



LINCOLN NORTH STAR HIGH SCHOOL

Student Handbook

2025-2026

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LPS Student Calendar



2025-26

JULY 2025

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- First Day for K, 6, & 9th Grades
- First Day for 1-5, 7-8, & 10-12th Grades
- Last Day for Students
- All Schools Not in Session
- Schools Not in Session (*Professional Learning/Planning Day*)
- ▮ Quarter Start Dates
- ▮ Quarter End Dates

GRADUATION DATES

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - Yankee Hill

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 - Independence Academy

Thursday, May 21, 2026 - Bryan Community Focus Program

At Pinnacle Bank Arena May 22-24, 2026

Fri: LSE | Sat: LNE, LSW, LNW, LNS | Sun: EHS, LHS, LSB

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.

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Special Dates

JUL

31 School Readiness Day 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

AUG

12 Freshman First Day 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

13 First Day of School for Grades 10, 11, 12

13 Second Picture Day

20 Gator Fest - 5:00-8:00 p.m.

SEP

1-2 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day/Plan Day

12 Homecoming Dance

17 Parent Teacher Conferences

OCT

3 Picture Retakes

13-14 NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

30 Parent Teacher Conferences

NOV

26-28 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

DEC

1 NO SCHOOL

15 8th Grade Info Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.

22-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

JAN

1-2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break Continued

19 NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

FEB

11 Parent Teacher Conferences

16-17 NO SCHOOL

MAR

9-13 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

25 Parent Teacher Conferences

APR

3-6 NO SCHOOL

25 Prom

MAY

21 Last Day of Semester 2

23 Graduation at PBA 6:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: All procedures, guidelines and dates outlined in this document are subject to change, based on recommendations and directives issued by the Nebraska Department of Education, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), or other governing body.

LNS Directory and Contacts

North Star High School	402-436-1305
Attendance: Ext. 1	
Main Office: Ext. 2	
Counseling: Ext. 3	
Athletics: Ext. 4	
Special Education: Ext. 5	
Health Office: Ext. 6	
FAX Number, Main Office.....	402-436-1054
Principal.....	Megan Kroll
Instructional Coordinator (<i>A-Ch</i>).....	Sasha Van Zandt
Instructional Coordinator (<i>Ci-Ho</i>).....	Jason Leimbach
Associate Principal (<i>Hp-Mo</i>).....	Doug Weatherholt
Associate Principal (<i>Mp-Sa</i>).....	Rachel King
Associate Principal (<i>Sb-Z</i>).....	Leah Bethune
Assistant Special Education Coordinator (<i>A-K students with IEP's</i>).....	Tim Amen
Special Education Coordinator (<i>L-Z students with IEP's</i>).....	Lori Devine
Activities Director.....	Nate Renter
Assistant Activities Director.....	James Thompson
Associate Principal Administrative Assistant....	Tara Wilkinson
Athletic Office Administrative Assistant.....	Allison Elliott
Attendance Administrative Assistant.....	Dannielle Franklin
Attendance Technician.....	Dana Tucker
Bookkeeper.....	Teresa Whitson
Computer Technician.....	Kerry Higley
Counseling Center Administrative Assistant.....	Allison Brown
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Nick Pinegar
Library Administrative Assistant.....	PJ Ramsey
Library Administrative Assistant.....	Hollie Case
Payroll Administrative Assistant.....	Savannah Hutchinson
Receptionist.....	Katie Horton
Registrar.....	Jodi Vanek
Special Education Administrative Assistant....	Marwa Al-Naimi

→ CLASS SCHEDULE

DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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.

PASS/FAIL COURSE EVALUATION POLICY

Students may request a Pass/Fail evaluation using the regular grading scale. Students must meet with their counselor to receive the permission form. For more information regarding the Pass/Fail Course Evaluation Policy, please refer to the "Academics" tab on the LNS website. ([LNS.LPS.org](https://linsouthstar.org))

WEIGHTED GRADES

Weighted grades are given for some identified, district-wide courses. Courses that offer weighted grades are selected by the district and reviewed yearly. Only a grade of "C" and above will be weighted in these courses.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

When a student and a teacher are in agreement that a course, which has not been completed during the lotted time, could successfully be completed within an extended time period, an Incomplete Contract may be developed to provide this time. This contract must include a description of the required work and a deadline for completion. If the above portions of the contract are not met, an "F" for the course will be recorded on the student's transcript.

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.

→ **GRADUATION HONORS**

The Laude Latin model will be used to recognize academic excellence at the conclusion of a student's high school career. Students will work to compete against the criterion for academic honors – rather than other students. A student's final cumulative GPA following the second to last quarter of high school (or term three for a block school) will be used to determine the level of honor on a student's high school transcript, diploma, and for academic recognition at commencement exercises. The following three levels of academic honors will be used:

SUMMA CUM LAUDE "with highest distinction"

Students with cumulative GPA of 4.250 and above on a 4.00 weighted scale.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE "with great distinction"

Students with cumulative GPA of 4.000 to 4.249 on a 4.00 weighted scale.

CUM LAUDE "with distinction" Students with cumulative GPA of 3.750 to 3.999 on a 4.000 weighted scale. These students are honored for having the highest-class rank in their grades.



Honor Roll is broken down into 4 distinctions that are determined by the student's weighted semester GPA. These Honor-Roll distinctions will be reflected on all one-page transcripts.

The distinctions are as follows:

- *Honor Roll*: Students with a weighted semester GPA of 3.5 to 3.749
- *Honor Roll with Distinction*: Students with a weighted semester GPA of 3.750 to 3.999
- *Honor Roll with High Distinction*: Students with a weighted semester GPA of 4.000 to 4.249
- *Honor Roll with Highest Distinction*: Students with a weighted semester GPA of 4.250 and above

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 3.6 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	
A	4	90-100	5.0	INC – Incomplete CON – Conditional W – Withdrew S – Satisfactory U – Unsatisfactory
B+	3.5	85-89	4.5	
B	3	80-84	4.0	
C+	2.5	75-79	3.5	
C	2	70-74	3.0	
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 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.

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 - Be: Shaima Shakir
Bf - E: Rick Boyle
F - H: Ashley Barent
I - Mb: Holly Gonsor
Mc - Ph: Sherri Svoboda (Team Leader)
Pi - So: Rick Weatherholt
Sp - Z: James Watson

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: Kennedy Beebe (A-H)
Social Worker: Morgan Young (I-Z)

Other support services we have for students are the School Psychologists 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 Reed Hindmand
School Nurse Sheryl Woodward

→ 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.

To report a student's absence by phone - Please call the Attendance Office at 402-436-1305 and select OPTION 1. Include the student's name, Student ID number, date(s), and reason for the absence. If staff are not available to take your call, please leave a message, as voicemails are checked consistently.

Report a late student - If your student will be tardy, please call the Attendance Office (Option 1) to report the approximate time your student will arrive. Students may pick up a Tardy Pass at the Attendance Office.

Request an early release - To pick up your student for an appointment or other reason, please notify the Attendance Office (Option 1) at least **30 MINUTES BEFORE THE RELEASE TIME**. A pass will be delivered to your student.

Report a medically documented illness - To list an absence as medically excused (MD), a doctor's note indicating that the student should be excused on a specific day(s) due to illness or medical condition is needed. The note may be brought to the Attendance Office, emailed at Insattendance@lps.org, or faxed to 402-458-3101.

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 [LNS.LPS.org](https://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 [LNS.LPS.org](https://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 2025. 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.

NEW 2025-2026 LINCOLN NORTH STAR HIGH SCHOOL TIERED ATTENDANCE PLAN

Tier 1 - All students

- All students will have tardy data tracked weekly.
- Students who have more than six tardies over a week period, are assigned a 30-minute detention before or after school. Detention is either 7:20 - 7:50 am or 3:05 - 3:35 pm the following week in A100. If students do not complete detention, three periods of in school suspension (ISS) will be assigned.
- This will be the same process for the 1st and 2nd times they are on the detention list.

After the 2nd time being assigned detention, the student will layer up to Tier 2 supports

Tier 2 - Some Students

- The 3rd time for tardy detention, students are assigned three periods of ISS to complete an online attendance program. A parent meeting will be held.
- The 4th time for tardy detention, students are assigned one day of ISS.

After the 4th time being assigned detention, the student will layer up to Tier 3 supports

Tier 3 - Few Students

- 5th time, the student will serve one day of OSS.
- 6th time, the student will serve three days of OSS.
- 7th time, the student will serve five days of OSS and be referred to student services.

ISS = In School Suspension

OSS = Out of School Suspension

Lincoln Public Schools District-Wide Athletic/Activities Code of Conduct

A copy of the Athletic/Activities Code of Conduct can be found on the LNS website under Athletics at LNS.LPS.org. The document will be labeled as the current school year, "Participation Packet." (Refer to policies 6700 & 6740.)

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, & TOBACCO

The possession, use, selling, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and/or look-alike substances is prohibited and disciplinary action will be taken, which may result in suspension.

CONSEQUENCES

(Refer to Regulation 6740.2)

Students who violate the Code of Conduct or coach or sponsor rules or regulations may be disciplined by suspension for up to one calendar year from the date of the finding of the violation.

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, & DRUG VIOLATION CONSEQUENCES

First Offense:

Self-Report: The student will be ineligible for 14 calendar days of interscholastic competition/performance with a minimum of the next two competition/performance dates. During the suspension, the student must schedule a meeting with the school's School Community Intervention Program (SCIP) coordinator and complete an assigned drug education course.

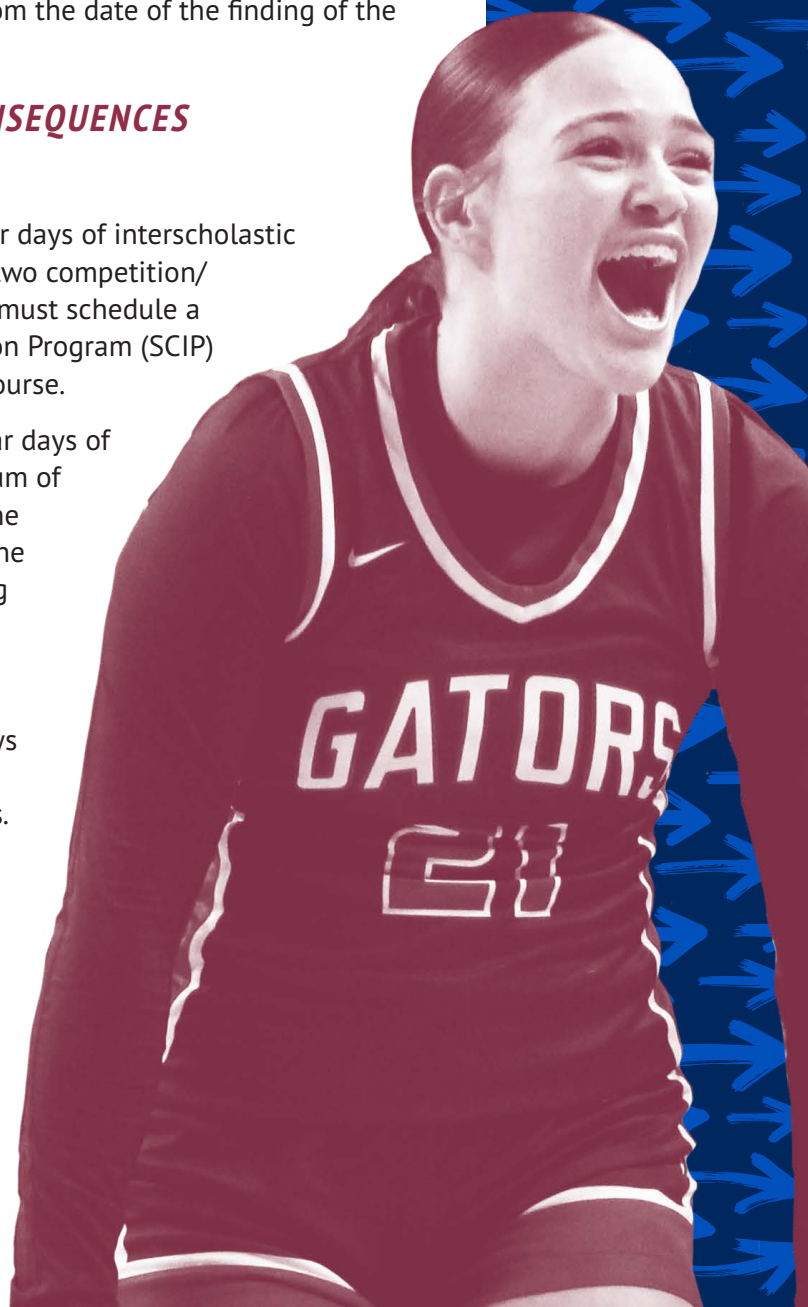
Non-Report: The student will be ineligible for 21 calendar days of interscholastic competition/performance with a minimum of the next three competition/performance dates. During the suspension, the student must schedule a meeting with the school's SCIP coordinator and complete an assigned drug education course.

Second Offense:

Self-Report: The student will be ineligible for 28 calendar days of interscholastic competition/performance with a minimum of the next four competition/performance dates.

Non-Report: The student will be ineligible for 42 calendar days of interscholastic competition/performance with a minimum of the next six competition/performance dates.

Next Offense: The student will be ineligible to participate for one calendar year. If an additional violation occurs within that suspension year, suspension dates will be adjusted and based on that subsequent violation showing one calendar year from that last violation.



Electronic Policy

Decreasing distractions while increasing engagement, focus, and learning.

WHEN IS PHONE USE ALLOWED?

The only times in which you will be allowed to use your personal electronic devices like phones, smart watches, and earbuds are:

- Before and after school
- Between class periods
- During lunch

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE POLICY IS VIOLATED?

During class, you must turn them off and put them away. This means personal electronic devices should not be used, seen, or heard at any point during the class period under any circumstances. If you use your device during class, the following requests will be made.

1ST REQUEST, PHONE CONFISCATED FOR THE PERIOD

The teacher will instruct you to put away your device in the designated storage area in the classroom. You will receive your device at the end of the period.

2ND REQUEST, PHONE CONFISCATED FOR THE DAY

If you do not follow the teacher's instruction and refuse to put your device in the storage area for the remainder of the period, the teacher will complete an Office Notice Form (ONF). Staff will come to the room to collect your device and it will remain in the main office until the end of the day, given back at the end of the school day.

- Teacher contacts home
- Electronic Device Infraction written by office

3RD REQUEST, PHONE CONFISCATED FOR THE DAY AND CLASSROOM REMOVAL

If you refuse to turn over your phone for the day, you will be removed from the classroom and escorted to the office where you will meet with an administrator.

- Admin contacts home
- Electronic Device Infraction written by office

***Note, the student will not be allowed to go to subsequent classes until they comply with the request.*

If a student is accessing a personal electronic device in the hallway during the instructional period, the student will be returned to their classroom and asked to put their device in the designated storage area for that classroom. This will be considered the 1st request and it will be made by the adult who is bringing the student to the room and enforced by classroom teacher. A student who follows this request will get their device back at the end of class. If they do not comply, they will move to the 2nd request.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE INFRACTION

A student who refuses to put their device in the designated storage area when asked, will receive an Electronic Device Infraction (It will be an Office Notice Form, or "ONF.")

1ST AND 2ND OFFENSE: Returned to the student at the end of the school day and the parent will be notified by the teacher, offense logged by the office.

3RD OFFENSE: If a student receives their 3rd electronic device infraction this semester/term, they will need to meet with their administrator to have a corrective plan put in place (The student will turn in their electronic device each morning at the main office for 10 school days.) They will be able to pick up their device after school. The administrators will also be notified by email of the 3rd offense phone/electronic violation.

4TH OFFENSE: If a student receives their 4th or more electronic device infraction this semester/term, they will need to meet with their administrator and turn in their electronic device each morning at the main office for the remainder of the semester/term. They will be able to pick up their device after school.



Note: District policy may change before school starts in the fall of 2025. Any change will be communicated if necessary

Student Requirements for LNS Dances

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

- Passing Classes (Failing 1 class is allowed with a written plan from the student, signed by the teacher of the failing class, and the student's administrator.)
- All fines (including Library) must be paid in full
- NO more than 5 days of out of school suspension

Guests must be 20 years of age or younger. All guests must complete a dance guest form, which will be available in the Main Office, and will be reviewed by administration. All guest forms must have a parent/guardian signature from both the LNS student & their guest. All grades are eligible to attend the Homecoming dance. 9th & 10th grade students may attend Prom, but must attend with a Junior or Senior and have a completed guest form for the 9th/10th grade student.

If a student would like to appeal to attend a dance and are not meeting the above criteria, they need to contact their alpha administrator.

Student Activities and Clubs

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.

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.

- Orchestra
- Concert Band
- Percussion Ensemble
- Concert Choir
- Symphonic Band
- Marching Band
- Wind Ensemble
- Mixed Choir
- Swing Choir

→ PARKING

Student parking is located on the southeast 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 could face the following consequences:

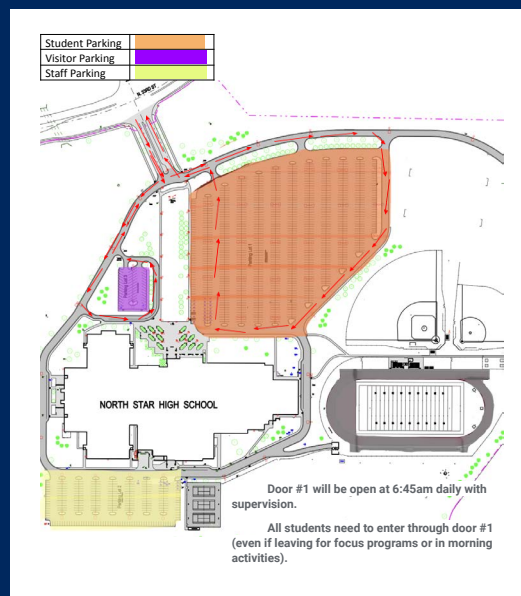
1st Offense: Warning and call home

2nd Offense: \$10 fine and call home

3rd Offense: Possible tow or other school consequences

→ 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.



It is the school-wide expectation that students will demonstrate academic integrity through honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility, as well as North Star's own S.T.A.R. model of integrity:

S - Safe

T - Trustworthy

A - Accountable

R - Respectful

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. District cell phone use policy can be found in the LPS Common Practices for High Schools. The LPS Important Information Booklet can be found on the front page of the LPS website ([LPS.org](https://lps.org)) under Essentials. Printed copies of the booklet can be obtained by contacting our school office.

AFTER SCHOOL POLICY

Within 10 minutes after the final bell students are required to report to a supervised area such as sponsored activities, Boys & Girls Club, 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.

→ 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 presented in class and posted to Google Classroom each day.

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, KLNK-TV Channel 8, B104 FM, and 96KX FM. You can also check the LPS website at [LPS.org](https://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 or library area only.

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 50. The LPS [Important Information Booklet](#) can be found on the front page of the LPS website ([LPS.org](https://lps.org)) under Essentials. Printed copies of the booklet can be obtained by contacting our school office.

Library

The North Star Library is open daily for student use from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 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. Use of the Internet is by teacher permission when working on projects/research before or after school.

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/Cold lunches, 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 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.

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.

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. 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.



→ 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: LPS.org/go/vueinfo

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.

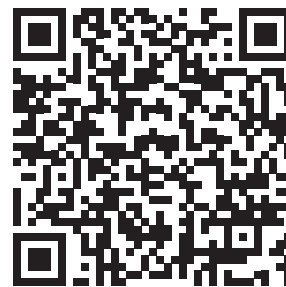
Medication given at school must have parent/guardian written consent prior to administration. Also a physician's (or other licensed prescriber's) authorization is required for medication to be given at school for all prescription and over-the-counter medication. The prescriber's authorization may be 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.

MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POINT OF CONTACT

Your student's mental health is important to their academic success. If you have concerns about your student's mental or behavioral health, you can contact the social worker at your student's school/program. LPS social workers are licensed mental health practitioners and can help connect you to appropriate mental health or behavioral supports. Go to home.lps.org/socialworkers/mental-behavioral-health-points-of-contact or scan the QR code below.





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