

LASSO Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What does LASSO stand for?	Longhorn Academic Student Support Opportunity
2. What is the purpose of LASSO?	Primary: To allow students of all levels with a grade below 80 to receive additional academic support. Secondary: To provide students with an opportunity to participate in identified extracurricular activities or study hall.
3. When is LASSO held?	LASSO will be held on Tuesday and Thursday morning during the first 45 minutes of the day. LASSO will begin September 5 th .
4. How will students be placed in LASSO sections?	Students with a grade lower than 80 will be required to attend LASSO. They will be placed in a LASSO dedicated to helping them to develop content mastery.
5. How will LASSO be structured regarding content?	LASSO sections will be specific to subject areas (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II) versus general (Math, Science, Social Studies, etc...).
6. Will students have their teacher for LASSO?	Collaborative teams will divide students based upon the needs of the students as determined by level of mastery, standards, and/or data used by the team. Some students may end up with their teacher.
7. If a student is not assigned a LASSO, how may they get additional academic support?	Students wanting additional help should schedule that time with their teacher outside of LASSO or attend LEAP tutoring held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.
8. Will students be able to move from LASSO sections throughout the semester?	Placement will be reevaluated every 20 days. Teachers will notify Mr. Needle on adjustments needed.
9. If a student places out of their LASSO, can they still get assistance?	Yes, however, not IN LASSO. Assistance will be available via LEAP tutoring or setting up individual tutoring time with their teacher outside of LASSO.
10. What non-academic options will be made available for LASSO?	Students may elect to participate in the following clubs or activities: Intramural sports, open gym, writing lab, and study hall Options requiring teacher approval: Band - Chamber/Improvisation, Theater, United Sound, Leadership, ART/OPEN STUDIO, SGA, or DECA
11. If a student plans to participate in intramural sports, how do they sign up?	A registration link will be posted to the Kell website, Twitter, and Instagram.
12. If a student plans to participate in open gym, how do they sign up?	A registration link will be posted to the Kell website, Twitter, and Instagram.
13. If a student participates in intramural sports or open gym, will they have access to the locker rooms?	No
14. If a student signs up for intramural sports or open gym, do they have to come to all sessions?	Yes. There are a limited number of spots so students who sign up are to report each time LASSO meets unless otherwise authorized by Mr. Needle
15. If a student plans to attend study hall, how do they sign up?	Students will report promptly at 8:20 to the cafeteria. No prior sign up required.
16. If a student plans to participate in Band – Chamber/Improvisation, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Mr. Roth to request approval.

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17. If a student plans to participate in theater, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Mr. Hicks to request approval.
18. If a student plans to participate in United Sound, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Dr. Thomas to request approval.
19. If a student plans to participate in Leadership, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Mr. Watts to request approval.
20. If a student plans to participate in Art/Open Studio, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Mrs. Denison to request approval.
21. If a student plans to participate in SGA, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Ms. Fisher to request approval.
22. If a student plans to participate in DECA, how do they sign up?	Students must speak with Ms. Lopez to request approval.
23. Will attendance be taken and will it count toward exemption?	Yes. Those assigned LASSO will be held accountable for their attendance. Missing LASSO will impact your ability to exempt.
24. Is LASSO a time for making up missed assignments?	No
25. Who is eligible to opt-out of LASSO?	Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and <u>second semester</u> Freshmen with As and Bs.
26. What will Freshmen not assigned academic support participate in during their <u>first semester</u> when they required to be at school for LASSO?	Opportunities for freshmen will include a series aimed at transitioning to high school as well as other academic and extracurricular opportunities.
27. When will LASSO start?	September 5 This date will give teachers a chance to assess students needs so that they may be placed in the proper location for academic support.
28. What if a student needs academic support in more than one class?	EOC Classes are prioritized over non-EOC
29. What if a student needs academic support in more than one EOC class?	Mr. Needle will communicate with teachers to arrange for a way to get students maximum support.
30. Will students be permitted to leave their location during LASSO?	No
31. Will there be other opportunities made available to students in the future?	Yes
32. Will colleges be visiting during this time to speak with students?	Yes but students will have to sign up for college visits and must be on time.
33. If a student has a C in a class and they have a field trip scheduled on a LASSO day, can they go?	Yes
34. Will LASSO meet every Tuesday and Thursday?	Assuming school is in session, yes, with the <u>exception</u> of the THIRD THURSDAY of the month when we will have advisement.
35. For students not assigned a LASSO, where will they enter the building if it is before class change?	Students must enter the building through the main entrance and wait in the Media Center.
36. If a parent does not want their child to be able to stay home and instead, attend a non-academic LASSO option, what is the procedure?	The parent and child must complete they must fill out the REQUIRED TO ATTEND LASSO FORM linked here and submit it to Mr. Needle.