

Beyond PHS Guidelines

The purpose of the Beyond PHS program is to partner with students, parents, and Linn Benton Community College (LBCC) to provide a supported bridge between Philomath High School (PHS) and the student's early college experience. The program is designed to smooth the transition between the two settings and increase the success of our students as they transition to college. It is also hoped that through Beyond PHS more Philomath High School graduates will see college as a realistic possibility. Support with the costs of tuition and books, as well as with registration, orientation, appropriate course selection and monitoring of academic progress is provided through the program.

Program Guidelines

- Students must meet the following criteria:
 - Are (or intend to become) enrolled at Philomath High School as a full-time student (a minimum of 9 credits at LBCC)
 - Are or will be 16 by the start of LBCC term to be enrolled
 - Complete Beyond PHS enrollment process (paperwork, placement tests, etc.) prior to deadlines
 - Complete a personal educational plan and profile (EPP) that includes a chosen post-high school educational goal. The plan must include a college certificate or degree, which the student will pursue. This plan will include an outline of specific courses that Beyond PHS will support in order to help the student meet that goal. The plan must be approved by your PHS counselor and LBCC staff as being realistic and appropriate for the student's placement level.
 - Are pursuing but have not yet earned a Philomath High School diploma including Essential Skills requirements for a diploma.
 - Will meet the PHS requirements for a Senior Project. Students who are enrolling in Beyond PHS at age 16 and have been enrolled as a home school student prior to Beyond PHS enrollment, have the option to meet Senior Project requirements by taking WR123 English Composition: Research, HD 208 Career/Life Planning, completing the Career Related Learning Standards (CRLS) and presenting this information to a panel at the high school.
 - All course work taken at LBCC must be completed by winter term in the planned year of graduation to be eligible to walk at graduation. Students may take courses at PHS during spring term (trimester 3) to walk at graduation. If LBCC course work is not completed by winter term, students will still be eligible for a diploma but will not be able to walk at graduation.
- Students must take all state of Oregon tests required by Philomath High School.
- Students may take classes at Linn Benton Community College (LBCC), at any of the campuses (Albany, Lebanon, Corvallis, or Sweet Home).

- Students participating in the program must attend all required meetings and orientations.
- Students must follow LBCC guidelines including registration processes, meeting deadlines, and seeking assistance for the many services available to students.
- "Eligible courses" are defined as:
 - Credit bearing courses that are outlined on the student's Educational Plan and Profile (EPP) and/or LBCC graduation worksheet.
 - Beyond PHS will not pay for classes that are not included in the student's EPP/LBCC graduation plan without prior approval by PHS counselor.
- **Beyond PHS will NOT pay for classes at LBCC that are listed as having an "Internet", "Self-Directed", or "Lab" format. The only exceptions to this rule must be made with the approval of Kathy Chafin at LBCC.**
- Beyond PHS will pay the tuition for LBCC classes that fall within the plan described above, up to a maximum of twelve credits per term. Students enrolled in both PHS and LBCC courses may take a maximum of 5 classes between the two schools. Students are welcome, at their own expense, to take classes that do not meet Beyond PHS eligibility requirements. Courses are only paid for by Beyond PHS during the school year (fall, winter, spring).
- Books will be purchased by Beyond PHS (up to \$400 per term). **At the end of the term students must participate in LBCC's book buy back program in order to remain eligible for future terms. If LBCC does not take your book back, return the book to PHS.
- Some classes require specialty equipment or supplies; these supplies are at the student's expense. Beyond PHS will not pay for consumables (such as art supplies), music lab fees (private lessons), or fees associated with special classes (such as scuba diving or software).
- Students are discouraged from working full time or participating in some types of extra curricular activities that demand a great deal of time (e.g. competitive sports) if they are taking a full time college class load.
- Students must maintain at least a 2.0 in order to remain eligible for the program. Students will be asked once per term to have their instructors complete progress reports and return them to Kathy Chafin by a deadline. A second progress report may be requested if the first report indicates a need. The progress report will be shared with their PHS counselor.
- Beyond PHS is a program that will change and evolve over time. Students will be expected to keep up to date and follow all future program changes. Beyond PHS program changes will be communicated through e-mail with students. Students must provide an active email address that they will check at least weekly.
- Students/families may receive a 1098T form from LBCC attesting to the amount that has been spent on the student's tuition. Students and families are advised that they should only claim the amount that they themselves actually paid for tuition on their taxes and not include the amount paid by Beyond PHS.