

## 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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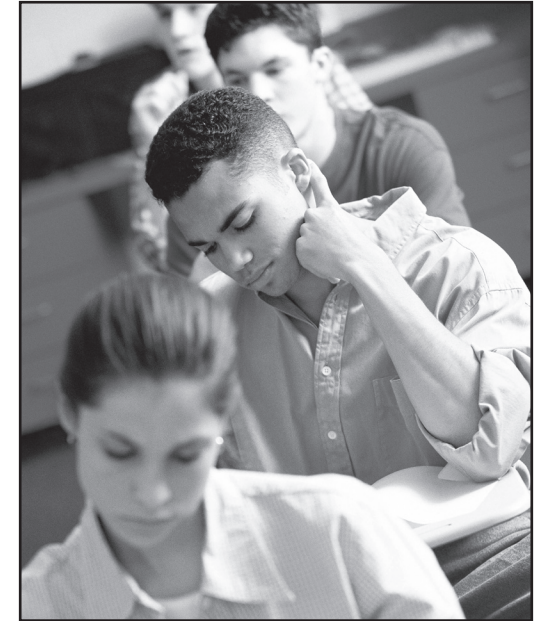
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# Southwest HIGH SCHOOL

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LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

## Students

- 1,873 Students, grades 9-12
- 21% Gifted
- 13% Special Education
  - ✧ Specific Learning Disability
  - ✧ Behavioral Disorder
  - ✧ Mild/Moderate
  - ✧ Speech-Language Impairment
  - ✧ Mild-Moderately Handicapped
  - ✧ Orthopedic Impairment
  - ✧ Autism
  - ✧ Other Health Impairment
  - ✧ Severe/Profound Handicap
  - ✧ Visual Impairment
  - ✧ Hearing Impairment
- 8% Mobility
- 16% Free and Reduced Lunch
- 10% Minority Students
- 42% Attend on permit from other neighborhoods
- 94% Average daily attendance rate

## Staff

- 135 Teachers: 206 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
- Nebraska Ambassador of Ethics and Sportsmanship
- Albert Einstein Fellow
- National Japanese Teacher Exchange Recipient
- 2006 National School of Excellence, a National Forensic League
- 2006 Outstanding School Award—Educational Theater Association

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

## Technology

- 5 General purpose student computer labs (Mac & PC) including a mobile laptop lab
- Business, CAD and journalism labs
- Distance Learning lab capability
- elearning Online Courses

## Special Programs

- Differentiated Curriculum
- Advanced Placement Courses
- Nebraska Wesleyan Academy Dual Credit Opportunities
- Comprehensive Reading Program
- Outdoor Science Classroom
- We The People Program
- TeamMates
- Volunteers in School

## School Day

- 8:15 a.m.-3:03 p.m.
- Block Schedule (4 x 4)
- Breakfast Program offered
- Snack Shop hours 7:00-8:15 a.m.
- Office hours 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## VIP Partners

- Old Chicago (2918 Pine Lake Road)
- Godfathers (S. 48th & Highway 2)
- Security First
- KIBZ 104FM
- Duteau Chevrolet Subaru
- Edward Jones Investments
- Union Bank & Trust (6801 S. 27th)
- ShopKo (6845 S. 27th)
- Lied Center for Performing Arts
- Famous Dave's
- SouthPointe Pavilions
- Landscapes Unlimited
- Red Robin
- B107.3 FM
- Wilderness Ridge
- Menards South
- Art FX
- McDonalds (27th & Pine Lake)
- Design Data
- Pizza Hut (South 10th)
- Super Saver (South 27th)
- Noodles & Company (Pine Lake)
- US Bank
- Southwest Pediatrics Denistry
- Texas Roadhouse

## Extracurricular Clubs/

### Activities

- LSW offers over 30 clubs based on student interest
- Superior Fine Arts Program
- 19 National Merit finalists past four years
- 46% of students are on Honor Roll with GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Competes at Class A (highest competitive level) of NSAA Sports & Activities
- Special Olympics (named Outstanding Nebraska School)

## Academic Performance

12<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	96%	98%
• Mathematics	86%	83%

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- Offering Japanese and Latin
- Outstanding performing arts facilities
- Active student and parent community
- A. P. Classes in:
  - ✧ Drawing portfolio
  - ✧ Language and Composition
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  - ✧ Psychology
  - ✧ World History
  - ✧ United States History
  - ✧ 2D and 3D Design
  - ✧ Economics
  - ✧ Statistics
  - ✧ Calculus
  - ✧ Advance Physics
  - ✧ Government & Politics
  - ✧ Advance Physics
- Opened in Fall 2002
- Outdoor class using wetlands and Wilderness Park
- (4x4) Block Scheduling

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