



## CHANGES TO LANCASTER COUNTY ACADEMY'S 2019-2020 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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It is critical to ensure students who were on track to graduate can receive diplomas and successfully transition to the workforce, the military, additional schooling, or other opportunities. Therefore, Lancaster County Academy (LCA) and its Joint Operating Committee have adjusted the 2019-2020 graduation requirements during these unprecedented times. Below is a summary of the changes.

1. Students are unable to collect service hours and complete the Service Learning course. LCA will award this credit to students who were scheduled to complete it in spring 2020.
2. LCA will reduce the mathematics requirement to three credits.
3. LCA will increase the electives area to five or six credits depending on the student's progress in the Career Connections course. The change allows students unable to complete Career Connections to leverage a previously earned credit. It also gives students the option to use a fourth mathematics class as an elective credit.
4. For an in-progress class, LCA staff will develop an individualized path for the student to earn credit for the course.

**Previous LCA Graduation Requirements**

Content Area	Credits Required
English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health & Physical Education	1
Electives	4
*Service Learning	1
*Career Connections	1
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>21</b>

**2019-2020 LCA Graduation Requirements**

Content Area	Credits Required
English	4
^Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Health & Physical Education	1
^Electives	5/6
*Service Learning	1
^Career Connections	1/0
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>21</b>

^Graduation requirement changes

\*Must be completed at Lancaster County Academy

This week, the Program Director will begin sending updated education plans, or transcripts, to prospective graduates via e-mail. Students should contact teachers to determine an individualized path to earn credit for in-progress courses. We encourage all students to regularly check their school e-mail account for any information from LCA staff. Students who intend to graduate this year should submit all coursework by June 1, 2020.

Earning a high school diploma is an important milestone. We are currently exploring how we may be able to celebrate our graduates. Please continue to hold Saturday, June 6, 2020, for a potential ceremony. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact the [Program Director](#) with questions about the amended graduation requirements, a student's status, or general school operation information.