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FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Fall 2010 Schedule for FINALS

Finals will be administered within an 80-minute bell schedule. Students with extended time will take the finals in the library following a special schedule.

Fall 2010 Schedule for FINALS							
Tue., January 18		Wed., January 19		Thu., January 20			
Period	Time	Period	Time	Period	Time		
4	8:30-9:50	2	8:30-9:50	1	8:30-9:50		
ОР	9:55-10:05	OP	9:55-10:05	Break	9:50-10:05		
5	10:10-11:30	8	10:20-11:40	3	10:05-11:25		
Break	11:30-11:45	Break	11:40-11:55	Break	11:25-11:40		
6	11:45-1:05 FINAL	9	11:55-1:15	10	11:40-1:00		
Break	1:05-1:20 Grab-n-go lunch available in Fifth Floor Cafeteria for students with period 8 lunch	Lunch: Optional 9&10 Grades: 5th Floor Cafeteria 11&12 Grades: 7th Floor Cafeteria	1:15-2:00	Lunch: Optional 9&10 Grades: 5th Floor Cafeteria 11&12 Grades: 7th Floor Cafeteria	1:00-1:45		
7	1:20-2:40						

The make-up will be offered after school on Friday, January 21.

During the finals schedule, attendance for the first two days will be recorded through OP (official class). The school will make an extremely vigilant effort to have all students report to their OP classes.

When entering the school, each student will be closely monitored to ensure that he or she swipes the ID card or signs in with a school aide. The lists of students who enter the school will be compared with the attendance taken during OP classes. Students who enter the school but do not go to their OP class will be referred to the Deans' Office. During OP, hall monitors and deans will make sure students are in their OP.

If a student is late for school and missed OP class, he or she needs to come to the <u>Attendance Office</u> (<u>Room 201</u>), sign the late book, and receive a "late pass" from the Attendance Office.

Make-up Policy for FINALS

Each student should be given the right to make up a final exam if the absence on the day of the exam was excused.

Acceptable reasons for absence follow:

- A doctor's note stating that the child was sick on the day of the exam
- A court order
- A funeral
- A note from a parent or guardian stating that the student was sick

Unacceptable reasons for absences follow:

- A family vacation
- A regular check-up appointment with a doctor or dentist

Any students entitled to make up an examination should have the required absence note with him or her on the day that the exam is given. After the exam, the student should bring the note to the Attendance Office in Room 201. Only students who have a note will be allowed to make up a final exam.

Make-up exams will be administered by department chairs in the Fifth Floor Cafeteria. All tests will be given on the same day.

Students with <u>extended time</u> who have acceptable reasons for missing a final examination will take the makeup test with all of the other students in the same place at the same time. They will still be entitled to extended time. These students might need an additional day to complete all work. This will be decided by the department chairs in charge.

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Finals Extended Time Schedules

Extended Time: One-and-a-Half Time

80 minutes X 1.5	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
	January 18	January 19	January 20	
9:15	Report to Room 608 (Library)	Report to Room 608 (Library)	Report to Room 608 (Library)	
9:30-11:30 Session 1	Exam (Foreign Language)	Social Studies	English	
11:35-12:35	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:40-2:40 Session 2	Exam (Studio/ Health)	Science	Math	

^{*}If students need help planning a modified testing schedule in order to take studio and physical education exams with the rest of the class, they should go to Room 261 for assistance. Students should take the other exams on the days the exams are scheduled.

Extended Time: Double Time

80 minutes X 2.0	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
	January 18	January 19	January 20	
8:45	Room 608	Room 608	Report to Room 608 (Library)	
9:00-11:40 Session 1	Exam (Foreign Language)	Social Studies	English	
11:45-12:45	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:45-3:25 Session 2	Exam (one studio)	Science	Math	

<u>Make-up Finals</u> will be offered AFTER SCHOOL on Friday, January 21, in the Fifth Floor Cafeteria. The Department AP is in charge of the make-ups, so check with him or her if you have any questions.

TO ALL STAFF

Interim Progress Reports

LaGuardia educators have found that Interim Progress Reports can send a strong message about a student's performance. You may pick up forms from your department chairperson on **Tue.**, **Nov. 9**. They are due on **Mon.**, **Nov. 15**. We expect to send them out on **Wed.**, **Nov. 17**. Parents appreciate your efforts.

Health Benefits

If you would like to change your health benefits carrier, the time frame to do so is **Nov. 1-30**. All teachers received a notice on **Wed., Oct. 27**, in their mailboxes with instructions on how to do so.

After an Absence

If you are absent, you must sign the CAR book the following day in the Payroll Office, **Room 208B**. A notice is put into the mailbox on the day of your absence as a reminder. If you attend a meeting outside of the school building, documentation should be given to Ms. Nieves promptly.

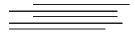
Turning the Time Card

Teachers, guidance counselors, and secretaries are reminded: Please don't forget to turn your card when you arrive in school in the morning. If you are late, fill out the Time of Arrival form and return it to Ms. Nieves.

Teacher Access to Daedalus

If a teacher's Daedalus account is not working, that educator should contact Ms. Wilson in Room 261 to request a new password.

If you have any questions regarding information on this page, please call Ms. van Keulen, AP of Data and Technology, at (212) 496-0700 X 2261.



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SAT RESULTS

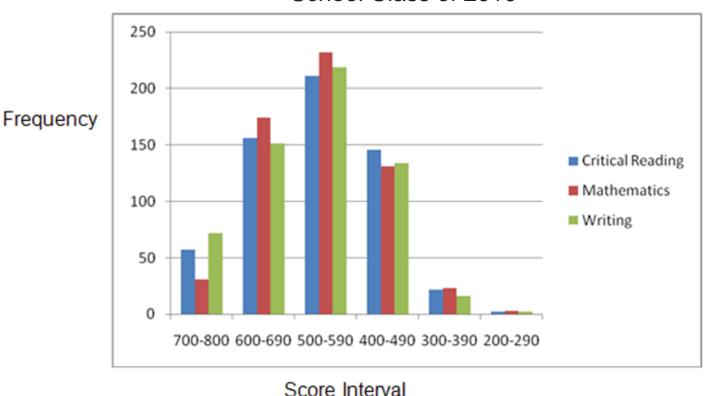
Interpreting SAT Results

The back-to-back bar graph below shows the number of LaGuardia 2010 graduates that scored in each of the designated intervals for the three separate sections of the Standardized Aptitude Test (SAT). Based on these data, members of the class of 2010 seemed to be strongest in writing. The mean writing score was 567, while the mean critical reading score was 558 and the mean mathematics score was 555. None of these averages was significantly different, however. The standard deviation for each section was 99, 101, and 93, respectively. This tells us the average difference of each student from the mean score. A smaller standard deviation tells us that there was more consistency

among the scores. It seems that last year's seniors were most consistent on the mathematics section. Similar to the mean, there is not a significant difference among these standard deviations.

The average LaGuardia student scores higher than the average New York State student. This is true for each section of the test. There were over 161,000 New Yorkers taking the SAT last year; the mean writing score was 478, the mean critical reading score was 484, and the mean mathematics score was 499. We congratulate our students on their excellent SAT scores.

SAT Data for LaGuardia Arts High School Class of 2010



Using Data for Decision Making

The Department of Education, in collaboration with the College Board, has provided all 10th and 11th graders with the opportunity to take the PSAT and then count this test as one of the school's Acuity tests. LaGuardia chose to use the PSAT as one of the Acuity tests. As

such, we encourage the English and Math Departments to look at these results, as well as the SAT results above, in order to advance student learning and bring even more students into the sphere of success.

Score Interval	Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
700-800	57	31	72
600-690	156	174	151
500-590	211	232	219
400-490	146	131	134
300-390	22	23	16
200-290	2	3	2