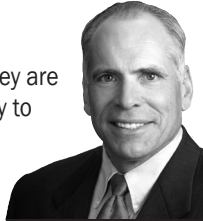


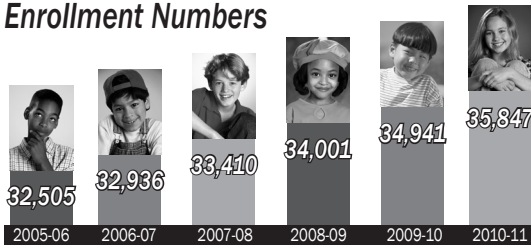
Lincoln Public Schools is a premier school district that provides excellence in education for all our students, evidenced in a tradition of rigorous academic standards and achievement. Educators at LPS are committed, motivated and incredibly dedicated to the young people of this community.

Our goal is to continue improving our schools, one student at a time, until they are all successful. We invite our community to stay connected and involved with our schools as we work together to ensure an exciting future for our children.



Dr. Steve Joel
Superintendent of Schools

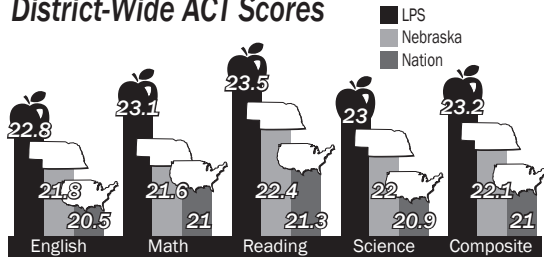
Enrollment Numbers



In the past five years enrollment at Lincoln Public Schools has increased more than **10** percent.

- About **43** percent of our students qualified for free or reduced lunch.
- About **30** percent of our students came from ethnically diverse cultures.
- LPS students came from more than **50** different countries.

District-Wide ACT Scores



The ACT test assesses a high school student's general educational development and is designed to measure the skills needed for success in the first year of college coursework.

The district-wide **23.2** composite score for LPS is only **.1** lower than our all-time high of **23.3**. The LPS score is a full point higher than the state, and two full points higher than the nation.

How Can You Help?

Be an advocate by:

- Volunteering in the schools by reading to kids, tutoring, or sharing your skills.
- Attending school activities and asking how you can help.
- Supporting specific LPS projects by donating to Fund-A-Need at foundationforlps.org
- Participating in business-school partnerships.



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Saratoga Elementary

Student performance requires a community-driven comprehensive system of supports

Students

- 273 Students, grades K-5
- Average Student class size: 18
- 50% Minority Students
- 1% Gifted
- 28% Special Education
- 21% Mobility rate
- 83% Eligible for free/reduced meals
- 95% Average daily attendance rate

Staff

- 28 teachers: 57 total staff
- Half time specialists in library/media
- Reading Recovery teacher
- Itinerant School Psychologist, School Social Worker, School Nurse, Instrumental Music Teacher
- Two "re-positioned" Family Behavioral Specialists from (Family Services)
- Fully Staffed Community Learning Center
- Half time Instructional Coach

Technology

- 1 computer lab
- 100% classrooms with computer(s)

Special Programs

- Differentiated Curriculum
- Reading Recovery
- Character Counts
- E-Cite Preschool(s)
- Junior Achievement
- America Reads/Tutor
- TeamMates
- S.E.A.L. Club (Saratoga Exploration thru Afterschool Learning)
- Grant Funded Pre-School
- Early Childhood Special Education
- After School Clubs
- Southwood Lutheran Church Backpack Program and Tutors

Community Learning Center

- Lena Merrill Community Learning Center
- G.E.D. Program
- Behavioral Health
- After School Programs for Children
- Summer programs for children
- One Book-One Family
- Weeks Off Programming
- Family Involvement Rewards
- Service Learning for Children
- Parent Support and Education Coffees

School Day

- 8:15 a.m.-2:53 p.m.
- Breakfast Program 7:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
- Office 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VIP Partners

- Family Service
- Junior Achievement
- Runza
- Optimist Club of Lincoln
- Irvingdale Neighborhood Association
- Southeast Community College-Lincoln
- Square "D"
- Sun Mart
- Lincoln Southeast High
- Member of South St. Business Civic Assoc.

What's unique about Saratoga?

- Nebraska Title I Distinguished School
- United States Title I Distinguished School
- Built in 1892
- Dedicated staff to meeting the individual needs of our students and their families