

Lexington High School Clubs

2016-2017

The following clubs meet before school or after school. Most of the information you need to join is listed below. If you have any questions concerning a particular club, please contact the advisor(s)/sponsor(s) listed for that club.

Note: Highlighted Clubs are New for the 2016-2017 School Year

Anatomy Club - The purpose of this club is to get like-minded students together who are interested in a career in the medical field and promote and build on our knowledge of biological sciences. The club will watch surgeries and discuss recent medical news and medical professions. Towards the end of the school year the club will take a field trip to the Bodies Exhibition in Atlanta, will tour MUSC, and get information about medical careers. Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in Room A-202. Club Sponsor is Sallie Ortmann (sortmann@lexington1.net).

Art Honor Society/Art Club - National Art Honor Society. Artists and art lovers are welcome to join. There is a \$5 per semester membership fee. Due to the size of this club, members have been separated into two groups. Group 1 will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month and Group 2 will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held in Room C-101. Members are not allowed to miss more than three (3) meetings without a valid excuse. Club Sponsors are Dr. Robert Kinard (rkinard@lexington1.net), Dr. Christine Pirkle (cpirkle@lexington1.net), and Daniel Cummins (dcummins@lexington1.net).

Athletic Trainers Club - The purpose of this club is to promote interest in sports medicine as a career option and to inform student athletic trainers of current trends in the field. Members are limited to student athletic trainers already on staff and varsity football managers. Meetings are held 2 to 3 times per year in the Athletic Training Room. Club Sponsors are Damone Leaphart (dleaphart@lexington1.net) and Ashleigh Wilkes (awilkes@lexington1.net).

BASS Fishing Club - Students participating in this club will develop fishing skills, ethics, appreciation of the outdoors, and form great friendships with other who share similar interests. There is a \$20 membership required by SCDNR/BASS. The club plans to meet once a month at local ponds to fish and may compete against other BASS teams from other schools in the area. Meeting locations and times to be announced. Club Sponsor is Greg Russell (grussell@lexington1.net).

Be a Fan Club - The Be a Fan Club provides opportunities to bring youth with and without intellectual disabilities together through education, recreational, and leisure activities to support social inclusion and create a school community of acceptance and respect. This club is open to all students interested in supporting and advocating for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Club meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:45 a.m. in Room M-106. Club Sponsors are Kim Watson (kwatson@lexington1.net) and Dana Crowley (dcrowley@lexington1.net).

Book Club - The Book Club reads multiple books throughout the year then meets to discuss them as a group. Club meetings are Fridays at 7:40 a.m. in Room D-108. Club sponsor is Megan Small (msmall@lexington1.net).

Breakfast Club - The purpose of this club is to develop social skills in a controlled team building environment. Club meetings are Wednesdays at 7:55 a.m. in Room D-208. Club Sponsor is Kelly Evans (kevans@lexington1.net).

Chess Club - The purpose of the Chess Club is to provide a place for students to learn and plan this intricate game. Meetings are Wednesday mornings from 7:45 – 8:10 a.m. in Room E-107. Club Sponsor is Kelly Burklund (kburklund@lexington1.net).

Debate Team - The Debate Team is a group of individuals that meet for the purpose of practicing and competing in meaningful and competitive debate. The team will participate in a variety of formats and will compete in several tournaments each year in and around the state of South Carolina. Formal debate is a great skill for those that are serious-minded about going into law, politics, and business. It teaches you skills of logic and speech that will enhance your presence in many fields. Members will research, study, and discuss many topics of interest and that are points of contention in local, state, national, and world communities. Make friends, have fun, and learn to win an argument! There is a \$25 membership fee and club meetings are Wednesdays from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. in Room B-210. Club Sponsor is Julie Hill (jhill2@lexington1.net).

DECA (LHS) / Virtual Enterprise - This club will compete against marketing students from other schools with virtual-based businesses, attend themed competitions, and train young entrepreneurs in a competitive market. Members must be currently enrolled in the Virtual Enterprise Program and will compete in DECA Competitions and Virtual Enterprise Trade Shows. Meetings will be held bi-weekly during ILT in Room D-202. Club Sponsor is Ashley Williams (ahwilliams@lexington1.net).

French Honor Society - The mission of the French Honor Society is to provide talented students the opportunity to enjoy and appreciate the French language and cultures. Returning members pay a \$10 activity fee. Induction members pay an activity and induction fee of \$20. Students must complete three (3) French courses, have an overall B average, and must be a current French student with an overall high A/B average. Meetings will be held immediately after school in Room F-115 with meeting dates to be determined. Club Sponsor is Jason Bagley (jbagley@lexington1.net).

Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA) - The mission is to create a safe and welcoming learning environment for all students regardless of gender or sexual orientation and to educate people on the issues the LGBTG community has faced in the past and continue to struggle with today. The club meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in Room F-115 and has a \$5 per semester membership fee. Club Sponsor is Jason Bagley (jbagley@lexington1.net).

German Club - The purpose of this club is to celebrate and gain knowledge of the German language and culture. There is a one-time membership fee of \$5 to join. Meetings will be immediately after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays (TBD) in Room F-105. Club Sponsor is Clay Hendrix (ichendrix@lexington1.net).

German National Honor Society - The purpose of this club is to recognize the outstanding and academic achievements of learners of German. Students must have completed 3 semesters of German with a 3.6 grade point average and overall must have a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Meetings will be on the second Thursday of every month from 4:30 – 5 p.m. in Room F-105. Club Sponsor is Clay Hendrix (ichendrix@lexington1.net).

GIVE (Get Involved Value Everyone) - The purpose of this club is to come together as a group to volunteer time and services to different organizations within the community. The club plans to volunteer at places such as LICs, local churches, Pets Inc., and organize drives for USO. Meetings are every other Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in Room D-202. Club Sponsor is Ashley Williams (ahwilliams@lexington1.net).

Green Club - The purpose of this club is to spread knowledge and enlightenment on the vast and interesting subject of botany. There is a \$5 membership fee and meetings will be on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Room B-206. Club Sponsor is Kathleen Snelgrove (ksnelgrove@lexington1.net).

Harry Potter Club - The purpose of this club is to express love and admiration for J.K. Rowling and the Harry Potter series. It is an opportunity to meet new people who have the same love and interest in the Harry Potter series. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in room D-214. Club Sponsor is Katherine Dew (kdew@lexington1.net).

Helping Hands - The members of this club will donate their time and talent to many different charities and military organizations. They will send care packages and cards to troops and work on monthly service projects within the community. Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:45 a.m. in Room D-106. Club Sponsor is Maggie Donaldson (mdonaldson@lexington1.net).

IMPACT - The purpose of this club is to reach out to those who have lost their way and help lead them to Christ. Meetings are on Tuesdays starting at 7:20 a.m. in the Little Theatre. Club Sponsor is Jessica Tucker (jtucker@lexington1.net).

Junior Classical League (JCL) - The purpose of this club is to educate students about Roman culture and language (Latin) and prepare for a state competition in March in the themed events. There are \$6 local, \$2 State, and (TBD) National fees. Meetings will be held every other Thursday at 7:40 a.m. in Room F-113. Club Sponsor is Jason Blackburn (jblackburn@lexington1.net).

Key Club - Key Club is a student led service group which provides students with the opportunity to organize, lead, and participate in school and community projects. Open to all students interested in serving others. Members will be required to pay \$15 membership dues, attend meetings and club functions (must attend at least 2 meetings per month), as well as acquire a number of service points to remain "active" in the club (250 points per semester). Key Club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month after school in the Little Theater. Club Sponsor is Christen Weidner. (cweidner@lexington1.net).

Leaders of Environmental Awareness & Protection - The purpose of this club is to educate members on current environmental issues and provide help where needed both locally as well as participating in global events as a group. Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month in room D-109. Club Sponsor is Dawne Houck (dhouck@lexington1.net).

Lexington One Community Coalition (LOCC) - The purpose of this club is to encourage youth leadership. Members will focus on, but not limit themselves to, the prevention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse in the school and throughout the community. Meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month starting September 7, 2016, in Room A-101. Club Sponsor is Stacie Neeley (sneeley@lexington1.net).

Mock Trial Team - Mock Trial is sponsored by the S.C. Bar Law Related Education Division and is open to any student interested in learning about the American Judicial System and the fundamentals of litigation. The Mock Trial Team participates in a regional competition in February, with the possibility of advancing to the state competition in March. The team begins meeting weekly in September to prepare for competition. The team receives a fictitious case and is assisted by a local attorney, Patrick Frawley, in preparing to argue the case. Club dues are \$25 and meetings are held on Thursdays from 4 – 5 p.m. in Room B-210. Club Sponsor is Julie Hill (jhill2@lexington1.net).

Model U.N. - Model United Nations (U.N.) is an authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly and other multilateral bodies. Today more than 400,000 middle school, high school, and college/university students worldwide participate every year. Anyone can participate in Model U.N., so long as they have the ambition to learn something new and work with people to try and make a difference in the world. It not only involves young people in the study and discussion of global issues, but also encourages the development of skills useful throughout their lives, such as research, writing, public speaking, problem solving, consensus building, conflict resolution, compromise, and cooperation. There is an annual membership fee of \$25. Meetings will be every other Wednesday at 3:40 p.m. in Room D-213. First meeting will be Wednesday, August 31. Club Sponsor is Melanie Wayt (mwayt@lexington1.net).

National Economics Challenge (NEC) - The purpose of this club is to promote economic education in a fun and competitive way. Members will compete at the State competition in the Spring (date to be announced). Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. in Room D-210. Club Sponsor is Michael Melvin (mmelvin@lexington1.net).

National History Day Club (NHD) - This club is for students who are interested in history. The club is meant to prepare competitors and send them to the National History Day Competition and to learn more about historical events and themes in the process. Meeting dates, times, and location to be announced. Club Sponsor is Julie Hill (jhill2@lexington1.net).

National Honor Society (NHS) - This society is for Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who have a GPA of 4.0 or higher. Students must maintain the average and complete an annual service project. Open by invitation only. There will be a \$10 membership fee. Club Sponsor is Dawne Houck (dhouck@lexington1.net).

National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) - The mission of NHSDA is to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance in public and private schools in K-12 education and to foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form and one worthy of recognition and prestige. Student induction into the NHSDA is awarded on the basis of points earned for meritorious work in dance and GPA. Other factors include cooperative teamwork, motivation, outreach, choreography, performance, teaching, and production. Meeting times are on an individual basis as points are achieved. The Club Sponsor is Star Graham (sgraham@lexington1.net).

Odyssey of the Mind (OOTM) - Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition for students of all ages. Teams of students select a problem, create a solution, and then present their solution in a competition against other teams in the same problem and division. Teams work within constraints provided and are scored for meeting the requirements of the problem in addition to being scored for creativity. Art, music, writing, acting, mathematics, engineering, and science are just a few of the disciplines needed for this creative problem-solving club. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in Room F-205. Club Sponsor is Sheryn Billue (sbillue@lexington1.net).

Quill and Scroll International Honor Society - Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a "B" average or higher with superior work in journalism or special media work. The club meetings will be held in the Yearbook Room, C-106. Club Sponsors are Amanda Hajji (ahajji@lexington1.net) and Elizabeth Florence (eflorence@lexington1.net).

Retro Video Gaming Club - In the Retro Video Gaming Club, we will discuss the technology and history of classic video games and play some of the most popular games of the past. We want to educate people on the older generation of video games so they can appreciate the games they have now. Meetings will be immediately after school on Thursdays in Room D-102. Club Sponsor is Scott McGrady (smcgrady@lexington1.net).

Role Playing Game Club (RPG) - The purpose of this club is to have a fun group of students become good friends while playing games they enjoy. This is a great opportunity for freshmen to meet new people and make new friends. Meetings will be on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Room D-102. Club Sponsor is Scott McGrady (smcgrady@lexington1.net).

Rugby Club (Lexington Lake Monsters) – The purpose of the Rugby Club is to provide an alternate soccer and athletic outlet for both boys and girls of Lexington School District One. They will develop and encourage High School Rugby players to participate in the South Carolina Rugby League. Registration fees are established and collected through USA Rugby. Practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 – 6 p.m. at PHMS (but are subject to change). Club Sponsor is Michael Vasinko (mvasinko@lexington1.net).

Space Club - The purpose of this club is to learn and discuss space and aeronautics through various projects, activities, discussions, trips, and more. Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. in Room B-202. Club Sponsor is Chuck Pinta (cpinta@lexington1.net).

Spanish Club - The purpose of this club is to better educate members about Spanish culture, food, art, and history. Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. in Room F-111. Club Sponsor is Caroline Hayes (chayes@lexington1.net).

Spanish National Honor Society - This club is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are currently enrolled in Spanish and have a 3.5 weighted GPA or higher in Spanish 3 or higher level Spanish. The purpose is to recognize high achievement of high school students in Spanish and to promote interest in this language. There is a member fee of \$5. Meetings will be on Mondays immediately after school in Room F-109. Club Sponsor is Anne-Marie Bausch (abausch@lexington1.net).

Student Council - This is for elected officers from the student body along with volunteers from each class. This organization coordinates homecoming events, pep rallies, rival weeks, and community projects. Anyone is welcome to help with Student Council. It promotes school spirit and involvement in functions. Meetings are held on Tuesdays immediately after school in Room D-113. Club Sponsor is Ashley Miller (amiller@lexington1.net).

Teenage Republicans Club - The purpose of this club is to share ideals and beliefs of the Republican Party with high school students. The club will be actively involved with State and local politicians. Meetings will be held on Fridays at 7:45 a.m. in Room E-208. Club Sponsor is Brendan Hoynes (bhoynes@lexington1.net).

Theatre Honor Society - The LHS Theatre Honor Society are students interested in all aspects of theatre and drama from acting, singing, and dancing onstage to working backstage on scenery, costumes, make up, and props. We are dedicated to encouraging and improving the skills of theatre students at LHS and any student is invited to become a member of our International Thespian Society, Troupe 4182. Students may be inducted into this organization when he or she has earned 10 points from involvement in various aspects of our productions. The point system is determined by the ITS. ITS is an honorary organization for middle school and high school theatre students located at more than 3,600 affiliated schools across America, Canada, and abroad. The mission is to honor student excellence in the theatre arts. Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:40 p.m. in Room C-104. Club Sponsor is Dr. Christin Pirkle (cpirkle@lexington1.net).

Travel Club - The LHS Travel Club is open to all interested students who have an interest in meeting to discuss other countries and cultures and to plan and participate in student travel, both domestic and international. Meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of every month immediately after school in Room D-213. Club Sponsor is Melanie Wayt (mwayt@lexington1.net).

Ultimate Frisbee Club - The purpose of this club is to promote the sport of Ultimate Frisbee through competitive and entertaining events and to give LHS students the opportunity to play Ultimate Frisbee. Meeting times and location are to be determined and announced at a later date. Club Sponsor is Sam Oxley (soxley@lexington1.net).

Virtual Enterprise - See DECA (LHS) / Virtual Enterprise

Writing Club - The purpose of this club is to provide a comfortable environment for writers to freely express themselves and share their work. Meetings will be held in Room D-108 with meeting times to be announced at a later date. Club Sponsor is Megan Small (msmall@lexington1.net)

Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) - The purpose of this Club is to introduce students to a Third Party and discuss a political group that isn't Republican or Democratic. There is no fee for school membership, but a \$10 fee is required to become a National Member. Meetings will be held on Fridays at 7:45 a.m. in Room D-212. Club Sponsor is Derek Allison (dallison@lexington1.net).

Young Democrats of America (YDA) - The LHS Young Democrats of America is open to students in all grades who have an interest in government, politics, and political socialization. Interest is placed at looking at issues from all perspectives. Involvement in local, state, and national campaigns in election years, study of issues and candidates will be emphasized. Meetings will be held on Friday mornings at 7:40 a.m. in Room D-208. Club Sponsor is Kelly Evans (kevans@lexington1.net).