requirements for high school graduation while simultaneously earning college credits upon successful completion of the course. The transferability of a college course to another college or university is determined by the receiving institution.

- How does my student start the college application process and when should they begin?

<https://sites.google.com/lcps.org/2021fallcollegeapplicationtodo/home>

- How is Stone Bridge doing college recruiting now?

<https://student.naviance.com/sbhs>

- What is going on with SATs and ACTs - are they required? Should my student still take them?
- What if my child is not college-bound, what are his/her choices after HS?
Apprenticeship fair, job fairs, trade/technical schools, & military information will be made available
- What is happening this year with SOLs and what happens if my child doesn't pass one?