

LASSO Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What does LASSO stand for?	Longhorn Academic Student Support Opportunity
2. What is the purpose of LASSO?	Primary: To allow students of all levels with a grade below 75 to receive additional academic support. Secondary: To provide students with an opportunity to participate in identified extracurricular activities or study hall.
3. Will attendance be taken?	Yes. Those assigned to LASSO will be held accountable for their attendance. Teachers will call roll and those not present when roll is submitted will be counted ABSENT. Failure to attend LASSO may result in disciplinary action.
4. If a student has all grades of 75 or higher, do they need to be at school during LASSO?	No, however, students who are exempt from LASSO are expected to arrive on time for their first block.
5. If a student is not assigned a LASSO and they want to enter the building BEFORE LASSO, where should they enter?	All students who arrive DURING LASSO that do not have an assigned LASSO must enter through the theater doors and wait in the theater LASSO.
6. Where can students who are not assigned a LASSO go if they want a quiet place to study or relax?	Up to 50 students are permitted to enter the Media Center for a quiet, non-LASSO location. These students must arrive and check in prior to 8:20.
7. Who may go to the main gym, during LASSO?	Only students who are not assigned a LASSO. Students who are not assigned a LASSO must check in at the gym by 8:20 at the latest.
8. Are students with course averages above 75 able to receive additional academic support during LASSO?	Students who desire academic support during LASSO should report to the cafeteria no later than 8:20 for collaborative study opportunities. Students in the cafeteria work in subject areas. Additionally, there will be teachers or peer tutors available for academic assistance.
9. If a student's grade moves above 75, do they stop coming to LASSO?	No. While we are happy their grade has increased; teachers will continue to provide support to students
10. When is LASSO held?	LASSO will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:20 – 9:05 during the first 45 minutes of the day.
11. Do students need to attend both LASSO days?	Students attend TWO LASSO sessions per week if assigned.
12. How will students be placed in LASSO sections?	Students with an academic course grade lower than 75 will be required to attend LASSO. They will be placed in a LASSO dedicated to helping them develop content mastery.
13. How will lasso be structured regarding content?	LASSO sections will be specific to subject areas (Algebra, Geometry, Algebra II) versus general (Math, Science, Social Studies, etc...).
14. Will students have their teacher for LASSO?	Collaborative teams will divide students based on the needs of the students as determined by the level of mastery, standards, and/or data used by the team. Some students may end up with their teacher.

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15. What non-academic options will be made available for LASSO?	Options requiring teacher approval: Band - Chamber/Improvisation, Theater, United Sound, Leadership, SGA, or DECA NOTE: Students may only participate in one of the non-academic options IF they are not assigned LASSO.												
16. If a student plans to participate in Band – Chamber/Improvisation, theater, United Sound, Leadership Club, SGA, DECA, Art open studio, or DECA how do they sign up?	Students must speak with the sponsor of the activities for approval. Students may only attend these activities with approval.												
17. Is LASSO a time for making up missed assignments?	No												
18. If a student has all Bs or higher when LASSO is assigned, are they required to report to school for LASSO?	No. Those who report to school will go to the main gym, tutoring or media center.												
19. When will LASSO start?	January 26												
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21. What if a student needs academic support in more than one class?	Students are assigned one LASSO based on academic needs and class performance. EOC Classes are prioritized over non-EOC. If a student needs assistance in more than one class, they should utilize tutoring before or after school with their teacher or attend LEAP Tutoring.												
22. Will students be permitted to leave their location during LASSO?	No												
23. Will there be other opportunities made available to students in the future?	Yes												
24. Will colleges be visiting during this time to speak with students?	Yes, but students will have to sign up for college visits and must be on time. Students who sign up for college visits are only permitted to do so if they do not have an assigned LASSO.												
25. Will LASSO meet every Tuesday and Thursday?	Once LASSO begins, LASSO will meet twice a week unless there is advisement. Advisement is held on the first Thursday of the month when school meets. Any modifications to the schedule will be communicated by the school.												