

Making Good Schools Great

Lincoln Public Schools is the second largest of Nebraska's 596 school districts, with more than 32,000 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	2003-04 PERFORMANCE	GOAL
3rd grade reading	77% (at or above Nat'l ave.)	80%
7th grade math	70% (at or above Nat'l ave.)	75%
ACT scores	LPS Average: 22.7 (US average: 20.9)	22.8
Parent Satisfaction w/ LPS District	73% (US average: 58%)	80%
Parent Satisfaction w/ child's education	95% (US average: 71%)	97%
Average elementary class size	20	18

Meeting Our Goals in a Changing Community

Our students reflect Lincoln's changing population:

- ◆ More children in poverty (one in four)
- ◆ More children who require special education services (one in eight)
- ◆ More children who are learning to speak English (in 2003-04, more than 1,722 students from 55 countries who spoke 52 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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Kahoa

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

— Profile —



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SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Students

- 435 Students, grades Pre-Kindergarten-5
- Average student class size: 21
- 8% Students of color
- 8% Gifted
- 12% Special Education
 - ◇ Specific Learning Disability
 - ◇ Behavioral Disorder
 - ◇ Speech-Language Impairment
 - ◇ Mental Handicap
 - ◇ Orthopedic Impairment
 - ◇ Other Health Impairment
 - ◇ Hearing Impairment
- 7% Mobility
- 9% Eligible for free/reduced meals
- 29% Attend on permit from other neighborhoods
- 97% Average daily attendance

Staff

- 30 teachers; 100% teaching in their certified areas: 15 MA's, 1 PhD
- 18 Average years of teaching
- Specialists in library media, art, music, physical education, computer and reading

www.nde.state.ne.us/eyesonnebraska/

Technology

- 1 computer lab
- 100% of classrooms with two computers
- Wireless Internet Access

Special Programs

- Differentiated Curriculum
- Reading Recovery
- Literacy Support
- Character Counts
- Junior Achievement TeamMates Literacy Support
- Early Childhood Special Education

Extracurricular Clubs

- "Good News" Club
- Art Club
- Student Council

Family Programs

- Kahoa Parent Teacher Organization
- Northeast YMCA Before and After School "Adventure Club"

School Day

- 9:00 a.m.-3:38 p.m
- Office 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

VIP Partners

- Campbell's Nurseries and Garden Center
- Junior Achievement of Lincoln
- Novartis Consumer Health Inc.
- Runza (84th & Holdrege)
- United States Postal Service "Wee Deliver"

Kahoa Mission

Kahoa's mission is to foster academic excellence for all students in a safe and caring environment.

Academic Performance

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

	2002-03	2003-04
• English/Language Arts	87%	94%
• Mathematics		92%

What's unique about Kahoa?

- Built in 1972
- 2001 Scottish Rite Teacher of the Year
- Mayor's Run % participation winner 16 years in a row
- Great Pumpkin Run % participation winner in 2003 and 2004

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