

Langley High School
Student Handbook
HOME OF the SAXONS



The mission of Langley High School is to provide a quality education that meets the diverse needs of student while preparing them for the challenges of citizenship in a global society.

2019-2020 Student Handbook

Kimberly Greer, Principal

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	703-287-2700
Attendance Reporting	703-287-2727
Student Services Office	703-287-2722
Student Activities Office	703-287-2750
Health Room	703-287-2710
Transportation	703-249-7100

School website

<https://langleyhs.fcps.edu/>

Homework website

<https://fcps.blackboard.com/webapps/login/>

2019–20 School Calendar for Students

August 26	First Day of School for Students
August 30 - September 2	Holiday (Labor Day Break)
October 14	Student Holiday (School Planning Day)
November 1	End of First Quarter
November 4	Student Holiday (School Planning Day)
November 5	Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
November 27-29	Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 23 - January 3, 2020	Holiday (Winter Break) – Classes Resume January 6
January 20	Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday)
January 24	End of Second Quarter
January 27	Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
January 28	Student Holiday (Staff Development Day)
February 17	Holiday (Washington’s Birthday and Presidents’ Day)
March 3	Student Holiday (School Planning Day)
April 3	End of Third Quarter
April 6-10	Holiday (Spring Break)
April 13	Student Holiday (Teacher Workday)
May 25	Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 12	Last Day of School, Year End (Early Release)

Bell Schedule 2019-2020		Monday -Friday	
		Start Time	End Time
1 st Block <i>Period 1-Green Day</i> <i>Period 2-Gold Day</i>		8:10	9:47
SAXON TIME		9:47	10:17
Period 3		10:24	11:14
2 nd Block <i>Period 4-Gold Day</i> <i>Period 5-Green Day</i>	A Class	11:51	1:18
	A Lunch	11:21	11:48
	B Class	11:21	12:51
	B Lunch	11:51	12:18
	B Class	12:18	1:18
	C Class	11:21	12:21
	C Lunch	12:21	12:48
	C Class	12:48	1:18
	D Class	11:21	12:51
	D Lunch	12:51	1:18
3 rd Block <i>Period 6 – Gold Day</i> <i>Period 7 – Green Day</i>		1:25	2:55

SAXON TIME is an intervention period intended to provide students with time to receive extra help, make-up assignments or tests, or catch up on homework or reading. Students may be assigned by teachers, counselors, or administrators to locations based on their particular academic needs and will be required to attend.

GREEN and GOLD DAYS Langley HS operates on a daily rotating-block schedule referred to as the Green-Gold Schedule. Green and Gold identify the class periods that meet on a particular day. Odd numbered class periods (1, 5 and 7) meet on Green days; even numbered class periods (2 and 4) meet on Gold Days. Third period meets on both Green and Gold days (the common period). The schedule is set at the beginning of the school year and does not change. If schools are closed due to weather on a Green day, and reopen the next day which is scheduled as a Gold day, then students report to their Gold day classes.

ATTENDANCE

School begins promptly at 8:10 and ends at 2:55 pm. Students are expected to attend every class or activity for which they are scheduled each school day. Specifically, this means that students must attend all classes; report to the cafeteria, library or courtyard during lunch; go to the designated area of the school for assemblies, pep rallies, and other special events; and be punctual.

WHAT TO DO WHEN...

Student is or will absent from school:

The parent must call 703-287-2727 (Attendance Message Line) on the morning of the absence. After 48 hours, the absence is marked as "unexcused."

Student arrives after 8:30 to school:

Student must present a note to the attendance office upon arrival. Note must indicate the reason for arriving late and must include a contact phone number for the person writing the note. (Students arriving before 8:30 am are to report directly to class.)

Student needs to leave school early:

Student must present a note to the attendance office. Note must include reason for leaving school and a contact number for the person writing the note.

Academy

The parent must notify both Langley HS and the academy school of the absence.

Athletics

Student athletes must attend all scheduled classes in order to participate in any athletic contest, practice, or activity. Reasonable exceptions, such as a medical appointment, may be approved by the Principal or Director of Student Activities prior to participation.

Reasons for excused absences include:

Illness of the student, death in the family, doctor or dentist appointment, observance of a religious holiday, suspension (except for certain violations as provided in Regulation 2601), or another reason acceptable to the principal or his designee. Child care situations, non-school related activities, missed school bus, traffic or car problems, or other reasons unacceptable to the principal or his designee will result in an "unexcused" designation.

Tardy to Class

Students are to be in their seats when the bell rings to begin the class period. Tardiness may result in a detention with the teacher. Habitual tardiness may also result in other disciplinary action.

CELL PHONES/COMMUNICATION DEVICES

Electronic devices are not allowed during all testing situations including SOL and AP testing. Confiscation will result and test results will be voided with no make-up and honor code referral will be made. Electronic devices must be silent and out of sight during classroom instruction. Device may be confiscated if in violation. Electronic devices are permitted for specific instructional use at the discretion of the teacher.

Open use of devices in cafeteria or during passing time is allowed. Violations of Fairfax County Public Schools Acceptable Use Policy will result in loss of network access.

FIRE DRILLS

When the fire alarm sounds, students must vacate the building in an orderly fashion, to a designated meeting location, and remain as a group with their teacher until an administrator gives the all-clear signal. Tampering with a fire alarm box will result in prosecution, in addition to school disciplinary action.

GRADES AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Grades are a measure of academic performance and are used as a means of reporting achievement relative to curriculum objectives. Grades are determined by classroom teachers and are based on a variety of factors. Each teacher will discuss the components of grading and the calculation of grades at the beginning of the year. Additional information is available in the FCPS document "Grading and Reporting to Parents." All teachers use the FCPS grading scale.

FCPS GRADING SCALE

A (93-100) = 4.0 C+ (77-79) = 2.3

A- (90-92) = 3.7 C (73-76) = 2.0

B+ (87-89) = 3.3 C- (70-72) = 1.7

B (83-86) = 3.0 D+ (67-69) = 1.3

B- (80-82) = 2.7 D (64-66) = 1.0

F (below 64) = 0.0

HONOR CODE

The Langley High School community embodies a spirit of mutual trust and intellectual honesty that is central to the very nature of the school, and represents the highest possible expression of shared values among the members of the schools community.

The fundamental beliefs underlying and reflected in the Honor Code are (1) that trust in a person is a positive force in making that person worthy of trust, (2) that every student has the right to live in an academic environment that is free from the injustices caused by any form of intellectual dishonesty, and (3) that the honesty and integrity of all members of the school community contribute to its quest for truth.

The functions of the Honor Code are to communicate the meaning and importance of intellectual honesty to all students of the school; to articulate and support the interest of the community in maintaining the highest standards of conduct in academic affairs, and to identify, sanction, and educate those who fail to live up to the stated expectations of the school community with regard to these standards. The Honor Code is the school policy which defines the expected standards of conduct in academic affairs. The Honor Council is the school body charged with enforcement of the Honor Code. The student body and faculty at Langley High School will not tolerate any violation of the Honor Code.

The Honor Code expressly forbids the following academic violations: Cheating, plagiarism, falsification/lying, stealing.

Questions concerning an Honor Code referral must be directed to the Chair of the Honor Council. The Honor Council will hear the student's case, when applicable, and then render a decision. Appeals of the Honor Council decision are made to the administration.

PARKING

Senior students, who receive a parking pass via lottery, must provide a driver's license to receive a Hang Tag. All applicants must meet the deadlines for submitting the appropriate forms; have acceptable academic performance and attendance records; and no disciplinary infractions. Parking on school grounds is a privilege and with it come certain obligations and responsibilities. Parking Hang Tag and campus-driving privileges may be revoked at the discretion of the Administration.

PARTICIPATION IN ATHLETICS

To compete as an athlete, students must meet all eligibility requirements of the VHSL, pass a yearly physical examination, and comply with the requirements of the FCPS Participation Policy for Extracurricular Activities and Athletics Programs, available in the Student Activities Office.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

As a general rule, items of value, whether monetary or sentimental, should not be brought to school. In addition unattended purses, backpacks, or other clothing should not be left unsecured. The school is not financially responsible for personal belongings brought to school which are subsequently lost or stolen.

STUDENT DRESS

All students are expected to dress appropriately. Clothing that interferes with or disrupts the educational environment is unacceptable. **Clothing with language or images that are vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene, or clothing that promotes illegal or violent conduct, such as gang symbols, the unlawful use of weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or drug paraphernalia, or clothing that contains threats is prohibited.** Clothing should fit, be neat and clean, and conform to standards of safety, good taste, and decency. Clothing that exposes cleavage, private parts, the midriff, or under-garments, or that is otherwise sexually provocative, is prohibited. Examples of prohibited clothing include, but are not limited to: low-cut necklines that show cleavage, tube tops, halter tops, backless blouses or blouses with ties only in the back, clothing constructed

of see-through materials, and head coverings unless required for religious or medical purposes. **NO HATS!**

Hats may not be worn or carried.

Parents of students requiring accommodation for religious beliefs, disabilities, or other causes should contact the principal. Students not complying with this code will be asked to cover the noncomplying clothing, change clothes, or go home. Repeated infractions will result in disciplinary action.

VISITORS

Students are not allowed to bring friends or other visitors to school.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS (SR&R)

All Fairfax County Public Schools students are subject to the rules and regulations of the School Board, which address student conduct as it pertains to their attendance to school and participation in school activities and school-sponsored events. Regulation 2601 describes the conduct for which students may be disciplined. (The most current version of Regulation 2601 approved by the FCPS School Board supersedes all information in this planner.) In the event that a student is assigned disciplinary consequences for violating the code of conduct, the following actions may be taken: detention, Saturday school detention, community service, suspension, bus suspension, expulsion. SR&R is updated yearly, and revisions will be reviewed with students during the first two weeks of the school year.

The current issue of the SR&R will be given to each student at the beginning of the school year and is available in its entirety online.

Below are examples of actions for which students may be disciplined, as well as the probable consequences. While this section identifies typical consequences, school officials may use disciplinary measures in addition to those listed. This section is intended to serve as a guide only and shall not replace the Student

Responsibilities and Rights booklet (SR&R, FCPS regulation 2601).

Suspension of Ten Days and Mandatory Recommendation for Expulsion

- Physical assault on staff with bodily injury
- Sexual assault or battery
- Mob assault
- Distribution or manufacture of alcohol or inhalants
- Possession of controlled or imitation controlled substance
- Illegal use or possession of prescription drugs (second offense)
- Distribution or manufacture of a controlled or imitation controlled substance, illegal drugs, or drug paraphernalia
- Unauthorized use or possession of any weapon or any object used as a weapon
- Under influence of marijuana or other controlled substance within 12 months of prior offense

Suspension of Up to Ten Days

- Use, possession, or under influence of alcohol, inhalants, or nonalcoholic beer
- Under influence of marijuana or other controlled substance (first offense)
- Possession of drug paraphernalia (first offense)
- Illegal use or possession of prescription drugs (not classified as controlled substances)
- Assault or assault and battery

Discretion of the Principal

(Consequences range from an intervention without suspension to a recommendation for expulsion.)

- Threat to assault a staff member; threat or assault of another student
- Disruption, disobedience, insubordination, defiance of school officials
- Endangering well-being of others: fighting, bullying
- Possession or display of obscenity; indecent exposure
- Cursing, verbal abuse including gestures
- Fireworks-use or possession
- Forgery, cheating, plagiarism, dishonesty
- Gambling
- Improper touching
- Unauthorized or illegal use or disruption of information technology
- Unauthorized laser devices
- Gang-related activities
- Portable communication devices
- Attendance violations
- Use or possession of nonprescription drugs
- Vandalism of school property; bomb threats
- Unauthorized presence
- Tobacco violations
- Hazing