

2026 Year 11 Diploma Criteria

To gain a Lincoln High School Year 11 Diploma, a student needs to meet all the following criteria:

- Attendance
 - Obtain an overall average attendance rate of **97% or more**, for all 2026 timetabled periods including Linc periods.
- Learning & Behaviour
 - Obtain an average of **3.5 or more** for Learning & Behaviour over all courses. These are measured in three weekly reports.

Academic Achievement

- Obtain an average of **2 or more** for overall curriculum grades for all courses. (non-NCEA)
- Achieving the NCEA **literacy and numeracy** digital exams.

Notes:

- a) The following grades count towards a student's academic success rate:
 - Curriculum – Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient, and Exceeding
 - NCEA Literacy & Numeracy Exams – Achieved or Not Achieved
 - Learning & Behaviour report grades – Well Above Expectations (4), Meeting Expectations (3), Below Expectations (2), Absent (1)
- b) If a student gains a Year 11 and Year 12 diploma, they are eligible to gain a Graduation Diploma with Distinction in Year 13.
- c) Due to exceptional circumstances, a student who has not met all the criteria may be eligible for Principal discretionary consideration.
- d) The attendance rate is based on the periods attended or that have justified absences (e.g., medical absences or appointments, school events and trips, etc). Absences that reduce the diploma attendance rate include unexplained absences, truancy, holidays during term time, and unjustified absences in accordance with the Ministry of Education requirements.
- e) In instances where a period of absence for 10 days or less may affect a student's ability to receive their diploma, and this absence is for family reasons, the student's Tutor and Head of Level may apply discretionary consideration, provided the student has demonstrated a satisfactory attempt to catch up on learning missed during this time.
- f) The Year 11 diplomas will be presented at the Year 11 awards ceremony on Tuesday 8th of December 2026.
- g) Involvement in an ongoing or a significant behavioural issue may result in a student not being invited to the Year 11 awards ceremony.

The list of assessments that count towards the diploma academic success is listed on a student's Assessment Statement. Learning & Behaviour average grades are included in the 3-weekly reports. Both documents are available on the Kamar portal under the Reports tab.