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Educate, Accelerate, Graduate! DECEMBER 2024



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THE OFFICE OWLS



YOUR LOA OFFICE TEAM

- Principal - Doug Agnew
- Asst. Principal - Jim DeChick
- Academic Counselor - Gwen Crowe
- Principal's Secretary / Technology - Jana Jennings
- Registrar / PEIMS - Veronica Soto
- Attendance / Reception - Mayra Santoy

Expectations

The goal of Live Oak Academy is to provide a positive, supportive, learning environment with high expectations for students. We will assist all students in becoming life-long learners and productive citizens.

We, the faculty and staff, assume all students have a strong desire to obtain an education.

Students will demonstrate responsible behavior and a positive attitude at Live Oak Academy. If all

students fulfill these expectations, neither the students nor staff members will need to be concerned with disciplinary measures. Thus, everyone can concentrate on academic achievement.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

1. Students will be expected to **show respect and consideration** for their fellow students, faculty, and staff at Live Oak Academy.
2. Students will be expected to make **measurable academic improvement and progress** at all times - minimum of 50 assignments in any combination of classes per week.
3. Students will be expected to **communicate and cooperate** with fellow students, faculty, and staff in a **responsible and respectable** manner.
4. Students will be expected to have **good attendance** and **be on time**. Students should arrive *prior* to the start of their scheduled start time.
5. Time management is a very important **student responsibility**.

SAVE THE DATE!

Owl Remember!

- 12/3 through 12/5 - STAAR TESTING **SEE SECTION BELOW*
- 12/9 through 12/13 - CHRISTMAS THEMES
- 12/17 through 12/19 - EARLY RELEASE ***
- 12/20 - CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 1/7 - STUDENTS RETURN

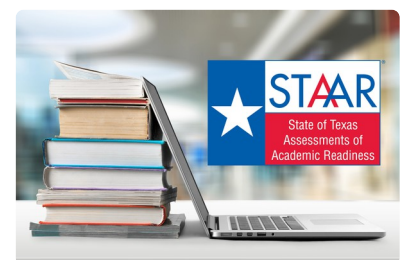
***** LATE ARRIVAL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO ATTEND THE MORNING SESSION ON EARLY RELEASE DAYS. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR STUDENT TO BE AT SCHOOL FROM 8:55 AM - 1:00 PM**

Calendar 20□□



STAAR TESTING @ LOA

ALL students who are STAAR testing should arrive to school rested and ready to test by **8:55 AM**. This includes late arrival students. All students who are testing have been informed of their Testing Dates. *Students should not check out from school after testing. They are expected to return back to class to complete the remainder of their scheduled school day.*



- December 3, 2024 English 1
- December 4, 2024 Algebra / US History

PICTURE DAY!

FALL PICTURES / GRADUATES PICTURES

PROOFS ARE IN! YOUR STUDENT SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THEIR PROOF IN 5TH PERIOD. IF THEY DID NOT RECEIVE A PROOF, THEY CAN COME TO THE FRONT OFFICE AND SEE IF THEY MISSED IT.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

Picture Day ID: EVTWDQTNC

GRADUATION 2025

Our OWLS are flying the coop! We have had so many students graduate already! Although our Graduation Ceremony is not until **May 28th 2025**, we want to provide you with all of the updates as quickly as we can. **You can find the links on our website under Graduation 2025 (see link below).**

Follow us on FaceBook (Live Oak Academy - Formerly Academy @ Hays), and our website www.Hayscisd.net/LOA.

OR

[CLICK HERE FOR GRADUATION UPDATES~](#)



REMINDERS!

LUNCH / FOOD DELIVERIES

Live Oak Academy is a closed campus. What does this mean? It means students are required to stay on campus during lunch. Students who are scheduled to attend a full day must eat on campus.



Food deliveries: We do not allow food deliveries. Uber Eats, DoorDash, GrubHub etc may not drop food for our students. **ONLY a Parent or Guardian (may not be friend, another student, or sibling) may drop food off in the office for a student between 12:30 - 1:15.** Please make sure the food is for your student only. The student may not pick up the food from the office until lunch (1:00 pm) due to our "no food in the classroom" rules. This is for the safety of our campus and students.



COMING IN WITH FOOD LATE

If your student comes in tardy with food/drink, *and does not have a note from a parent/guardian or provider*, we will take the food/drink and put it in the breakroom until lunch time. Students who arrive late to school are disrupting the learning environment by showing up late to class with food/drink. Students are expected to arrive at Live Oak on time and ready to learn.



Alternate Schedules

In order to be approved for an alternate schedule (Early Release / Late Arrival) your student must meet the following requirements:

- 18 Credits or above*
- Good attendance (not tardy in the morning / not leaving before the day ends)
- Minimum of 50 assignments a week (any combination of classes)

*If your student does not *currently* have 18+ credits, as soon as they earn enough credits to qualify, they may put in a request with the counselor to discuss a schedule change.

****If your student is on an Early Release schedule, they must leave the building at 1:00 pm. If they are waiting for a ride, they can wait in the office until their ride arrives. Students who are not scheduled to be on campus cannot stay past their release time.**

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

Basic Principle: a. Certain body parts must be covered for all students. b. Clothes must be worn in a way such that the abdomen, genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric. c. All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet

this basic principle.

Students Must Wear, while following the basic principle of Section 1 above: a. A shirt (with fabric that touches the waistband in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms); and b. Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress, or shorts); and c. Shoes

Students Cannot Wear: a. Violent language or images. b. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF(LEGAL) THIS INCLUDES LOGOS; c. Clothing that promotes gang affiliation. d. Hate speech, profanity, or pornography. e. Images or language that creates a hostile or 19 intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups. f. Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments g. Swimsuits (except as required in class, field trips, or athletic practice) h. Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon; or i. Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance).



NEW - Student ID

The district's dress code includes proper display of the student's campus identification card (ID). All students are expected to wear the campus-issued SmartTag ID while on campus, no exceptions. The ID must be visible on the student, this includes on campus, school events, and district transportation. Student ID may not be tampered with (intentional destruction, defacing, removal of information, or stickers). A replacement/lost ID will cost \$5.00 per ID.

ASVAB Testing

We are offering an on-campus testing session of the **ASVAB** here at LOA on Dec 12 at 10 AM. [Sign up to register for the test here](#)

[What is the ASVAB?](#) The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.

[Use this link to explore information and try some sample questions.](#)

See Mrs. Crowe, school counselor, for more information

TRADE & CAREER FAIR! December 11th

LOA will be hosting several post-secondary options for our students to explore. Trade schools, certification programs, ACC, and more! Have your student listen to announcements for more details!



Scholarships and Applications

Scholarships and Applications can be accessed through the student's Classlinks account under the SchoolLinks app. Students can explore schools and careers on this site. They can also track their Community Service hours in SchoolLinks. Students can also use the app to create a resume that they can use in their school or job applications.



Live Oak Academy Path Advisor

Mrs. Otto works with seniors and juniors to increase direct-to-college enrollment, assists in connecting students with local employers in various trades and careers, as well as works with the head counselor in meeting with military recruiters.

Mrs. Otto can assist with setting up a FAFSA account (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that gives you access to the largest source of financial aid for school.

Mrs. Otto administers the TSI A2 on campus, an online college readiness exam needed to enroll at ACC and other accredited schools. She is familiar with Level 1 Certifications through ACC, in areas such as Automotive Repair and Technology, Bookkeeping, Culinary Arts, Contruction Management, Digital Arts, Welding and Metal Fabrication, as well as many more as listed in the link below.

<https://programs.austincc.edu/awards-and-program-maps/>

Mrs. Otto is located in Room 504. Her typical days and hours are T/W/Th 9:00am-2:00pm, although they can vary based on student need.

TSIA2 Registration 23-24

Texas Success Initiative Assessment

What is the TSI Assessment?

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) is a state-required assessment test to determine college-readiness in reading, writing, and math. All first-time college students must take the TSI test before enrolling in classes unless you are exempt or complete. **It is also used to determine if a student is ready to take dual enrollment courses at ACC while enrolled at Live Oak Academy. If you take this school year, you will be one step closer to dual enrollment for next year.**

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question

Transcript Requests

Students can find our transcript request on our website under OWL ZONE. Official transcripts must be mailed or virtually transfered directly from the school. Emailed transcripts are not considered official for colleges.

Click [HERE](#) to request



How is my student progressing at LOA?



Sign Up for Parent Edgenuity Progress Reports

All parents should sign up for a Parent Edgenuity Account. You can view your student's progress daily. Our expectation is that all students complete a MINIMUM of **50 lessons a week**.

Click the link to request a Parent Log in for LOA Progress Reports here:

[Request for LOA Parent Progress Reports](#)

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

IMMTRAC

Is your student 18 or will be 18 soon?

The Texas Department of Health and Human Services has a state immunization registry known as ImmTrac. Children under the age of 18 have their immunization automatically added to the system BUT once a child turns 18 their immunization record is removed UNLESS the 18 year old completes the attached form and returns it to their **school nurse** or the **Texas Department of Health and Human Services**.

Students 18 years and older will then be able to access their records for the rest of their adult life. This is helpful for those going off to college, entering certain fields of work, or need to know when their last tetanus shot was. This registry can be pulled by any healthcare facility in the state of Texas.

ImmTrac Adult Registry Form:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/immunize/immtrac/docs/F11-13366.pdf>

Contact campus nurse Christi Chabarria, RN, for further information, questions or a copy of the form. These forms can be turned in at anytime during the year.

Christi.chabarria@hayscisd.net 512-268-8462



TRANSPORTATION

Parking

Parking Permits are sold on-line. \$ Permits are \$20 for the year. \$
LEARNER's PERMITS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.



All students must park in the brick student lot. **Students who park in the student lot without a Student Permit or in the staff parking lot may be booted, towed, or fined.** In order to park on LOA campus, you must have a 2024-2025 LOA parking permit displayed. To purchase a LOA parking permit, you will need to fill out the form and pay online ([CLICK HERE](#)). Ms. Jennings is available in the front office. Your student will need to provide the documents below:

1. · Receipt from Parking Permit Form (purchase [online under the OWL ZONE tab on our website](#))
2. · Current and valid TX driver's license (*learners permits are not allowed– no exceptions*)
3. · Current up-to-date insurance for vehicle

Students that do not have a valid parking permit are not allowed to park on campus and may be ticketed. Surrounding neighborhoods and businesses will be will TOWING at Owner's Expense. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jennings at Jana.Jennings@hayscisd.net.

Busing - *see note below*

HHS Zone – Your student will ride their regular bus to HHS but come to LOA building instead. You can find busing information on the PSS Parent Portal.



LHS Zone – Your student will ride their regular bus to LHS. From there they will catch the shuttle bus to LOA. In the afternoons the students will be released to catch the shuttle bus back to LHS. From there they will ride their LHS regular bus home. You can find the busing information on the PSS Parent Portal.

JHS Zone - Your student will ride their regular bus to JHS. From there they will catch the shuttle bus to LOA. In the afternoons the students will be released to catch the shuttle bus back to JHS. From there they will ride their JHS regular bus home. You can find the busing information on the PSS Parent Portal.

***We are working hard to make sure your student is scheduled for a bus. If your student continues to have issues with busing, please reach out to transportation directly.**

TRANSPORTATION MAIN OFFICE: 512-268-8476 Hours 5:00am - 6:30pm. Sometimes it takes a team effort :) 🗨️

ATTENDANCE

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Attendance is key to every student's success. If a student is absent from school, have your student bring a note from a health care provider, other official office, or parent/guardian note explaining reason for the absence. These notes may also be emailed to LOA.Attendance@hayscisd.net. Excused absences (illness, tardies, family trips, etc) are not waived when reviewing student's attendance for truancy, only medical notes are waived.



Students who are on a shortened school day are expected to be on time, in class, for a full 4 hours. If your student is on a shortened schedule and consistently tardy or absent, we will make the

recommendation to put them on a full day schedule to allow enough time to meet academic expectations. Shortened schedules are a privilege.



Live Oak Academy - Hays CISD Alternative School of Choice

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