



## Hawk Saturday School: Frequently Asked Questions

### Dates & Times

- Why isn't Saturday School offered every weekend?
  - Saturday School is offered on most weekends during the school year. Due to low demand, Saturday School is not held on holiday weekends or on Homecoming weekend. See the list of dates for this year on the Hawk Saturday School website.
- Does my student have to stay for the entire 3 hours?
  - Yes. Saturday School is designed to support students for an extended period of work time. Students are required to stay for the entire time. Occasionally, and with prior arrangement, an early dismissal can be accommodated. Please include information about the special situation at the time of registering.
- What happens when my student shows up late to Saturday School?
  - The doors to the building are locked at 8:25 AM. Students who show up after 8:25 AM will not be admitted to Saturday School.

### Registration Process

- How do I register my student for Saturday School?
  - Parents may make a reservation for their student to attend Saturday School for academic support by emailing [hawksaturdayschool@laschools.net](mailto:hawksaturdayschool@laschools.net) and by providing the following information:
    - **student name**
    - **date requested**
    - **parent name**
    - **parent contact for that Saturday**
    - **names of teachers whose classes your student needs to work on**
- Sample registration email from a parent

Send to: [hawksaturdayschool@laschools.net](mailto:hawksaturdayschool@laschools.net)

Cc: teachers whose classes your student needs to work on

"I would like to register my student, **name**, for Saturday school this week, **date**. My name is **your name** and a good number to reach me during Saturday school is **phone number**. I would like my student to work on work from the following teachers' classes: **list teachers' names**.  
(any other information you would like Saturday school staff to be aware of).

- Why should I register my student for Saturday School? I hear that they can just show up without registering.
  - It is true that students are welcome to attend Saturday School without formally registering, but there are a number of advantages to officially signing up:
    - Teachers are notified that your student is coming, and have the opportunity to send work.
    - You will be notified the morning of Saturday School that your student did or did not show up.
    - In the case of inclement weather, you will be notified by email by 7:30 AM that Saturday School has been cancelled.
- What happens when my student shows up but doesn't register?
  - We welcome all LAMS students who show up on time to Saturday School. You will receive an email notifying you that they attended. Please insure your student brings all work and books needed to stay engaged for all four hours, as they will not be released early. Students have access to computers and can access the PowerSchool gradebook and any online resources that their teacher has made available.
- Can I sign my student up for an entire semester?
  - No. **We ask that parents register their students one week at a time**, based on the need of their student. Teachers are more likely to send work when there is a fresh commitment from a student and his or her family to attend that week.

### Expectations during Saturday School

- What should my student bring?

- o Students should bring all books and supplies they will need to stay busy for 3 hours. Personal music players with headphones are allowed as long as they're enjoyed at a level that no one else can hear. Cell phones are allowed for playing non-streaming music only. They will be taken if students are texting, using facebook, snapchat, or other services. Students have access to computers and can access the PowerSchool gradebook and any online resources that their teacher has made available.
- Can students eat or drink during Saturday School?
  - o Yes. Students are encouraged to bring any food or drink they will need during the four hours of Saturday School.
  - o Beverages, including water, juice and coffee are allowed in the classroom
  - o While food isn't allowed in the classrooms, students can step into the hallway briefly to have a snack.
- Is Saturday School a disciplinary environment?
  - o No. Students are not typically assigned to Saturday School for disciplinary reasons. However, Saturday School is maintained as a serious work environment. Self-discipline among students is encouraged, and teachers are on hand to offer one-on-one assistance to students and to maintain an environment that is as free from distractions as possible.
- What do students do for 3 hours?
  - o Students typically switch between a number of different types of activities during Saturday School. Many take advantage of the work environment and catch up on homework, past-due assignments, and tests that they have missed in the prior week. Often, students work on projects or homework that will be due in the coming week. Especially before major tests, students spend time reviewing past notes and studying for tests. Many students come to Saturday School to take advantage of the opportunity for one-on-one tutoring from teachers or from peers.
- What are the behavioral expectations for students in Saturday School?
  - o The behavioral expectations during Saturday School are the same as any scheduled day of school. School policies and rules are listed in the LAMS Student Handbook and agenda which is issued to each student. If a student isn't able to comply with the expectations for Saturday School, a parent or guardian will be called to come pick him or her up.

### **Attendance**

- What if I register but my student doesn't attend?
  - o We send an email to the parents of all students who were registered to let them know whether or not their student attended. Teachers are also notified if their students attend or not. If your student was registered and teachers took time to gather work and send it to Saturday School, it is much less likely that they will take the time to send work in the future.
- How do I know if my student attended?
  - o All parents are sent an email during the Saturday School session letting them know that their student attended. If a student registered but didn't attend, parents are emailed to inform them that their student was absent.

### **Work From Teachers**

- Are teachers required to send work for my student?
  - o No. While many teachers will send work, tests, and other assignments for students to work on during Saturday School, it is not a requirement.
- How do I know what my student did during Saturday School?
  - o All students are released from Saturday School with a copy of their Saturday School Work Log sheet. A teacher will sign the log sheet to show receipt of any assignment that the student submits. Teachers will also sign the log sheet to acknowledge work that the student did but did not turn in. All work submitted at Saturday school will be forwarded directly to the appropriate teacher.

### **Skills Building Work From Teachers**

A teacher may also recommend a student for skills building work based upon classroom assessments, MAPS or PARCC scores. Students are recommended for skills building assignments during Saturday School in order to help them reach grade level proficiency. Skills building will be done utilizing a variety of online resources. Students that attend Saturday School for skills building will also be given access to online tutoring resources that they may utilize from home during the week.

*If you have any questions please contact Principal Mike Johnson at [m.johnson@laschools.net](mailto:m.johnson@laschools.net) or at 505-663-2398.  
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