

2022-2023 STUDENT HANDBOOK





LINCOLN NORTH STAR HIGH SCHOOL

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2022-2023 Student Calendar

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First and last days of class for students

- All schools not in session
- All schools will dismiss early, check school building schedule
- Elementary school students NOT in attendance (plan days)
- Quarter start dates Quarter end dates

GRADUATION DATES

Thursday, May 18, 2023: Yankee Hill Program Thursday, May 18, 2023: Independence Academy Thursday, May 25, 2023: Bryan Community Focus Program

Fricay, Saturday and Sunday, May 26-28, 2023
Fri: LNS | Sat: East/LHS/LSE | Sun: LNE/LSW

Calendar Options for Families: The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed.

Note: Changes to the calendar may occur as a result of inclement weather or other circumstances. If sufficient school time is lost as a result of calendar changes, and it brings the total number of school hours for the year below the state minimum requirements, the Superintendent will implement a plan for making up this time, which may require additional minutes added to the day, additional days added to the calendar, days previously identified as non-student days re-scheduled as student day, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.



SPECIAL DATES

August Aug. 2

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Aug. 3	School Readiness Days 10AM-1PM, 2-6PM
Aug.15	Freshman First Day 8AM-2PM
Aug.16	First Day of school for 10th, 1tth, 12th Grades
Aug.15-17	Early Release Days students get out at 2PM
Aug. 17	Open House/PT Conferences/GatorFest 4-7PM

School Readiness Days 8-11AM, 12-4PM

September

Sept. 5	NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
Sept. 9	Homecoming Dance 8-11PM
Sept. 26	Picture Retake Day

October

Oct. 17-18	NO SCHOOL-Fall Break
Oct. 17-10	NO SCHOOL all bleak

November

Nov. 23-25 NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break

December

Dec.23 - Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL-Winter Break

January

Jan. 16	NO SCHOOL-MLK Day
Jan. 18	8th Grade Orientation 6PM
Jan. 31	Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30PM

February

Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL

March

March 13-17	NO SCHOOL-Spring Break
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March 30 Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7PM

April

April 7	NO SCHOOL
April 10	NO SCHOOL
April 22	Prom 8-11PM
April 28	NO SCHOOL

May

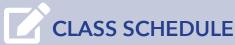
May 23-25	Second	l Semester	Finals

May 27 Graduation 6pm









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Period 1= 7:00-7:50

Period 2= 8:00-8:50

Period 3= 8:55-9:45

Period 4= 9:50-10:45

Period 5= 10:50-11:40

1st Lunch

Lunch= 11:45-12:15

Period 6= 12:20-1:10

2nd Lunch

Period 6= 11:45-12:35

Lunch= 12:40-1:10

Period 7= 1:15-2:05

Period 8= 2:10-3:00

Period 9= 3:05-3:55

Tuesday PLC Schedule

Period 1= 7:00-7:50

Period 2= 8:00-8:40

Period 3= 8:45-9:25

Period 4= 9:30-10:15

Period 5= 10:20-11:00

1st Lunch

Lunch= 11:05-11:35

Period 6= 11:40-12:30

2nd Lunch

Period 6= 11:05-11:55

Lunch= 12:00-12:30

Period 7= 12:35-1:15

Period 8= 1:20-2:00

Period 9 = 2:05-2:45

PLC Time= 2:10-3:10

LNS DIRECTORY AND CONTACTS

Counseling: Ext. 3
Athletics: Ext. 4

Special Education: Ext. 5 Health Office: Ext. 6

FAX Number, Main Office(402) 436-1054

Special Education Coordinator

(L-Z students with IEP's) Lori Devine

Assistant Special Education Coordinator

Instructional Coordinator

(Com-Ha and students with 504's) Mar'Lakuittia Overstreet Activities Director Nate Renter

Assistant Activities Director James Thompson

ACADEMICS

GRADES WHEN WITHDRAWING FROM CLASSES

A student may withdraw from a semester or quarter class during weeks 1-3 without record. If a student withdraws from a class during weeks 4-11 of a semester class (4-5 for a quarter class), a "W" will be placed on the student record. If a student withdraws during weeks 12-18 of a semester class (6-9 in a quarter class), an "F" will be placed on the record unless approval has been granted for a "W" or an "INC" to be placed on the student record. Approval is granted by the principal or his designee.

PROCESS FOR WITHDRAWING/DROPPING CLASSES

When a student decides to withdraw from a class, the student must obtain the withdrawal from the counseling center, and proceed as directed by the counselor. Parent/guardian permission is required to drop a class.

HONOR ROLL

In order to qualify for the honor roll, a student must have earned 25 hours with a GPA of 3.50 or higher. Courses taken for marks of S and U shall not be included when computing honor roll and may affect a student's eligibility. Students meeting the requirements for honor roll are recognized at Honors Convocation and a certificate is awarded to each honoree.

ACADEMIC HONORS

National Honor Society: Membership in National Honor Society is a mark of student achievement. Students are eligible for membership if they have achieved at least a 3.5 GPA for five semesters of high school work and complete an activity form showing evidence of service, leadership and character. A committee of faculty members will make selections based on the student's overall record.

Academic Letters: Students receive an academic letter by earning a weighted GPA of 4.0 for two consecutive semesters at North Star High School. Students must be enrolled in 25 credits of graded classes per semester to be eligible. First time (year one) recipients receive an academic letter at one of the Honors Convocations.

Academic Pin: Students receive an academic pin by earning a weighted GPA of 4.0 for four consecutive semesters at North Star High School.

GRADING SYSTEM The marks used for reporting progress at North Star are as follows:

Grade	Non-Weighted	Scale	Weighted	
Α	4	90-100	5.0	INC - Incomplete
B+	3.5	85-89	4.5	CON - Conditional
В	3	80-84	4.0	W - Withdrew
C+	2.5	75-79	3.5	S – Satisfactory
С	2	70-74	3.0	U - Unsatisfactory
D+	1.5	65-69	No Weighting	
D	1 (passing)	60-64	No Weighting	
F	0 (failing)	0-59	No Weighting	

Weighted grades are given for some identified, district-wide high school courses. Courses which offer weighted grades are selected by a district committee and reviewed yearly.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Students are assigned to counselors by alphabet where each counselor works with approximately the same number of students. Hours for the counseling center are 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students can see their counselor before or after school, or during lunch. If a counselor visit is necessary during class time, students must have a pass signed by a teacher or from their counselor.

A - Bq: Shaima Shakir Br - F: Rick Boyle

G - Ja: Julie Schlegel-Youngs

Jb-Mc: Holly Gonsor Md - Po: Sherri Svoboda Pq - So: Riki Schaefer

Sp - Z: Curt Thomas (team leader)

The school social workers are available to help students and their families with social and personal concerns that may interfere with student achievement and success in school. Interventions may include supportive services, individual, group or family meetings, and identification and referral to community resources.

Social Worker Morgan Young Social Worker Kennedy Hegert

Other support services we have for students are the School Psychologists, Peer Mediator, and School Nurse. They can help with a variety of supports that students might need in their day to day school and home life.

School Psychologist School Psychologist Peer Mediator School Nurse Reed Hindmand Kaitlyn Barrett Barb Pester Sheryl Woodward



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Attendance is vital to student success because little can be accomplished when the student is not in school. We understand there are issues that affect school attendance and/or tardiness. However, regular attendance at school is vital to learning and an important value for young people to acquire. Students who are frequently absent usually do not do well in school.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Truancies are unexcused absences during the school day. Nebraska State law, LB 800 requires schools to refer every student, whether of elementary, middle or high school age who reaches 20 absences during the school year to the County Attorney, regardless of the reasons for the absences.

There are four stages to the attendance process to notify parents/guardians of their students' absence totals and where they are in the LPS attendance process. Each stage is listed below:

- Stage 1 5 days absent from school
- Stage 2 10 days absent from school
- Stage 3 15 days absent from school
- **Stage 4** Notification that your student has been referred to the County Attorney's office.

IMPORTANT NOTES AND REMINDERS

County Attorney Referrals - These occur at any stage of the process if there is evidence that a student has had excessive absences in prior school years.

Every individual period that a student misses is included in the total number of absences, meaning seven periods of truancy equal one day of truancy.

Parent Acknowledged absences - Absences coded as "PA" indicates that the parent is aware of an absence. It does not indicate that the absence is legitimate according to the law.

TARDY POLICY

If a student is tardy 2 times a day, they will serve lunch detention the next day. They will be notified via a paper pass (and email sent to student and parent).

If a student fails to serve lunch detention possible next steps below:

- They will meet an administrator/attendance team member and make plans to serve their detention.
- Meeting with administration
- Parent Meeting/Plan
- ISS

AFTER SCHOOL STUDY HALL

Students can be assigned to attend an after school study hall to make up work, finish tests, and/or get caught up in their classes by their teacher, counselor, detention administrator or parent.

ACADEMIC AND ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO ATTEND LINCOLN NORTH STAR DANCES

A student who would like to attend a Lincoln North Star dance needs to meet the following requirements:

- Passing all classes
- All fines (including Library) must be paid in full

Guests must be 20 or younger. All guests must complete a dance guest form which will be reviewed by the resource officer and administration. Forms are available from the Main Office. The guest form must be faxed from the high school the student attends. If the guest is not a student they must have a parent signature. Ninth and tenth grade students may attend prom, but must attend with a junior or senior. Both students must be present when purchasing tickets for the dance. All grades are eligible to attend the homecoming dance.





NORTH STAR GATOR ATHLETICS

If students meet the eligibility requirements, they may compete on North Star's Varsity, Junior Varsity, Reserve or Freshman teams depending on their year in school and ability to perform at the required level. All information concerning athletic teams can be obtained from the Athletic Office or online at http://lns.lps.org/.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

Students should know all rules of the Nebraska School Activities Association and Lincoln Public Schools which affect their opportunity to participate in competitive activities at North Star High School. Read the rules carefully. If you have questions, consult your coach, the Athletic Director or online at http://lns.lps.org/.

ATHLETIC ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to compete in competitive athletics at North Star High School must meet the guidelines of the Nebraska School Activities Association and Lincoln Public Schools. Please contact your coach or the Athletic Director for specific information regarding North Star's academic requirements for participation. North Star provides an Academic Support Program to help support the academic success of our student athletes.

ATHLETIC PACKETS

The process is changing from previous years and will now be completed entirely online in ParentVUE. If you do not currently have a ParentVUE account, please contact the North Star's main office 402-436-1305 for assistance creating the account prior to attempting to register.

The NSAA requires each student who wishes to participate in a sport, cheer, or dance to have a physical dated AFTER May 1st 2022. Both the physical and consents are to be done online before students can try-out for or participate in any sport in LPS.

ACTIVITY TICKETS

Students may purchase an activity ticket or an activity icon that is placed on their student ID, which admits the student into athletic events hosted by any Lincoln Public School high school. Conference tournaments, district and state events sponsored by the Nebraska School Activities Association are not included.

NORTH STAR ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Cell phones, IPODS, MP3, ETC) POLICY

North Star will follow a red/green zone electronic device policy. If a classroom or building area are in a green zone, responsible electronic device use IS permitted. If a classroom or building area is a red zone, electronic device use is NOT permitted.

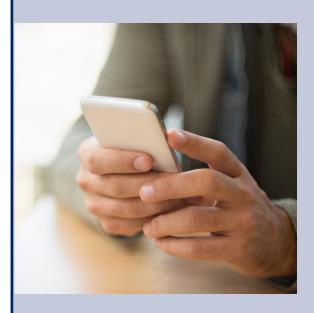
If a electronic device is used during a red zone, the following steps will be taken:

First offense: The device will be given to the teacher and returned by the teacher at the end of class.

Second offense: The device will be given to the teacher and turned into campus security. The student may pick up the device after school that day in the security office.

Third offense and beyond: The device will be given to the teacher and turned into campus security. A parent must pick up the device after school.

North Star High School administration and staff strongly discourage students from bringing electronic music devices to school due to possible damage, theft or loss of the items. North Star High School is not responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.





PARKING

Student parking is located east of our building. All other parking areas are assigned to visitors and staff. It is the responsibility of the driver to find an authorized space. Students who park in unauthorized areas or who fail to park within the lines will be ticketed. Tickets are \$10.00 each. After two tickets, the vehicle could be towed by a private towing company at the owner's expense.

VISITORS

Non-North Star students are not allowed to visit classes during the school day unless this is a prearranged exchange with another school. Non-students who come to the school grounds will be asked to leave and may be cited for trespassing.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A variety of clubs, covering a wide range of topics, is available for students to join. Clubs are subject to change depending on sponsorship, student interest and approval of club constitution.

African American Caucus

Anime Club College Club Debate/Speech ELL H.E.L.P

Equity in Everyone

FBLA

French Club

Gator Strength Training Gay Straight Alliance

HOSA

Homework Zone

International Club

Key Club Latino Unidos Money Matters

National Art Honor Society

National Honor Society

Real Talk Skills USA Slam Poetry Student Council **Teammates** Trying Science

PERFORMANCE GROUPS

Color Guard Dazzlers Cheerleaders

MUSIC (VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL)

A variety of clubs, covering a wide range of topics, is available for students to join. Clubs are subject to change depending on sponsorship, student interest and approval of club constitution.

Choreographed Choir

Orchestra Concert Band

Percussion Ensemble

Concert Choir

Symphonic Band Marching Band

Wind Ensemble

Men's Choir

Women's Choir



PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

PASSES/LEAVING CLASS

It is essential for students to be in class each period. However, teachers have the discretion to issue passes to students. If you are not in class and do not have a pass, you will be returned to class or taken to the office.

TELEPHONE USE

In emergency situations, students will be called from class to use the telephone. If a parent calls, a message will be taken and distributed to students as soon as possible. Emergency messages will be delivered immediately. Using cellular phones during the school day is not allowed. Please do not have them visible or turned on during the school day. Consequences for violating this policy may include confiscation of the item.

AFTER SCHOOL POLICY

Within 10 minutes after the final bell students are required to report to a supervised area such as sponsored activities, study hall or the weight room. All other students will be required to exit the school building.

LOST AND FOUND

Items lost during the school day may be found in the Campus Security Office.

BULLETIN BOARDS/POSTING INFORMATION

Any group wishing to display posters or other informational material must have approval from the principal's office. These materials will be stamped for approval. If materials are displayed without approval, they will be taken down immediately. Materials posted for display should only be placed on brick and not any other part of the wall.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL

In cases of extreme weather, school could be canceled. You will receive an automated phone call either the night before or the morning of. Closing information is broadcast on the following channels: KOLN-TV Channel 10-11, KFOR-1240 AM, KLIN-1400 AM, KLKN-TV Channel 8, B104 FM, and 96KX FM. You can also check the LPS website at www.lps.org.

VALUABLES

Lincoln Public Schools does not provide insurance for personal items. Please do not bring large amounts of money or other valuable items to school. Lincoln North Star High School or Lincoln Public Schools is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.

LOCKERS AND LOCKS

Lockers are the property of Lincoln Public Schools and are accessible to North Star staff when necessary. Students are responsible for the content and condition of their lockers. The school assumes no liability for damage or theft of student property. For this reason, it is wise to leave valuables at home. There is a \$5.00 locker fee for Freshman that they will pay when they come to locker check out. Student lockers are located on either side of the Counseling Center on both first and second floors. Athletic lockers are located on the lower level.

STUDENT LUNCH PERIOD

All students have one lunch period. School Board policy allows juniors and seniors to leave campus during lunch. Freshman and sophomores must stay on campus during lunch. Food items are to be eaten in the commons area only.

STUDENT FEES & FINES

All required books, supplies, and equipment are supplied free to all students. Principals and teachers, with principal approval, may suggest supplies that would be appropriate for students to provide for their own use; such a list is only a suggestion and not a requirement. Low income students may apply for a fee waiver or for the provision of materials or equipment not provided by the school/ district. LPS Board Policy 6440 notes that teachers and principals have the responsibility to recover losses or damages incurred by students when appropriate. Student obligations need to be cleared in a timely manner. Students are notified of their obligations on Synergy in ParentVue/ StudentVue.

TEACHER/STAFF AUTHORITY

Teachers and staff have authority to warn and correct students for misconduct anywhere in the building, on the school grounds or at school-sponsored functions. Students are expected to show respect and cooperation to staff members dealing with problem situations.

DAILY BULLETIN

Important information and daily events are shown in class via video announcements and posted in the main hallway each day.





CAFETERIA/ FOOD PROGRAM

CAFETERIA RULES

The cafeteria is open for breakfast from 6:45-7:50 a.m. and for lunch during 6th period each day. Each student's lunch schedule is determined by their 6th period teacher's last name. Hot and cold lunches, salad bar and a la carte items are available.

Students are expected to:

- Deposit waste in appropriate trash receptacles;
- Return all trays and utensils to the dish window;
- Leave the tables and floors clean for others.

Students who abuse the cafeteria expectations will be subject to disciplinary action.

LUNCH/SNAP ACCOUNTS

The cafeteria has a computerized cash deposit system. Money is deposited in the student's personal account to be accessed by a 6-digit PIN. This number is assigned by Nutrition Services. When the balance reaches \$4.00 the cashier alerts the student that another deposit needs to be made. A balance inquiry can be run at any time. Cash may also be used to pay for food, but they ask for bills no larger than \$10. Students eligible for free/reduced lunch may apply online at https://www.myschoolapps.com/ Home/PickDistrict. Please note that this eligibility allows students to receive a free/ reduced school lunch and does not include a la carte items. A la carte items must be paid for separately.

DISTRICT DRESS CODE GUIDELINES

For information regarding district dress code guidelines, please refer to the *LPS Important Information Booklet*. This information can be found in the Student Services Common Practices section, on page 45. The *LPS Important Information Booklet* can be found on the front page of the LPS website (lps.org) under Essentials. Printed copies of the booklet can be obtained by contacting our school office.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Students who are in violation of the school dress code will:

- 1. Be educated on the reason this clothing is not allowed in a school setting, and when possible be given the opportunity to remove the item(s).
- 2. Be given the opportunity to change into school issued clothing in order to find items that are appropriate to wear.
- 3. When the first two are not viable options, the student's parent will be contacted to bring appropriate clothing for the student to change into.
- 4. Repeated violations could result in school consequences.
- 5. Students will not be allowed to return to classes until they are in compliance with the school dress code.

NOTE: Schools may communicate additional information on dress code expectations to students and parents/guardians.

LIBRARY

The North Star Library is open daily for student use from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students are required to sign in upon entering the library and sign out when they leave. During scheduled class time, students must present a pass at the checkout desk. Food and drink are not allowed in the Library. Use of the Internet is by teacher permission when working on projects/research before or after school.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (SCIP)

SCIP is a program designed to identify students who are experiencing problems which may be related to the use of alcohol, other drugs or mental health issues. SCIP consists of four components to assist students: identification, intervention, referral for assessment and student support. Anyone with concerns about alcohol and/or drug use or abuse should contact the SCIP coordinator.

COMPASS PROGRAMS A Lincoln Community Learning Center

Lincoln CLCs provide safe, supervised before and after school, weekend and summer enrichment programs, and many other supportive services for citizens of all ages. These centers currently serve children, families and neighborhoods through collaborative partnerships that provide support services and opportunities, which lead to improved student learning and development, strong families and healthier neighborhoods. Each CLC has a lead agency which helps to achieve these goals.

Here at North Star, the lead agency is Boys and Girls Club. In line with the spirit of North Star, our CLC is known as the Compass Program. Our goals are to navigate the journey to graduation, positive relationships and life success. We achieve this goal by offering academic enrichment and recreation activities for LNS students and families. Some of our programs include homework help, cultural interest groups and dance clubs.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Health Office staff provides health counseling, administers first-aid for injury or emergency situations and assists students requiring medication/treatment. ALL students are required to check in upon entering the Health Office and to check out when leaving. Students must have a pass when traveling to and from the Health Office. All students must wear their student ID around their neck.

Medication given at school must have parent/guardian written consent prior to administration. Also a physician's (or other licensed prescriber's) authorization is required for medication to be given at school for all prescription and over-the-counter medication. The prescriber's authorization may be on the pharmacy label attached to the bottle, or in the case of over-the-counter products, by a separate prescription provided to the health office.

Any student injured during the instructional day in the school building or on the schools' grounds, must report to the Health Office so first aid can be provided. If the injury is more severe, the nurse will be notified to go to the student(s) and an assessment will be made before the student is moved. Families will be notified of serious injuries.

Acetaminophen and ibuprofen may be provided to students in the Health Office after written parent/guardian consent is received in the Health Office. Written parent/guardian consent is good for the current school year and must be renewed every year. Formulary consent forms are available in the Health Office.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Lincoln Public Schools provides physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all students and staff. Positive behaviors (non-violence, cooperation, teamwork, understanding and acceptance of others) are encouraged in the educational program and are required of all staff. Inappropriate behaviors, including but not limited to bullying, intimidation and harassment, must be avoided by students and staff. Strategies and practices are implemented to reinforce positive behaviors and to discourage and protect others from inappropriate behaviors.

SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES

Public blogs such as Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter may be searched by school officials at any time. Students may be held responsible for inappropriate information that is posted on these sites, especially if this carries over into the school environment. Disciplinary action can and will be taken for inappropriate messages posted which could include removal of academic, athletic and other extracurricular privileges at school.

SYNERGY

The Lincoln Public Schools is using Synergy, a new Student Information System. Part of Synergy is ParentVue. Information available via ParentVue includes:

- Communications from teachers
- Attendance
- Progress grades
- Assignment calendars
- Student schedules
- Course history
- Fees/Fines

Please access the Web address for more information: http://www.lps.org/go/vueinfo

