



# LAKE WALES HIGH SCHOOL

You Are Your Brother's Keeper

2016-2017 SCHOOL PROFILE

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Lake Wales High School strives to create a vibrant internationally minded community where students are encouraged to seek a life of inquiry, reflection, and merit.

Recognized by The Washington Post as one of **AMERICA'S MOST CHALLENGING SCHOOLS.**



Featured in Psychology Today, "THE LAKE WALES HIGH SCHOOL KEYSTONE PROJECT: A NEW STUDENT-FACULTY DESIGN FOR A SCHOOL COMMUNITY"

According to **SCHOOL DIGGER**, Lake Wales High School is ranked **378 OF 688** Florida high schools. The highest ranking in the local area!

**ENROLLMENT:** 1558

**FREE & REDUCED LUNCH STATUS:** 68%

## THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Lake Wales High School was founded in 1920 and is in its twelfth year as a Lake Wales Charter System school. Currently, the system consists of four elementary, one middle school, and one high school. The campus sits on over 75 acres in the rural community of Lake Wales, Florida. It serves over 1,500 ninth through twelfth grade students from around the Polk County area.

The school runs on a modified block schedule with rotating 1, 3, 5 on Monday and Wednesday and 2, 4, 6 on Tuesday and Thursday, all six classes meet on Fridays. Students have the opportunity to earn a maximum of six half credits per semester during the school day.

The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is 1.3% Asian, 19.3% Black, 25.9% Hispanic, and 49.3% White.

Lake Wales High School has over 40 clubs on campus with participation in 30 athletic teams, offering our students a wide variety of extracurricular opportunities.

## CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The school uses an overall core spiral curriculum that includes leadership and ethics training, design thinking and technology along with a focus on entrepreneurship and college preparation.

### International Baccalaureate

There are approximately 320 students (grades 9-12) in the Lake Wales High School Henry McCance International Baccalaureate program. The LWHS IB program operates as a school-within-a-school, with its own code and curriculum. Due to the rigor of the IB diploma program, Florida IB graduation requirements are different than a standard high school diploma. Freshmen and sophomore students take Baccalaureate Prep courses; junior and senior years are devoted to IB courses. The IB Program of Study consists of three subjects to be studied at the Higher Level (HL) and three subjects to be studied at the Standard Level (SL), two for a two-year period and Group 6 for a one for a one-year period.

### Career Academies

Lake Wales High School also offers six career academies including Agriculture, Culinary, Design Technology and Innovation, Digital Design, Early Childhood and Health Science with approximately 500 student participants, which allow students to graduate with certification in their selected program of study in addition to meeting graduation requirements.

### Ridge Liberal Arts

Students who do not wish to join IB or a Career Academy partake in Ridge Liberal Arts; a program of study where graduation requirements are met with a variety of courses and curriculums; however there is no concentration on a specific career or unified



## CLASS OF 2017 STATISTICAL DATA

Class of 2017 Students: 315  
College Bound Rate: 100%  
Mean Weighted GPA: 3.75

SAT Critical Reading: 479.68  
SAT Math: 462.81  
SAT Writing: 442.81

ACT Composite: 18.61  
ACT Writing: 15.36  
AP Score: 2.144

*Testing averages do not take into account the testing seniors will take this fall*

### ACADEMICS

- LWHS offers AP Human Geography, AP World History, and AP Psychology in the classroom with several online options.
- LWHS has six career academies: Agricultural, Culinary Arts, Design Technology and Innovation, Digital Media, Early Childhood, and Health Science
- LWHS IB offers IB English HL, IB Spanish SL, IB History of the Americas HL, IB Biology HL, IB Math SL or IB Math Studies SL, IB Film SL, IB Dance SL, or IB Geography SL
- LWHS has an articulation agreement with Polk State College for Dual Enrollment course options

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

24 credits of required study must include:

English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	3.0
US Government	0.5
Economics	0.5
World History	1.0
US History	1.0
Personal Fitness	0.5
Other Physical Education	0.5
Electives	8.0

### CLASS OF 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipients
- \$4,335,102 in Scholarship Awards
- 10 students went on to compete in a NCAA or NAIA sport
- 85% Graduation Rate
- 21,327 Community Service Hours
- 9 IB Diploma Recipients
- 60 Industry Certifications
- Post Secondary Plans:
  - 85% College/University
  - 5% Military
  - 8% Trade School
  - 2% Workforce

### GRADE POINT AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION

LWHS ranks seniors based on a weighted 4.0 scale. Student rank and GPA cover a period from August of their freshmen year to June of the graduating year. In addition, some students opt to enroll in high school courses during middle school, all high school courses will be tabulated into their GPA. Students take six courses each year with online, dual enrollment, and zero period options. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed at the end of each semester in January and May.

### GRADING SYSTEM

LWHS uses a standard grading system with letter grades A-F on a weighted 4.0 scale. Additional weight is added to courses based on rigor (IB-1.0, AP-1.0. Dual Enrollment: 1.0, Honors-0.5).

GRADING SCALE	
A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59-0

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