

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Students working toward a diploma must complete the Michigan Merit Curriculum. For course requirements, please see pages 4 and 5 of the curriculum handbook for the Lake Orion High School graduation requirements.

The following LRC courses are aligned with the *Michigan Merit Curriculum* core content expectations and can be taken in place of similar named general education courses of the Lake Orion High School graduation requirements. All placements are determined by an annual Individual Educational Planning Team Meeting (IEPT). A student may enroll in an LRC course more than once if deemed appropriate by the IEPT.

BUSINESS & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY:

LRC TECHNOLOGY

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

(Aligns with Business Foundation Course Content)

Students will familiarize themselves with the use of the Microsoft Office software, internet exploration as well as enhance their typing accuracy and speed. Students will also explore and prepare for their future in the world of work; with a focus on job searching, interview skills, finance, organization and post-secondary options that best fit their lifestyle. Students will research information in their chosen career pathway, develop problem solving, decision making, and critical thinking skills.

LRC BUSINESS FOUNDATION SKILLS

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

(Aligns with Business Foundation Course Content)

Students will build a foundation for employment by exploring various work skills including the job search, interview skills, resume and career research. Students will also work at developing a positive work ethic and personal management techniques including organization, budgeting, and other aspects of finance. After exploring several career pathways, students will design a four year educational plan that maximizes their future goals. Additionally, students will research various potential post-secondary programs and colleges, finding what might best fit their lifestyle and career pathway. Students will also prepare for CFE requirements and explore the LOHS game plan as well as enhance their skills in Microsoft Office software and typing for both speed and accuracy.

LANGUAGE ARTS:

LRC English

1.0, grades 9-12

(Aligns with English-Language Arts 9-12 Course Content)

This course includes curriculum in reading, composition, grammar and vocabulary. Remediation is the primary focus in the areas of reading comprehension, basic reading, written expression and reading fluency. In addition, students will study short stories, poems, and novels aligned with the state expectations. Students will explore both narrative and expository text in a variety of genres. Instruction will also include the practical use of language including vocabulary study, grammar, and mechanics.

LRC ELA LAB

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

This course is designed for special education students who struggle in English Language Arts (ELA). Students will practice word recognition skills, build vocabulary knowledge, improve reading fluency and learn reading comprehension strategies. Writing strategies will also be incorporated to improve paragraph writing. This course is in addition to the student's regular ELA course and will be an elective credit.

MATHEMATICS:

LRC MATH STRATEGIES

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

This course is the study of different strategies used to write and solve math problems. Patterns, relationships and functions of numbers will be explored along with number sense. Students will practice math skills and learn techniques to remember math processes. Students will also learn to use a calculator properly to solve multi-step problems and identify situations in which one could be used.

LRC PRE-ALGEBRA 1

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: LRC Math Strategies, or equivalent content in middle school, or IEP decision

This course is designed for students who require remediation of basic mathematic skills in lieu or prior to taking LRC Pre-Algebra 2 or moving into the general education setting. Students will be provided with in-depth, sequential skill building of foundational math concepts. Multisensory strategies will promote problem-solving proficiency, vocabulary development, and mathematical knowledge. The content focuses on whole number concepts, fractions, decimals, mixed numbers, and units of measurement, geometry, analyzing data and displaying data.

LRC PRE-ALGEBRA 2

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: LRC Pre-Algebra 1, or equivalent content in middle school, or IEP decision.

This course is designed for students who require remediation of basic mathematic skills in lieu or prior to taking LRC Concepts of Algebra or moving into the general education setting. Multisensory strategies will promote problem-solving proficiency, vocabulary development, and mathematical knowledge. The content focuses on rational numbers including: fractions, decimal numbers, percentages, exponents, negative numbers, estimation, data statistics, two-dimensional geometry, and probability.

LRC CONCEPT OF ALGEBRA

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: LRC Pre-Algebra 2, or equivalent content in middle school or IEP decision.

This course is designed for students who require continued remediation of mathematics skills in lieu or prior to taking general education courses. Students will be provided with in-depth, sequential skill building of foundational algebra concepts. Multi-sensory strategies will promote problem solving proficiency, vocabulary development, and mathematical knowledge. The content focuses on algebraic reasoning, including: properties, linear and non-linear equations, inequalities, functions, square roots, irrational numbers, estimation, ratio and proportions. Students will engage in multi-step problems and develop critical thinking skills needed for higher mathematics.

LRC CONCEPTS IN GEOMETRY

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

This course is designed for students who require continued remediation of mathematics skills in lieu or prior to taking general education courses. It is designed to introduce students to topics in Geometry. Students will study plane geometry which will include points, lines, angles, perimeter and properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons and theorems. Students will also study solid geometry which will include surface area and volume.

LRC MATH LAB

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

This course is designed for special education students with a history of difficulty in math. The LRC Math Lab will provide individualized remediation and practice in basic operations with whole numbers, decimals, and fractions. Students already proficient in these areas but struggling with algebraic concepts will study the main ideas of number sense, algebra, probability and statistics. Various strategies to write and solve math problems and manipulate equations will be presented and practiced. This course is to be in addition to a student's general education math course and will be an elective credit.

ELECTIVE COURSES:

LRC INDEPENDENT STUDY

0.5 credit each term, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: Administration Approval

This course is designed for LRC students in grades 9-12 who are in need of credit recovery and who can complete core content independently. This option can be utilized when a LRC student needs to earn credit to meet the Michigan Merit Curriculum. With administration approval, the student will take the course independently through the district's current available credit recovery program. The teacher in charge will monitor the appropriate course content standards, performance indicators, and assessment tools for that particular course.

LRC LIFE SKILLS

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

Students with social work goals will explore a wide variety of topics to assist with life skills. Topics include but are not limited to social and communication skills, resume building, mock job applications and interviews, hygiene, and appropriate workplace attire. Community based experiences will also be included to aid students with attaining and practicing skills discussed. Students may take this course for more than one term and it is considered an elective credit.

LRC PRE-VOCATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

0.5 credit, grades 9- 12

This class introduces universal work skills, habits and attitudes that are necessary for independent employment. Students practice various jobs in the building with support and work their way towards independently completing tasks. The course is hands on and encompasses the Michigan Department of Education Career and Employability Skills including teamwork, negotiation skills, personal management and problem solving.

LRC STUDY SKILLS

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

This course is designed for students who need direct instruction in remedial areas while enrolled in their required general education courses. Placement is determined by the student's current individual education plan (IEP) and is considered an elective course for credit.

LRC T.E.A.M. - Together Everyone Achieves More

0.5 credit, grades 9-12

This class is a proactive approach to behavior management. This course will meet the affective needs of the student and reinforce social skills. Students participate in a variety of team building activities, including participation on the challenge rope course. Students will demonstrate the ability to manage their behavior in any social setting and increase intra/interpersonal skills. This is an elective credit.

LRC WORK BASED LEARNING

0.5 to 1.0 credits, grades 9-12

Prerequisite: IEPT decision

This course is for students whose vocational needs and interests cannot be met in regular, adapted or vocational programs. Students are placed at a community site for the purpose of receiving vocational instruction developed cooperatively between the employer and special education staff. Development of employability skills and job exploration will be emphasized. Students may or may not receive pay during this work experience. This work experience does not necessarily relate to a student's career interest or training. Students may elect to take this course for more than one term. A training agreement and plan are required. Students must fill out an application form and have the Transition Coordinator's approval.

The following LRC courses are designed to meet the needs of individuals who require an individualized curriculum and direct instruction for basic skill areas and for whom cannot meet the *Michigan Merit Curriculum*. Students who participate in such courses will earn a *Certificate of Attendance* in place of a diploma. All placements are determined by an annual Individual Educational Planning Team Meeting (IEPT). A student may enroll in an LRC course more than once if deemed appropriate by the IEPT.

LRC DAILY SKILLS

.5-1.0 credit, grades 9-12

This course is a center based curriculum designed to help students develop independent daily living skills. Topics include social and communication skills, time management, self-care, food, and nutrition.

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LRC VOCATIONAL ENGLISH

1.0 credit, grades 9-12

This course is a center based curriculum designed to improve student's basic reading and writing skills, including reading comprehension with an emphasis on interpersonal communication skills and individual goals and objectives.

VOCATIONAL MATH

1.0 credit, grades 9-12 students enrolled in self-contained program

This course is a center based curriculum designed to improve student's basic mathematics and reasoning skills with an emphasis on employability skills and individual goals and objectives.

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Post-Secondary Programming

LRC IMAGE

Post high school certificate program (ages 18-26 years old)

The IMAGE program is a resource room designed for individuals with disabilities, aged 18-26 years old, who require further instruction in both daily living and on the job skills. Students in this program spend half of their day focusing on daily living skills, such as domestic skills, budgeting, and interpersonal communications including appropriate social electronic communication. The other half of their day is spent developing job skills through Work Based Learning. This program is designed to assist students in participating in their community by developing their social, daily living and job skills for transition to assisted or independent adult living.