

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL COUNSELING COMMENTS

In 2014, Lakeland Regional High School is ranked 112th in New Jersey, and was ranked in the Top 20 “Most Improved” schools in New Jersey in 2013.

Lakeland Regional High School’s Counseling Department received national recognition as a “Recognized ASCA Model Program” by the American School Counselor Association.

The RAMP designation, awarded to schools whose counseling programs align with the criteria set in the *ASCA National Model*, recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program and creating an exemplary educational environment.

Lakeland Regional High School is one of approximately 450 schools across the country who have received the RAMP designation since the program’s inception. Most notably, Lakeland Regional High School is the first and only school in New Jersey to attain this honor!

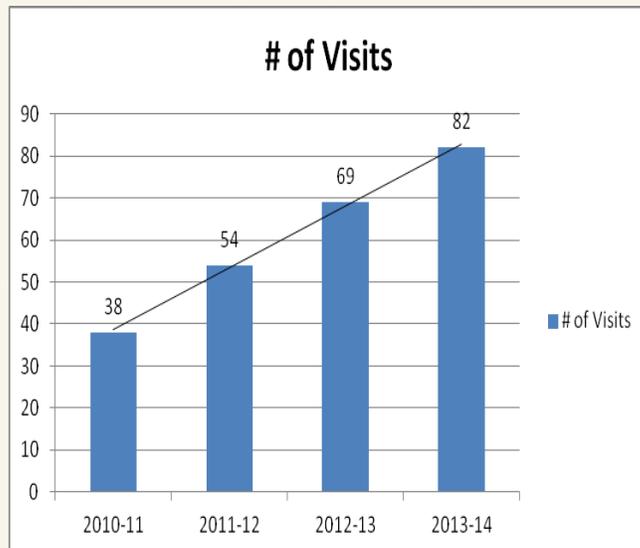
GUIDANCE & COUNSELING TEAM

The Guidance & Counseling Department is here to provide expertise in the areas of academic, career and personal / social development. The counselors include:

- Ms. Donna Kerr, School Counselor
- Ms. Lisa Manicone, School Counselor
- Mrs. Dianalyn Matlosz, School Counselor
- Mr. Brian Mulhern, School Counselor
- Mrs. Tara Ross-Salman, School Counselor
- Dr. Ray Danziger, Student Assistance Coordinator
- Mr. Tim Conway, Director of Guidance

Secretaries include: Carmela Iovino, Dawn Phillips, Janet Ross

The team of counselors now serves approximately 225 students each, and is dedicated to reaching every student within the Lakeland community. The counselors provide programs and services in the form of classroom guidance lessons, individual (i.e. 4-year plans) and group counseling, consultation with parents, teachers and other educators, referrals to other school support services (i.e. I&RS, Special Services) or community resources, peer assistance, intervention and advocacy at the systemic level, career development, coordination of SWAP, SWAN and LEAP peer leadership programs, review of student testing and assessments, and coordinate state testing. For a list of all services by grade level visit the [Guidance website](#).



46% increase in 4 years!

INCREASE IN COLLEGES & CAREER/TECHNICAL SCHOOLS VISITING LAKELAND

The number of colleges and career/technical schools visiting Lakeland continues to grow. We firmly believe in providing ample opportunities to our students, so they are knowledgeable about their options beyond high school.

Growth per year has been 15% - 30%, with an overall increase of 46% over the last four years.

INSTANT COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DAY AT LAKELAND!

On December 6, 2013 and January 17, 2014, Lakeland Regional High School held instant decision days with 19 colleges and technical schools.

Students had the opportunity to sign up in Naviance for one or more colleges and/or technical schools they were interested in, and in one day, find out their admissions decision!

116 total seniors (43.1% of the class) participated in the event with a total number of 210 college acceptances.

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SCHOOL CLIMATE & SAFETY

The YES, SWAP, and LEAP groups are involved in prevention programming to the students at Lakeland Regional High School as peer leadership groups, and they provide prevention programs to the surround K-8 and middle school districts.

Speak With a Peer (SWAP), Leaders Encouraging Adolescent Progress (LEAP) & Youth Empowering Success (YES) groups are involved in the summer during our 9th grade orientation, throughout the year in the Pathways classes, as well as during our 8th grade open house.

These groups, albeit with slightly different core missions, are an integral part of the school community in helping our students feel safe, serve as mentors, advocating for healthy life habits, anti-bullying messages and assistance with transitioning to the high school.

COLLEGE / CAREER:

On October 16, 2013, Lakeland Regional High School offered its “College Roundtable” program. Representatives included Lafayette College, George Washington University, The College of New Jersey, Quinnipiac University, and SUNY - Oneonta.

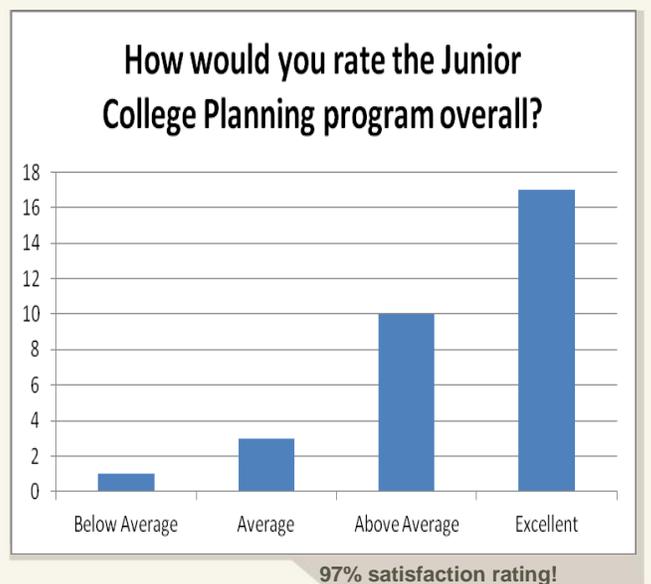
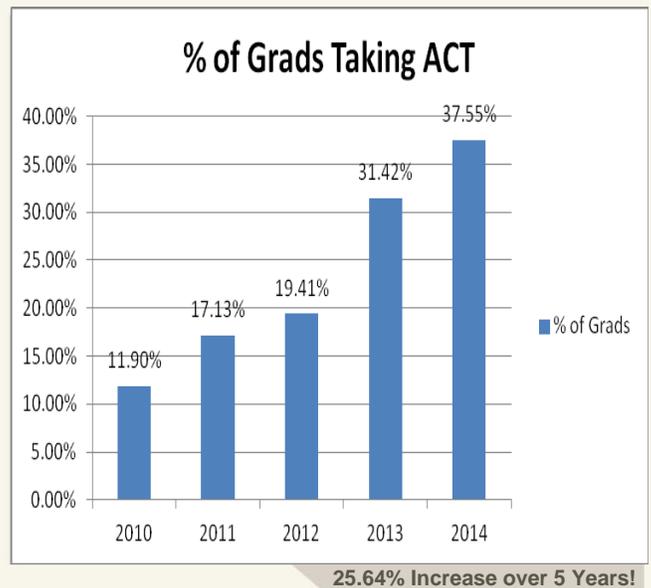
The event was well received by students and parents providing insight into the college admissions process, what colleges are expecting and answering attendee’s questions.

During the first half of the 2013 – 2014 school year, the Guidance & Counseling Department hosted two college tours. Kutztown / Moravian on October 30, 2013 and the second was to Ramapo College on November 22, 2013.

On January 7, 2014 there was a program “Junior College Planning”, which was developed to assist students and parents begin the college planning process. Over 150 students and parents came out for the event, and the program overall received an **97%** satisfaction rating.

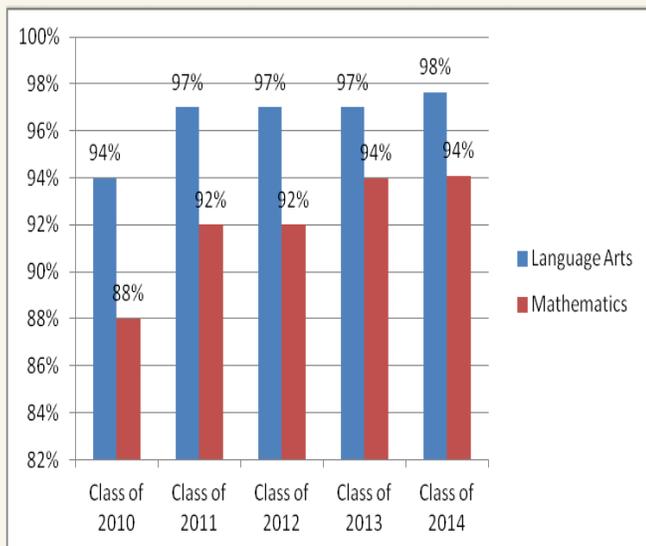
The Financial Aid Night on January 16th, 2014 provided 100 attendees with an understanding of the Financial Aid process, as well as the various forms of aid available. Attendees received a timely warning to steer clear of a scam from FAFSA.com.

Recent data from ACT shows Lakeland Regional above the state average in English, Reading and overall Composite scores. The number of students taking the ACT at Lakeland is at an all time high. The chart below shows a **25.64%** increase over the past 5-years.



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HSPA 5-YEAR TREND

MEASUREMENTS

ACADEMIC:

With the graduating Class of 2014, LRHS saw a higher pass rate of 98% in Language Arts and a steady pass rate of 94% in Mathematics. Overall, 100% of LRHS students passed either the HSPA or the AHS (Alternative High School Assessment).

Lakeland Regional High School offers 14 Advanced Placement (AP) level courses and 3 dual enrollment college courses for a total of 17 college level courses offered during the school day.

Class of 2014:

AP Scholars = 15
 AP Scholars with Honors = 4
 AP Scholars with Distinction = 12
 156 students took 275 exams

Advanced Placement Courses: English Literature, US History, Music Theory, Art History, U.S. Government & Politics, Spanish, Calculus AB, Statistics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, and European History.

*See [LRHS school profile](#) for additional data!

PERSONAL / SOCIAL:

Lakeland Regional High School offers counseling groups for students who are “at-risk” and for students who are experiencing challenges in their lives (i.e. anxiety).

In spring 2014, we ran an academic support group, which was based off student interest, teacher referral and failing grades in two or more classes. Overall, the group improvement showed a 7-point increase in grades (Q3 to Q4). The failure rate was reduced from 13 courses to 6 courses, which was a 54% decrease in failures.

One student stated, “I’m grateful for Teacher A and Counselor K for not giving up on me and for pushing me forward when I wanted to give up”. Another stated, “... made me change my attitude towards everything.. and to never stop trying”.

FOCUS FOR IMPROVEMENT

The Guidance & Counseling Department sets rigorous goals and standards that are in alignment with the districts vision and mission. During the 2013 – 2014 school year our major goals include:

- Goal was a reduction of course failures for identified 9th & 10th grade students by 5%. The goal exceeded expectations with a 45.83% reduction in the failure rate.
- The goal was a 20% increase in knowledge and skills for juniors of the post secondary planning process by the end of the school year. Juniors demonstrated a 149% increase in knowledge and skills by the end of the school year.

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Parent’s are strongly encouraged and welcome to participate in the activities in the Department through the following ways:

- Members of the School Advisory Committee
- Mentors for students involved in “shadow days”
- Guest speakers for “Career Days” or workshops
- Periodic surveys mailed home and online which help guide programs and services

To become involved in one or more of these opportunities, please contact Tim Conway, Director of Guidance at (973) 835-1900 or email at tconway@lakeland.k12.nj.us.

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DEVELOPMENTS IN 2014 - 2015

Next school year, Lakeland Regional High School seeks to enhance the number of courses being offered through Passiac County Community College (PCCC) and the Dual Enrollment program. Currently, there are 3 courses offered at Lakeland through Seton Hall and Syracuse University for credit. Next year the following courses plan to be offered to eligible juniors and seniors.

- Introduction to Criminal Justice – 3 credits
- Introduction to Sociology – 3 credits
- Child Development I / II – 3 credits (each)
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) – 8 credits

Lakeland Regional High School offered “Introduction to Psychology” during summer of 2014 as another Dual Enrollment course through PCCC with 18 total students enrolled. Cost of a 3-credit course is approximately \$180.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Connecting with our community is essential to our programs and services for both improved student success and our professional growth.

At this time the department is currently connected with the following community resources:

- Passaic County Community College
- AWARE ASAP
- Chilton Hospital
- Ringwood Recreation Department

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HOW WILL AN ADVANCED DEGREE HELP YOU?

Earnings and unemployment rate for people 25 years and over		
Unemployment rate in 2009	Level of Education Completed	Mean (average) earnings in 2009
14.60%	Less than a high school diploma	\$28,496
9.70%	High school graduate, no college	\$40,352
8.60%	Some college, no degree	\$46,800
7.00%	Occupational program (trade/vocational school)	\$46,696
6.80%	Associate degree	\$48,308
5.20%	Bachelor's degree	\$71,552
3.90%	Master's degree	\$82,628
2.50%	Doctoral degree	\$113,308
2.30%	Professional degree	\$114,712

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We value your opinions and suggestions!
Please continue to respond to surveys that are sent out, as they help us to shape our programs and services to the Lakeland community! Suggestions may also be submitted to Tim Conway, Director of Guidance at tconway@lakeland.k12.nj.us.
Thank you for your continued support!