

## Making Good Schools Great

Lincoln Public Schools is the second largest of Nebraska's 375 school districts, with more than 33,000 students. Our goal is to give every student a superb learning environment by providing:

- ◆ Quality teaching
- ◆ Personal attention
- ◆ Excellent facilities and equipment
- ◆ Academic support

## How do we measure success?

Each year, we evaluate our students' performance on nationally standardized tests, and measure parent and community satisfaction with Lincoln Public Schools. We are proud of how we measure up—but we are striving to do even better.

MEASURE	2008-09 PERFORMANCE
3rd grade reading	<b>86%</b> (at or above Nat'l ave.)
7th grade math	<b>72%</b> (at or above Nat'l ave.)
ACT scores	LPS Average: <b>23.3</b> (US average: 21.1)
Parent Satisfaction w/ LPS District	<b>79%</b>
Parent Satisfaction w/ child's education	<b>95%</b> (US average: 72%)
Average elementary class size	<b>20</b>

## Meeting Our Goals in a Changing Community

Our students reflect Lincoln's changing population:

- ◆ 39% of LPS students participate in the free or reduced price lunch program.
- ◆ 15% of LPS students participate in Special Education.
- ◆ More children who are learning to speak English (in 2008-09, more than 2,175 students from 60 countries who spoke 50 languages).

Although this changing population creates new challenges, we are continuing to improve our test scores and other measures of success. Community support is essential.

## How can the community help?

Be an advocate

- ◆ Volunteer in your schools. Read to kids, be a tutor, work in the library or share another skill.
- ◆ Get to know your neighborhood school. Attend school activities and ask how you can help.
- ◆ Support efforts to attract and keep quality teachers.

Be a donor

- ◆ Fund-a-Need or plan a gift today for tomorrow's children: [www.FoundationForLPS.org](http://www.FoundationForLPS.org).
- ◆ Provide books, materials, volunteers or other resources.
- ◆ Participate in business-school partnerships.
- ◆ Provide internships and work-study programs.
- ◆ Volunteer to speak at schools or invite an LPS volunteer to speak at your business or community organization.
- ◆ Support specific LPS projects designed to increase reading, math skills and school attendance.

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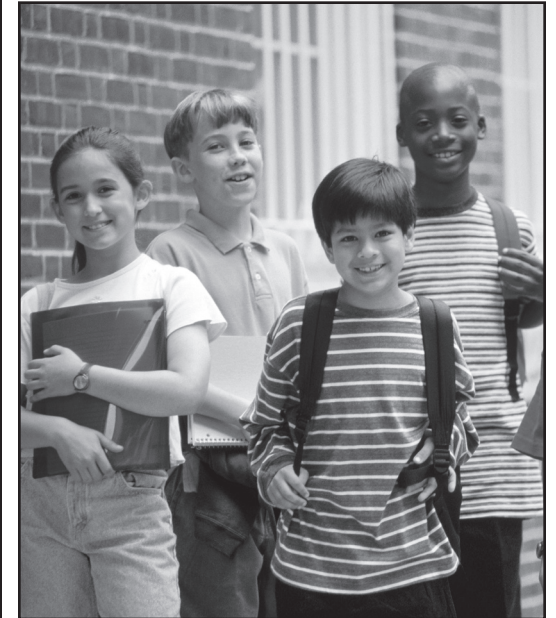


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# Eastridge

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Profile*



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# SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

## Students

- 270 Students, grades PreK-5
- Average student class size: 19
- 12% Minority Students
- 10% Gifted
- 22% Special Education
  - ◇ Specific Learning Disability
  - ◇ Visually Impaired
  - ◇ Behavioral Disorder
  - ◇ Autism
  - ◇ Mental Handicap
  - ◇ Speech-Language Impairment
  - ◇ Orthopedic Impairment
- 2% Mobility
- 23% Eligible for free/reduced meals
- 35% Attend on permit from other neighborhoods
- 96% Average daily attendance rate

## Staff

- 26 teachers: 41 total staff
- 100% teaching in their certified area
- Curriculum Specialists: media, gifted education, art, music, computer, physical education, math, band and string instructor
- School Social Worker
- Entire staff participates in school improvement
- Award winning teachers

[www.nde.state.ne.us/](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/)

## Technology

- 1 computer lab
- 100% of classrooms with computers
- School Website: <http://eastridge.lps.org>
- On-line media center catalog
- Wireless school-wide

## Special Programs

- Differentiated Education
- Reading Recovery
- One-on-one Tutoring
- Junior Achievement
- TeamMates Mentoring
- Art Appreciation Program
- Award-winning Parent/Community Volunteer Program
- UNL Practicum Site
- Reading and Math Support

## Extracurricular Clubs

- World Languages
- Chorus
- Strings
- Band
- Chess Club
- Science Club
- Destination Imagination

## Family Programs

- Family Services "Schools Out"
- YMCA Sports
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Parent Advisory Committee
- Girl and Boy Scouts

## School Day

- 9:00 a.m.-3:38 p.m.
- Office 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## School Mission Statement

At Eastridge we educate every student effectively! Staff, families and students will share responsibility for providing

- Meaningful and challenging learning opportunities for academic achievement, development of creativity and an appreciation of the arts.
- A safe, caring environment for the development of positive character and an appreciation of individual and cultural differences.
- A desire to be lifelong learners.

## VIP Partners

- Eastmont Towers
- Junior Achievement of Lincoln

## Academic Performance

4<sup>th</sup> grade students were assessed on LPS District standards. The percent meeting **or exceeding** the English and Math standards averaged

	2006-07	2007-08
• English/Language Arts	100%	100%
• Mathematics	97%	100%

## What's unique about Eastridge?

- Strong academic program
- We have a caring community
- Students excel and have fun
- Excellent staff members
- Constructed in 1955
- Renovation completed in 2007; landscaping in 2008
- School website accessed at <http://eastridge.lps>
- Four thousand plus hours, volunteered during the 2007-2008 school year
- Eastridge School Annual Scholarship awarded to graduating senior

*Student performance  
requires a community-driven comprehensive  
system of supports*