

# **Lanett High School**



## **Student/Parent Handbook 2022 - 2023**

Anything in this handbook, which shall be in conflict with official school board policies, shall be null and void.

## Message from the Principal

*Welcome to Lanett High School, where it is our mission to provide a supportive and rigorous educational environment that produces responsible, self-motivated students who are prepared for the future. It is an honor to be a part of the rich traditions of academic and extra-curricular excellence that exist at our school. I encourage all students to become a part of this excellence by getting involved in clubs and sports, making positive contributions to our school and community, and always giving one-hundred percent toward academic coursework. Staff members at Lanett High School are committed to this excellence and strive to provide all students with individual guidance and support to reach their fullest potential. This handbook contains important information for all students and parents. I urge you to read it thoroughly and adhere to the expectations we have set forth. In doing so, you contribute to an environment that is safe and conducive to learning, helping staff to achieve the high expectations you have for us. Communication among students, parents, and staff is critical, so please ask questions and share concerns should they arise. I look forward to a great school year full of exciting challenges and learning opportunities. It is a great time to be a Panther!*

Bryant Lumpkin, Principal

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## LANETT CITY SCHOOLS STATEMENT OF POLICY

The following policy is issued for the guidance of all students and personnel in the Lanett City School System:

“No person shall be denied employment, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program or activity, on the basis of sex, race, religion, belief, color, national origin, ethnic group, or handicapping condition. Equal access is provided to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.”

For information regarding the following programs, please contact individuals listed below by phone at 334-644-5900 or the Lanett City Board of Education office at 105 North Lanier Avenue, Lanett, AL 36863.

### LANETT CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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# LANETT HIGH SCHOOL

1301 South 8th Avenue  
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## ADMINISTRATION

Jennifer Boyd..... Superintendent  
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YaShika Odom..... Counselor  
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Hilda Carlisle.....Career Tech Director  
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## VISION

Preparing LANETT students to  
**Live Learn Lead**

## MISSION

Lanett City Schools will provide a supportive and rigorous educational environment that produces responsible, self-motivated students who are prepared for the future

## ALMA MATER

*On the old familiar campus,  
Reared against the sky,  
Proudly stands our Alma Mater,  
As the years go by.*

*Chorus:  
"Forward ever!" Be our motto;  
"Conquer and prevail!"  
Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater,  
Lanett High, all hail!*

*Stands forever thronged in beauty.  
Holds its purpose high;  
And that same old Alma Mater,  
May it never die!*

## DAILY SCHEDULE

7:35 – 7:45	Breakfast
7:45	First Bell
7:48	Tardy Bell
7:48 – 7:58	Homeroom
8:01 – 9:35	Block I
9:38 – 10:04	Enrichment
10:07 – 11:41	Block II
11:44 – 1:38	Block III
1:41 – 3:15	Block IV
3:20 – 3:50	Detention

## GRADING PERIODS & PROGRESS REPORT/REPORT CARD RELEASE DATES

*The terms “quarter” and “nine weeks” may be used interchangeably.*

	GRADING PERIOD	PROGRESS REPORTS	REPORT CARDS
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	8/9/22 – 10/11/22	9/9/22	10/21/22 – <i>picked up by parent</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	10/12/22 – 1/6/23	11/18/22	1/13/22
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	1/9/23 – 3/14/23	2/9/23	3/24/23 – <i>picked up by parent</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	3/15/23 – 5/23/223	4/21/23	5/23/23 ( <i>tentative</i> )

## ASSESSMENT DATES

August 24, 2022.....ASVAB Test (All seniors and select juniors)  
 October 10-11, 2022..... Quarter 1 Exams  
 October 13, 2022..... PreACT (All sophomores)  
 October 26, 2022..... ACT WorkKeys (All seniors)  
 December 15-16, 2022.....First Semester Final Exams  
 March 9-10, 2023.....Quarter 3 Exams  
 March 14, 2023..... ACT with Writing (All juniors)  
 May 20-24, 2023..... Second Semester Final Exams (Underclassmen)

*Dates are subject to change.*

*The Lanett City Schools calendar can be found on the district website: [lanettcityschools.org](http://lanettcityschools.org)*

# ACADEMICS

## GRADING SCALE

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69

F: Below 60

## POWERSCHOOL GRADE KEY AND GRADING FORMULAS

### Semester-Long Courses - First Semester

- Q1: Quarter 1 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X1: Quarter 1 exam grade
- A1: Quarter 1 final average = Q1 (75%) + X1 (25%)
- Q2: Quarter 2 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X2: Semester 1 final exam grade
- F1: Final course average = A1 (40%) + Q2 (40%) + X2 (20%)

### Semester-Long Courses - Second Semester

- Q3: Quarter 3 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X3: Quarter 3 exam grade
- A3: Quarter 3 final average = Q3 (75%) + X3 (25%)
- Q4: Quarter 4 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X4: Semester 2 final exam grade
- F1: Final course average = A3 (40%) + Q4 (40%) + X4 (20%)

### Quarter-Long Courses - Quarter 1

- Q1: Quarter 1 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X1: Quarter 1 exam grade
- F1: Final course average = Q1 (75%) + X1 (25%)

### Quarter-Long Courses - Quarter 2

- Q2: Quarter 2 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X2: Quarter 2 exam grade
- F1: Final course average = Q2 (75%) + X2 (25%)

### Quarter-Long Courses - Quarter 3

- Q3: Quarter 3 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X3: Quarter 3 exam grade
- F1: Final course average = Q3 (75%) + X3 (25%)

### Quarter-Long Courses - Quarter 4

- Q4: Quarter 4 daily and test average = Daily Average (33.33%) + Test Average (66.67%)
- X3: Quarter 4 exam grade
- F1: Final course average = Q4 (75%) + X4 (25%)

*The terms "quarter" and "nine weeks" may be used interchangeably.*

## **EXEMPTIONS**

A student may be exempt from the semester exam in any class provided he/she has not been sent to ISS, OSS, or Saturday School during the class semester AND meets one of the following criteria:

1. He/she has a 95 numerical average or above, and has no more than three (3) excused absences and no more than (2) tardies in that class.
2. He/she has a 90-94 numerical average, and has no more than two (2) excused absences and no more than two (2) tardies in that class.
3. He/she has an 85-89 numerical average, and has no more than one (1) excused absence and no more than two (2) tardies in that class.
4. He/she has an 80-84 numerical average, and has no absences and no more than two (2) tardies in that class.

*\*Absences and tardies are counted for the entire semester to determine exemptions.*

## **PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS BY GRADE**

Students must earn at least six (6) credits each year to be promoted to the next grade level. Mid-year promotions will be reviewed and made as necessary. Conditions are as follows:

- To be promoted to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, a student must have at least 6 credits at the end of their 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- To be promoted to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, a student must have at least 12 credits at the end of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- To be promoted to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, a student must have at least 18 credits at the end of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.

## **PROGRESS REPORTS & REPORT CARDS**

Progress reports will be issued halfway through each quarter grading period. These reports inform students and parents of the grade in each of their classes at that time in the quarter grading period. It will allow students to assess their success or lack of success in attaining the desired grade and improve their grade by the end of the quarter. Report cards will be given at the end of each quarter grading period. Academic grades and conduct grades are denoted on report cards. Parents are encouraged to sign up for the parental portal which allows for instant access to student grades at all times.

LANETT CITY SCHOOLS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		
AREAS OF STUDY	REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
English Language Arts	English 9, 10, 11, and 12 or any AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent option of these courses <i>or</i> *English Essentials 9,10,11, and 12 <i>or</i> **AAS English 9, 10, 11, and 12	4
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II w/Trig or Algebra II, or their equivalent Additional courses(s) to complete the four credits in mathematics must be chosen from the <i>Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics</i> or Career Tech Education (CTE)/AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent course <i>or</i> *Algebraic Essentials A & B and Geometry Essentials A & B (students taking algebraic Concepts in Grade 9 are not required to take Geometry B). <i>or</i> **AAS Mathematics 9, 10, 11, and 12 <i>Transition to the 2019 Alabama Math Course of Study will begin with the 2020-2021 school-year with full implementation beginning in 2021-2022.</i>	4
Science	Biology and Physical Science The third and fourth science credits may be used to meet both the science and CTE course requirements and must be chosen from the <i>Alabama Course of Study: Science</i> or CTE/AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses <i>or</i> *Life Skills Science I, II, III, and IV <i>or</i> **AAS Social Studies 9, 10, 11, 12	4
Social Studies	World History, US History I, US History II, and Government/Economics or AP/IB/postsecondary equivalent courses <i>or</i> *World History for Living, US History for Living 10, US History for Living 11, and Economics <i>or</i> **AAS Social studies 9, 10, 11, 12 Students are required to pass the Civics Test in the United States Government class.	4
Physical Education	Beginning Kinesiology	1
Health Education	Alabama Course of Study: Health Education <i>or</i> **AAS Pre-Vocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course.	½
Career Preparedness	Career Preparedness Course (Career and Academic Planning, Computer Applications, Financial Literacy) <i>or</i> **AAS Life Skills	1
Career Technical Ed (CTE) and/or Foreign Language and/or Arts Education	Students Choosing CTE, Arts Education, and /or Foreign Language are encouraged to complete two courses in sequence <i>or</i> *two CTE courses and Workforce Essentials (or Transition Services II in school systems that do not offer Workforce Essentials). <i>or</i> **AAS Life Skills	3
JROTC IA		1
Electives	*Students earning core credit through the Essentials/Life Skills courses are required to take Cooperative Education Seminar/Work-Based Experience (or LS Occupational Preparation in school systems that do not have a Cooperative Education Program). **AAS Pre-Vocational, AAS Vocational, AAS Community Based Instruction, and/or AAS Elective Course	2½
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>		<b>25</b>

\*Course sequence for students with disabilities earning core credit through the Essentials/Life Skills courses

\*\*Course sequence for students with significant cognitive disabilities earning core credit through Alternate Achievement Standards (AAS) courses.

*Distance Learning Requirement: Students are required to complete one online/technology enhanced course or experience prior to graduation. Exceptions through Individualized Education Plans will be allowed.*

*Effective with the class of 2022, the following requirements shall be fulfilled on behalf of the graduating senior as part of the graduating senior's transition into postsecondary education, training, or the workforce: Submit to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or certify a non-participation waiver, in writing, to the superintendent of the local education agency if the graduating senior chooses not to complete and submit FAFSA.*

## **DIPLOMA ENDORSEMENTS**

- Advanced Academic Endorsement requirement - two of the same foreign language
- CTE Endorsement requirement - 3 CTE courses for the AHSD/Advanced Career and Technical Endorsement or the AHSD/Career and Technical Endorsement

## **GRADUATION**

- All seniors will participate in a graduation ceremony once per year, usually in May.
- Special education students will receive their diploma only upon the completion of their attendance at LHS. These students may choose to graduate with their class, but their diploma will not be awarded to them at that time.

## **ACADEMIC HONORS**

A Latin Honor System will be used to recognize individual academic excellence upon graduation from Lanett High School. Using defined criteria of grade point averages, the levels of distinction include cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude. Students will work to compete against these criteria and against fellow classmates for rank, including valedictorian and salutatorian recognition. Honors graduation status and rank will be determined by cumulative numeric GPA at the end of first semester of senior year.

Summa Cum Laude (with highest honor): GPA of 95 and above

Magna Cum Laude (with great honor): GPA of 90 to 94

Cum Laude (with honor): GPA of 85 to 89

\*GPA of 84.60000, 89.60000, 94.60000 will round to the next highest level of honors.

## **VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN**

A senior must have been enrolled in Lanett High School for three years to be eligible to earn the title of Valedictorian or Salutatorian of their graduating class.

## **CHEATING**

Cheating on academic work will not be tolerated. When a teacher becomes aware that a student is cheating, the assignment (test, paper, etc.) will be taken up by the teacher, a zero (0) will be given for that grade or activity, the parents will be notified, and the exemption for the semester test for that class will be forfeited. Cheating is a class one minor offense and students are subject to consequences as outlined in the district policy.

## **CREDIT RECOVERY**

In accordance with the guidelines of the Alabama Department of Education, the Lanett City School System offers students who have received failing grades in courses that are required for graduation an opportunity to recover the lost credit through a standards-based approach that will target specific knowledge and skill deficits instead of requiring the student to repeat the entire course. The Credit Recovery plan and applications are available in the guidance office. An \$80.00 fee is charged for a credit recovery course.

## **CONDUCT GRADE**

Teachers may assign student conduct grades at their discretion for each quarter grading period. Teachers will consider attitude, class behavior, and other factors connected with conduct.

## **DISTANCE LEARNING VIA ACCESS/ONLINE LEARNING**

Some classes in the high school curriculum will be offered through the ACCESS distance learning program sponsored by the Alabama State Department of Education. The goal of Alabama ACCESS Distance Learning is to provide equity through additional educational offerings for all Alabama public high school students. Students will be expected to meet the course and time requirements as set by the ACCESS program and the individual teacher of the course as well as Lanett High School. This program allows Lanett High School students to take courses not offered in the in-house high school program as they prepare for college or their job future. Remedial classes are also available. Students who are interested should contact the counselor. Class offerings may be viewed at the ACCESS website found at <http://accessdl.state.al.us/>. Additional courses are also offered through other online platforms such as Odysseyware.

## **CAREER/TECHNICAL PROGRAM**

The Career/Tech Program offers a variety of courses in the following areas:

- Business
- Family and Consumer Science
- JROTC
- Health Science

# **ATTENDANCE**

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Refer to the ATTENDANCE section of the District Handbook for the attendance policy. Consequences for truancy (unexcused absences) will be issued as outlined in the District Handbook.

High school students taking semester courses may have a maximum of ten (10) unexcused absences during the semester. Any absences above this number may result in failure of the course/loss of credit. Only the board and/or superintendent may waive these standards. No more than ten (10) parent notes will be accepted for excuse during a school year.

## **TARDIES**

Refer to the ATTENDANCE section of the District Handbook for additional information regarding tardies. Consequences for unexcused tardies will be issued as outlined in the District Handbook.

Students that are tardy to school for any reason must report directly to the main office and a tardy slip will be issued to the student. Tardies for semester test exemption purposes will not start over each quarter as attendance and tardies are cumulative for the semester. Consequences for tardies to each class/block will be determined by the individual classroom teachers.

## **CHECKING IN/OUT OF SCHOOL**

In the event a student needs to be checked out of school, a parent, guardian, emergency contact, or authorized person listed on the registration form must come to the main office and sign him/her out. Only the parent, guardian, emergency contact(s), or persons listed on the checkout authorization form will be allowed to check out a student. The office must be provided with the names and telephone number of at least TWO local emergency contact persons for each student. If that information is not on file for the current school year, only the parent/guardians found in the students file will be allowed to pick them up. No checkouts will be allowed by telephone or note. Students that become ill while at school must see the school nurse. If the nurse deems it necessary for the student to be sent home, school personnel will contact the parent or other authorized contact to pick the student up and the absence will be excused.

If your child checks out and returns to school before the end of the day, the child must report to the office and be checked in. Students who miss more than half of the school day will be counted absent from school for the day. Students who miss more than half of a class will be counted as absent for that class.

A student is allowed 3 checkouts per semester without penalty. Any student who checks out 4 or more times will need a professional excuse from a doctor, court, or other verifiable means deemed acceptable by administration.

- Fourth Checkout – Parent Conference
- Fifth Checkout – One day of detention
- Sixth Checkout – Two days of detention
- Seventh and additional checkouts – Saturday School, ISS, or other consequence as assigned by administration

# COUNSELING PROGRAM

## SCHOOL COUNSELING SERVICES

### Academic Achievement

Academic Advisement  
College Planning  
Student Scheduling  
Standardized Testing

### Career Development

Four-Year Planning (Kuder)  
College Fairs  
Career Awareness and Exploration  
Military Career Exploration  
Career Tech Guidance Counseling  
College Admissions and Financial Aid

### Personal/Social Development

Bullying Prevention  
Crisis Intervention  
Goal Setting  
Peer Mediation/Conflict Resolution

### Community/Parent Involvement

College & Financial Aid Information  
Community Resources & Information  
Parent-Teacher Conferences  
Community Service

## COLLEGE DAYS

Seniors will be allowed to take two (2) college days with prior confirmation by the admissions office of the school. Juniors will be allowed to take (1) under the same conditions. The students will be allowed to make up the work and the school will not count them absent. Confirmation letters with the student names should be presented to the principal at least one week prior to the absence. Arrangements should also be made with the counselor.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Seniors who have met the necessary requirements and are in line to graduate may take a community service class as the schedule allows during their senior year. Students taking community service will be required to donate sixteen (16) hours of volunteer service to a community agency. Service sites must be approved by the counselor or principal. Signed log sheets of community service must be submitted to the counselor each month.

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

Students who meet the entrance requirements for early admission to college will be allowed to attend college courses and earn credit at the college and at Lanett High School prior to graduation. Students who are interested in this program should contact the counselor.

## EARLY OUT

Early out during the second semester is available to graduating seniors who are on track to graduate if they have met one of the following conditions:

- Attending college classes via the dual enrollment or early college enrollment program
- Planned educational or work experience
- Participating in a career mentoring program
- Community Service via the community service class when available

Documentation of participation in one of these programs will be required prior to being granted the privilege of early out. ***Seniors who are granted early release must exit the building and campus before the tardy bell for the next class. Abuse of these guidelines may result in schedule changes.***

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

All high school students are expected to be in full compliance with the district SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY. Refer to the district handbook for comprehensive details.

### LHS STUDENT DRESS CODE FOR DRESS DOWN DAYS

The principal may allow exceptions to the district uniform policy as a reward for good behavior, academic achievement, or other positive promotions. Students will be notified in advance of any "Dress Down Days". Students that are not eligible or those that choose not to participate should be in regular school uniform. Students that are allowed to dress down but fail to comply with the dress code for dress down days will be assigned dress code violation(s) per policy and may lose the privilege for the remainder of the school year.

1. Hats, hoods, du-rags, stocking caps, bandanas, sweat bands, stretch bands, bonnets, "beddies", "wrap caps", hair curlers, etc. are not allowed.
2. Students may not wear shirts, patches, or decals with vulgar, provocative, or suggestive pictures, gang symbols, or words.
3. Students must wear shoes at all times. Bedroom slippers, flip flops, or "slides" are not allowed.
4. Halter-tops, tank tops, backless tops, tops with thin or no straps, sleeveless tops, off the shoulder shirts, or tops that show midriff or expose the body are prohibited. Dresses must meet these same style requirements.
5. Jerseys are not allowed unless a shirt is worn underneath. No shirts that have the sleeves removed are allowed.
6. No clothing shall be excessively low in the front or back. No excessively tight clothing is allowed.
7. No see-through blouses or trousers will be allowed. This includes see through apparel with other clothes underneath. Underpants should not be revealed at any time.
8. The length of shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. must be no shorter than the width of a \$1.00 bill from the knee when standing.
9. All pants with belt loops require a belt. All pants must be worn properly above the waist. Shirrtails must be tucked in.
10. No clothing should be worn displaying drug or gang insignia.
11. Jogging suits, wind suits, "warm up" suits, or athletic shorts/pants are not allowed.
12. Torn, ripped, frayed, unraveled, or cut-off clothing is not allowed. No clothing with rips or holes of any kind should be worn.
13. Pullover hoodies/hooded sweatshirts are not allowed.
14. Other items not permitted: Leggings, tights, jeggings, stretch knit or stretch denim pants

*\*Any student's dress or personal appearance that the administration believes is disruptive or interferes with a safe and secure learning environment will be dealt with on an individual basis. School administrators will use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of students' dress.*

## LHS JACKET POLICY

Students may wear a **waist length, all black, light-weight jacket, or any school sponsored jacket that has been approved by the principal.** All other jackets, heavy coats, outerwear, overcoats, etc. that do not meet these specifications must be placed in the student's locker or book bag prior to 1<sup>st</sup> block. Jackets should be sized appropriately. Failure to comply will result in a dress code violation being assigned.

1. Jackets may have a small unobtrusive logo that can be covered with a quarter.
2. Pullover hoodies or hooded sweatshirts are not allowed. A hoodie is defined as a pullover jacket with a hood that does not have a zipper or other type of opening in the front.
3. Leather, pleather, twill, wool, and puffer style jackets are considered outerwear (not light-weight) and must be placed in the student's locker or book bag prior to 1<sup>st</sup> block.

**See an administrator if you have questions about a jacket prior to wearing it.**

**District policy authorizes each school to make rules regarding coats and coat storage.** Continuous violation or abuse of these measures, which have been put in place to ensure that all students are comfortable, may result in the loss of individual student jacket privileges or school-wide changes to these allowances at any time. School administrator(s) or other assigned staff persons will use their discretion to determine the appropriateness of student attire.

## STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Lanett City Board of Education believes that education is the basis for development of all our students. We further believe that for students to be able to receive effective, quality instruction, schools must be safe, orderly, friendly, and business-like and ensure fair treatment and consistency. The Code of Conduct was developed to help students, parents and school personnel understand their roles and responsibilities in helping us to achieve this objective.

**For comprehensive details, please refer to the district Code of Conduct, which can be found in its entirety in the LCS district handbook.** This policy outlines specific rules of conduct and disciplinary action regarding offenses such as insubordination, disruption, possession of weapons and dangerous instruments, destruction of property or theft, fighting, smoking and tobacco products, narcotics and alcoholic beverages, firearms, gambling, fireworks, and \*gang activity or association.

\*All suspected gang activity or association will be reported to the juvenile court system.

## DETENTION

Students may be assigned detention (before school, after school, or on Saturday) as a consequence of their behavior. Parents will be notified at least one day in advance if a child is assigned detention. The parent is responsible for transportation.

## SATURDAY SCHOOL

Saturday School is an alternative form of discipline used as a deterrent for negative student behavior. The goal of the disciplinary plan is to motivate the student to change their negative behavior patterns while making every effort to keep them in school. Specific guidelines will be provided to the student/parent upon assignment to Saturday School.

# ATHLETICS

## SPORTS OFFERED:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Baseball
- Track and Field

## AHSAA REQUIREMENTS – ACADEMIC RULE

- (A) Students entering the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades must have passed during the last two semesters in attendance and summer school, if applicable, at least six new Carnegie units with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those six units.
- (1) Four core curriculum courses must be included in those units passed and averaged. (English, mathematics, science, and social studies are core curriculum courses. Any combination of these courses is accepted.)
- (2) Any student that accumulates more than four units of core courses per year may earn less than the required four core courses during the next school year and be eligible as long as the student remains on track for graduation with his/her class.
- (B) Students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades must have passed during the last two semesters in attendance and summer school, if applicable, at least five new subjects with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those five subjects and must have been promoted to the next grade.

**Note:** A new unit is one that has not been previously passed. A semester is half of a school year as defined by the local school system.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

- A birth certificate
- A current physical exam (offered at the school once a year)
- Star Sportsmanship
- Concussion Form
- AHSAA Participation Form

## **PANTHER ATHLETIC POLICY**

1. Participation in the athletic program in the Lanett City Schools is a privilege, not a right. As an athlete, you are representative of your team, the school, and the entire community. Each athlete is expected to conduct him/herself in such a way that represents those affected in a positive, productive manner. Any conduct by an athlete resulting in an embarrassment to the team, school, community, or coaching staff shall be met with an appropriate degree of punishment as determined by the coach.
2. Our athletes will be expected to participate in the sports in which they can contribute.
3. We expect our athletes to work harder and have more commitment than our opponents. (Display Panther Spirit)
4. Respect will be shown to all teachers, coaches, administrators, and staff members.
5. Athletes will meet all Alabama High School Athletic Association eligibility requirements.
6. Any athlete who missed practice without prior approval or emergency reason will have additional conditioning.
7. All players are responsible for equipment issued to them and will be accountable for loss or damage.
8. All players will keep their lockers organized and clean at all times.
9. Players will ride home on the bus after Friday night games. For emergency reasons and weeknight games, a release form must be signed by parent and responsible coaches.
10. Players may be required to practice during holidays and weekends while their sport is in season.
11. Use of tobacco/alcohol/drug products by athletes is prohibited according to the school district policy.
12. All players will wear only approved equipment and uniforms during games.
13. Any player that starts a sport and quits or is removed from the team for any reason before that season ends, is ineligible to participate in another sport for the entire school year. Official start dates are as follows:  
Fall Sports: June 1      Winter Sports: September 13      Spring Sports: January 14
14. If a student athlete is disrespectful to a coach, the administration has the authority to dismiss or suspend that athlete from the program.

## **PANTHER ATHLETIC DISCIPLINE**

The responsible coach will determine penalties for violations of the responsibilities. The responsible coach will take the student before the Disciplinary Action Committee:

1. Disciplinary Action Committee consists of the following individuals: the head coach of the particular sport, the Athletic Director, the Principal or Asst. Principal of the particular school, a faculty member of the particular school, and one additional coach from another sport.
2. Types of punishment that may be set by the Disciplinary Action Committee:
  - a. Suspension from games and/or practice
  - b. Extra running before and/or after practice
  - c. Dismissal from the team
3. Any athlete who is in possession or under the influence of controlled substances (drug/alcohol) will be required to follow this procedure:
  - a. First Offense – 5 day suspension. Before an athlete can be reinstated into school he/she must furnish proof of having received assessment from a referral program/agency approved by the school district.
  - b. Second Offense – Recommendation for expulsion
4. Reporting complaints is to be done in the following order:
  - a. The coach who has direct supervision over the sport.
  - b. The head coach of the sport in which the athlete was participating.
  - c. The Athletic Director of the Lanett City School district. (Note: If not handled at this level, the Athletic director will inform the student's principal that a complaint is being taken to the Superintendent.)
  - d. The Superintendent of Schools
  - e. The Board of Education of the Lanett City School District

## **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **BAND**

A band policy manual governs the band. Band members must do satisfactory schoolwork. Attendance at all performances and rehearsals is mandatory unless the Director grants permission. All members of the band who can play instruments are expected to play in the concert band.

The band council consists of the band president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, librarian, drum major or majorette, assistant drum major or majorette, section leaders, and transportation supervisor.

The drum major, assistant drum major, and color guard members must try out each spring regardless of experience or position. The drum major or majorette must have one year of marching experience.

Color guard and pom squad members are a part of the marching band and are subject to the direct leadership of the band director and other appointed staff.

### **BETA CLUB**

The Lanett High School Chapter of the National Beta Club promotes the ideals of achievement, character, leadership and service. Membership is open to tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students who have a minimum grade average of 85 and have no in school/out of school suspension or Saturday school for the current school year.

### **CHEERLEADERS**

The LHS Cheerleaders are chosen in the spring of the year after tryouts. They work during the summer planning for the following school year. The purpose of the cheerleading squad is to promote school spirit, lead spectators and students at athletic events, and encourage sportsmanship of students and spectators.

Varsity Cheerleaders will be chosen by judges in compliance with the cheerleader constitution. Students who try out for cheerleader must meet eligibility requirements for athletes as defined by AHSAA.

### **FAMILY, CAREER AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)**

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America is one of the largest Career/Technical student organizations in the United States. The organization encourages personal growth and leadership development in teenagers through family and consumer sciences classes. The organization is open to any student who is taking or has taken a course in family and consumer sciences.

### **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)**

FBLA contributes to a better understanding of the American Free Enterprise System through activities involving members in field trips to local businesses. Members participate in district and state contests as well as the SUSCC Business Tournament. FBLA at Lanett High School provides service to the community through such projects as the annual Thanksgiving food drive and scholarship awards to outstanding members. Membership is open to any student who is taking or has taken a business education course.

## **HONOR SOCIETY**

The purpose of the Lanett High School Honor Society is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character. Membership is open to eleventh and twelfth grade students who have a minimum grade average of 90. Members must adhere to the code of conduct that has been established for this organization.

## **JROTC PANTHER BATTALION**

The purpose of the program is to develop each of our student's self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, leadership ability, and good citizenship. Their performance is expected to be of the highest standard both on and off the school grounds. They will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects credit upon themselves, their school, and their fellow JROTC cadets.

## **LANALA**

The LANALA staff has as its purpose the production, financing, and distributing of the school yearbook. The LANALA staff is to supplement financing of the yearbook through ad sales, book sales, the beauty pageant, and other fund raisers as needed. The editor of the LANALA is selected as a junior or sophomore, to assume the position of co-editor during the junior or sophomore year, and to become editor during the senior year. All other members of the staff are volunteer workers assigned to drawing copy, selling advertisements, and selling yearbook subscriptions.

## **MATH CLUB**

The purpose of the Math Club is to encourage participation in math activities. Students will participate in field trips and math related activities that broaden their knowledge of math.

## **SCIENCE CLUB**

The purpose of the Science Club is to encourage participation in science activities. Students will participate in field trips and science related activities that broaden their knowledge of science.

## **ROBOTICS CLUB**

The Lanett High School Robotics Club aims to inspire students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology, and mathematics. Students learn to analyze and solve problems utilizing the Engineering Design Process, which helps them develop technological literacy skills.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, composed of four elected representatives from each grade level and four elected officers of the student body, is an organization of the school that provides a line of communication between the administration and the student body. The purpose of the Student Council is to supervise general activities of the school, to develop attitudes and practices in good citizenship, to improve student-teacher relationships, to cooperate in furthering the general welfare of our school, to promote and maintain high standards of conduct, to provide a forum for students' expression and to promote school morale. The Student Council is responsible for the election of class officers and the Homecoming activities including the voting, pep rally, parade, and game activities to crown the Queen. Elections for general officers of the Student Council are held at the beginning of the school year. Representatives will be elected at-large from each class. Officers and representatives to the Student Council must meet the following requirements:

1. A "C" average
2. Not have been sent to ISS, OSS or Saturday School within the past two semesters (current and previous) for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses.

Student Council meets as scheduled during the school year. Members may miss two regular meetings. If a member misses more than two meetings, he/she will be placed on probation. After the third absence, the member will be removed from the council and a new representative may be appointed. Any meeting of the Student Council is open to the student body.

## ACTIVITIES

### BEAUTY PAGEANT

Each year, LHS will host the Lanala Pageant provided there is adequate student interest and participation.

#### **Contestants:**

Female students may participate in the pageant provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Each contestant must have an overall C average for the year immediately preceding this year as determined by their permanent records.
2. Each contestant will be charged an entry fee.

#### **Winners:**

Impartial judges will select the following listed winners.

1. One beauty and four class favorites from each grade will be chosen.
2. An overall winner will be selected from the four class beauties. She will be crowned "Miss Lanala." The girl who wins Miss L.H.S. will not be eligible to win Miss Lanala. Miss L.H.S. cannot be Homecoming Queen.
3. Miss Lanala will not be allowed to repeat that title in her other high school years. However, she can compete for class favorite and class beauty in successive years.

#### **Escorts:**

Senior boys who meet the requirements for Mr. L.H.S. will serve as escorts in the pageant.

## **CLASS OFFICERS**

Within the first three weeks of school, each class (senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman) will elect class officers. Each class will elect a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Each candidate must write a letter of intent and sign a contract. Officers who do not fulfill their duties will be removed from office. The Student Council sponsor(s) is responsible for conducting the election of officers and a leadership orientation.

Each candidate must meet the following requirements:

1. A "C" average
2. On grade level
3. Not have been sent to ISS, OSS, or Saturday School within the past two semesters (current and previous) for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses

## **HOMECOMING**

Each student may make nominations from his/her grade. From this list a ballot of the ten most-nominated for each grade will be made. Students of each grade will vote for the class court. The queen and three representatives shall be from the senior class. The junior, sophomore, and freshman classes each elect three representatives to the court. In case of a tie, both girls will be on the court.

Homecoming Court Representatives must meet the following requirements:

1. A "C" average
2. On grade level
3. Not have been sent to ISS, OSS, or Saturday School within the past two semesters (current and previous) for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses
4. Must have been in our school system the school year before the election

The Queen shall be the senior having the highest number of votes from grades 9-12. In case of a tie, both will be crowned. Homecoming Queen cannot be Miss L.H.S.

## **JUNIOR – SENIOR PROM**

In the spring of the year, the junior class will host a junior-senior prom for the senior class. The junior class led by their class officers, sponsors, and prom committee will plan and decorate for the prom. Juniors and seniors must purchase prom tickets for themselves and their dates. The price of the tickets will be determined each year.

Juniors and seniors will be escorted in the lead-out by their dates (9<sup>th</sup> grade and above). The lead-out will be held in the LHS Auditorium with guests entering only with lead-out tickets or paid admission. The prom will be attended only by juniors, seniors, their dates, teachers and designated chaperones. Students below the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade may not attend the prom. Dates may not be married or older than 21. Students must adhere to the pre-determined dress code. *Detailed guidelines will be provided.*

## **MR. & MISS L.H.S**

The following requirements must be met before students are eligible to become Mr. or Miss L.H.S.

1. Candidates must be seniors.
2. Candidates must have been in our school for two consecutive years.
3. Candidates must have at least a B average on their permanent record card.
4. Candidates must have participated in at least one activity per year and have contributed freely of their time and talents toward bettering their school.
5. Candidates must not have been in ISS, OSS, or Saturday School within the past two semesters (current and previous) for any disciplinary actions above Class I minor offenses.
6. The faculty will screen senior students' eligibility according to the above qualifications and provide a list of qualified seniors.
7. The faculty will vote on a ballot in which the top five boys and top five girls will be chosen.
8. A faculty committee will interview the top five boys and top five girls and will choose the boy and girl who best represent Lanett High School.
9. Miss LHS may not compete for Homecoming Queen.
10. Candidates must meet the guidelines and requirements for candidacy as outlined by LHS administration and staff.

## **SCHOOL NEWSPAPER AND OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS**

School publications including newspapers will be developed and distributed under the direction and supervision of the principal and sponsor. Students must refrain from printing anything that might contain obscene language or libelous materials. Students have the right to editorialize in any school publication.

## **ADVISEMENT SESSIONS**

All LHS students will participate in advisement sessions during the enrichment period once per month. Students will be assigned to their enrichment group by grade levels or by specific need. In each session, the teacher will lead students in discussion and activities that will aid the student in having an overall successful educational experience at the secondary level and in their post-graduation endeavors. Topics include but are not limited to tracking of student data, self-monitoring of progress in class, goal setting, and organization.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **OPENING OF SCHOOL AND DISMISSAL**

Lanett High School will open for students to enter the building at 7:00 A.M. No students should arrive on campus before 7:00 A.M. All students must enter through the high school lobby entrance from the student parking lot. Student drivers (and their riders) are not allowed to sit in their cars. They must exit their vehicles immediately and go to the designated area. Students arriving at school late should enter via the main office entrance. Students found in unauthorized areas at any time will face disciplinary consequences.

All high school students should exit the building through the gym lobby at the end of the instructional day. Students are not allowed to use the front office entrance to exit the building at dismissal. Students that are checked out or that leave early for dual enrollment should exit at the main office entrance. At no time should high school students be found in areas designated for junior high school students unless permission has been granted by a faculty member. Bus riders must load the bus on the high school side.

## MEDICATIONS

All medications must go through the school nurse. Students are not permitted to carry any medication on them at any time.

## FOOD AND DRINK

Students cannot have meals from restaurants delivered to campus. A parent/guardian or other authorized person listed on the student's registration form may bring a lunch from home in a lunchbox or paper/plastic bag before the student's lunch wave begins. School personnel will not accept any items with fast food packaging, wrapping, or labels. Administration reserves the right to prohibit food delivery if the privilege is abused or if it interferes with the normal operations of the school.

Students are encouraged to bring water to school. All beverages must be in a bottle or thermos with a lid that can be sealed. Students are not allowed to bring drinks in cups. Sodas should not be brought to school.

## CAFETERIA

Healthy, nutritious breakfasts and lunches will be available in the lunchroom for all children. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to all students at no charge. Children may either eat the school lunch provided or bring a lunch from home. Children bringing their lunch may purchase milk from the cafeteria or water will be provided at no cost. Sodas should not be brought to school. All students will eat in the cafeteria at lunchtime. Students are not allowed to have food in the cafeteria from fast food restaurants or school vending machines.

While there is no student breakfast or lunch cost, children are allowed to purchase second meals and/or a la carte items when available. Students may bring cash or have money loaded to their My School Bucks account. **The Child Nutrition Program is not allowed to charge meals or a la carte items.**

Students will go to lunch with an assigned teacher, be under the supervision of that teacher, and sit where designated. The teacher and/or lunchroom manager will provide procedures for disposition of trays, paper, and other waste. Students are expected to stand in line quietly while waiting to be served and talk quietly at tables while eating. Good manners and courteous behavior are expected at all times.

Parents who want to come for lunch must notify the school office and lunchroom manager in advance. Cost for meals are as follows:

Student Breakfast: Free	Student Lunch: Free
Employee Breakfast: \$2.50	Employee Lunch: \$4.10
Visitor Breakfast (Adult): \$2.75	Visitor Lunch (Adult): \$4.25

## STUDENT FEES

Students are encouraged to pay all fees in a timely manner. Student accounts should be cleared by the end of the school year in which the fees were incurred.

## INTERRUPTIONS/TELEPHONE CALLS/MESSAGES

Interruptions to classes will be held to a minimum. Please do not call the school with messages for students unless it is a true emergency. Likewise, children will not be allowed to use the school telephone except for a valid reason. Arrangements for a child to go home in the afternoon should be made before the child leaves for school in the morning. Children should not expect to use the telephone in the afternoon after school to make transportation arrangements. Calling home to ask for forgotten books/supplies/PE equipment is not a valid reason and will not be allowed.

## CELLULAR PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Student use of electronic communication devices, including cellular phones and other personal devices, during the school day is strictly prohibited. This is to include using cellular phones or personal devices to make voice calls, to take photos, record videos, and/or to send/receive text messages. Students shall be allowed to possess such electronic devices; however, devices must be turned off (meaning all functions inoperative) when a student arrives on campus and must remain turned **off and out of sight** during the school day. This includes lunch breaks, class changes, study halls, waiting for buses, detention, etc. Neither the local administrator nor the school board assumes responsibility for loss, theft or destruction of any electronic devices including cell phones.

Students are responsible for making sure that all electronic devices as described above, including cell phones, smart watches, and wireless earbuds are powered off and put away before entering the school building. Devices should remain off and out of sight until the end of the school day and the student has cleared the bus pickup area. Smart watches and wireless earbuds may not be worn at any time during the school day.

Consequences for offenses will include the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and parent may pick it up 24 hours later. In case of weekends or holidays, it may be picked up on the next school day following the weekend or holiday.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and held until the last day of the current semester. The device must be picked up by the parent. No devices will be released to students.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and held until the last day of the current semester and the student will receive three (3) days of ISS.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Phone/device will be confiscated and held until the last day of the current semester and the student will receive three (3) days of OSS.

*\*Students that fail to surrender an electronic device upon request will be assigned consequences.*

*\*Phones/devices not picked up by the end-of-year pick up date may no longer be kept on hand.*

## **PARKING AND DRIVING ON CAMPUS**

Driving on campus is a privilege. The following regulations apply to all student motor vehicle operators on the LHS campus:

1. All vehicles driven and parked on campus must be registered with Lanett High School.
2. Parking permits may be purchased in the main office from the bookkeeper. The cost is \$5.00. The permit remains valid as long as the purchaser is enrolled at LHS.
3. Students must present a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, the vehicle's tag number, and the signed rules agreement when purchasing a permit. If a change in vehicles is made, a new registration must be filled out for the new vehicle.
4. Parking permits that are lost, stolen, or misplaced may be replaced for a fee of \$5.00.
5. Parking permits must be prominently displayed on the rearview mirror and remain visible at all times.
6. Students may not swap or share permits.
7. Parking is allowed only in designated parking spaces in the student parking lot. Students are not allowed to park on curbs, in the grass, in the faculty parking lot, or any other area of campus that is not part of the main student parking lot.
8. Students may not park on the first row in the student parking lot.
9. Students may not park in such a manner that impedes the flow of bus traffic in and out of the parking lot.
10. Students must leave their vehicles and the parking lot immediately after parking upon arrival at school and report directly to the designated area in the building.
11. Students may not go into the parking lot during the school day without first obtaining a parking lot pass from the main office.
12. Students are expected to leave campus at the end of the day in a timely and orderly manner. All student drivers should exit the parking lot at the exit nearest the football stadium. No student drivers should exit the parking lot onto S 13th Street.
13. Speeding, reckless operation, littering, or excessive noise on school property will not be tolerated and may result in the revocation of parking privileges and other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by administration.
14. Students must wear seat belts at all times.
15. Any student who has their driving privileges (driver's license) suspended/revoked or has to surrender their license to the Alabama Department of Public Safety for any reason will lose their parking privileges.
16. Students with excessive disciplinary referrals may have their parking privileges suspended or revoked.
17. Any student who loses their parking privilege will not receive a refund.
18. Failure to comply will result in immediate disciplinary action and/or tire lockdown.

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LHS Student/Parent Handbook**

**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN TO SCHOOL**

This is to certify that I have received and reviewed the student/parent handbook with my child.

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Name of Student

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date