

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	86% (at or above Nat'l ave.)
7th grade math	72% (at or above Nat'l ave.)
ACT scores	LPS Average: 23.3 (US average: 21.1)
Parent Satisfaction w/ LPS District	79%
Parent Satisfaction w/ child's education	95% (US average: 72%)
Average elementary class size	20

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.
- ◆ 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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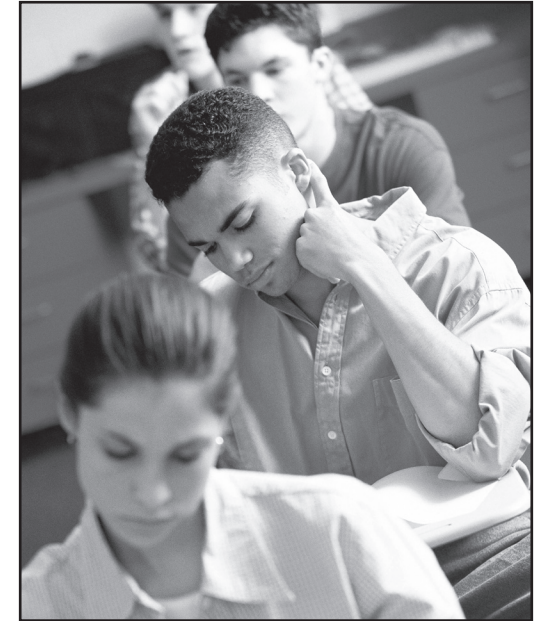
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North Star HIGH SCHOOL

Profile



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LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Students

- 1,783 Students, grades 9-12
- 14% Gifted
- 16% Special Education
- 18% Mobility
- 46% Free and Reduced Lunch
- 31% Minority Students
- 7% English Language Learners
- 17% Attend on permit from other neighborhoods
- 88% Average daily attendance rate

Staff

- 139 Teachers: 211 total staff
- Full-time counseling staff, school case manager, and specialists in media, art, vocal and instrumental music, physical education, vocational education, technology and reading
- Principal has 34 years experience

www.nde.state.ne.us/

Technology

- 5 General purpose student computer labs (Mac & PC)
- Business, CAD and journalism labs
- Distance Learning lab capability
- Music Theory Lab

Special Programs

- ELL
- Differentiated Curriculum
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Comprehensive Reading Program
- Outdoor Science Classroom
- Health Occupations Curriculum
- TeamMates
- Internships
- Academies
- Student Parent Program
- Digital Music Courses

Extracurricular Clubs

- LNS will offer clubs based on student interest
- Multicultural Club
- Asian Caucus
- Native American/Native Caucus
- African American Caucus
- Hispanic American Caucus
- Student Leadership Council
- Math Club
- World Language Clubs
- Science Olympiad
- Speech/Debate Teams
- National Honor Society
- Bowling, Archery, Trap
- STEP Team
- Skills USA

School Day

- 7:57 a.m.-3:01 p.m.
- Traditional Schedule
- Tues. early release for teachers professional learning
- Breakfast Program offered
- Office hours 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VIP Partners

- Eclipse Printing
- McDonalds
- State Farm
- HyVee (27 & Superior)
- Ci Ci's Pizza

Academic Performance

12th 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	86%	93%
• Mathematics	74%	80%

What's unique about North Star?

- Academics are designed in cooperation with community resources to provide in-depth experiences and application in a student's strength and area of interest. North Star High School will provide the following academy focus areas:
 - ✧ 9th Grade Academy
 - ✧ Arts & Communication
 - ✧ Business & Finance
 - ✧ Health & Human Services
 - ✧ Law & Global Affairs
 - ✧ Science & Engineering
- North Star is a recipient of the Sadler Learning Communities Grant and EducationQuest Grant
- North Star has the largest number of free/reduced students from all LPS high schools, taking Advanced Placement classes

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