

2025



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PERSHING ELEMENTARY



Student Handbook & Calendar

Pershing Elementary is a community working together to educate life-long learners.

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For Bilingual Liaisons:

Arabic: 402-436-1715

Russian: Если вам требуются услуги переводчика пожалуйста позвоните по телефону: 402-436-1942

Español: Por favor llame a este número de teléfono si necesita servicios de intérpretes: 402-436-1938

Vietnamese: Xin vui lòng gọi về số này nếu quý vị cần có dịch vụ thông dịch: 402-436-1939

Ukrainian: Будь ласка, зателефонуйте за цим номером, якщо вам потрібні послуги перекладу: 402-436-1786

Karen: ອ່າວາ: ກິດ: ລິຕະວິຊິດ: ດີ້: ອາເບ: ນຸ່ມ: ລິດ: ຈັດ: ປຸ: ກ: ຕີ: ກິ: ດີ: ຕັ: ອ: ຕັ: ອ: ດີ: ດີ: ມ: ອ: 402-436-1769



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LPS Student Calendar



2025-26

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

☉ 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

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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Welcome to Pershing!

DEAR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES,

Welcome to Pershing Elementary School! This handbook has been prepared for all students and parents/guardians in hopes that it will be helpful in answering questions you might have about the policies and practices of our school. Please carefully review the contents with your child. The “Important Information” booklet provided by Lincoln Public Schools also gives critical parent/student information. Note that dates for school events are subject to change. If you have questions or concerns regarding these publications, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 402-436-1160.

On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to working together to make this a successful year of learning and growing.

Annette Bushaw Principal and Pershing Staff



Be Safe We help everyone feel physically and emotionally secure.

Be Respectful We value and are considerate of others.

Be Responsible We are accountable for all of our actions.



August 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates


August 7th
Safe Ride/Walk to School
Night 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

August 12th
First Day for K, 6, and 9th
Grades

Quarter 1 starts

August 13th
First Day for 1-5, 7-8 and
10-12th Grades

August 15th
First Day for Preschool

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Important Info

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Helpful Info

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Attending: _____ Lunch POS: _____

Teacher: _____ Room Number: _____

Other: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Attending: _____ Lunch POS: _____

Teacher: _____ Room Number: _____

Other: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

School Attending: _____ Lunch POS: _____

Teacher: _____ Room Number: _____

Other: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____


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Teacher: _____ Room Number: _____

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September 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	2	3	4	
7	8 PTO Meeting - 6:00 PM 1	9 Fundraiser Starts 2	10 3	11 4	12 1	13
14	15 School Picture Day 2	16 3	17 4	18 1	19 2	20
21	22 Conferences 3:00 to 7:00 pm 3	23 Fundraiser Ends 4	24 1	25 2	26 3	27
28	29 Conferences 3:00 to 7:00 pm 4	30 1	Tip: Create a bedtime routine that is consistent to help your child settle down and fall asleep. Examples: Reading with them, bath or shower, tucking them in and saying goodnight. Have child turn off electronic devices well before bedtime.			

» Important Dates

September 1st-2nd
Schools Closed

September 8th
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

September 9th
Fundraiser Starts

September 15th
School Picture Day

September 22nd
Conferences 3:00 to
7:00 p.m.

September 23rd
Fundraiser Ends

September 29th
Conferences 3:00 to
7:00 p.m.

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2025-2026 Specialist Rotation Schedule (K-5th Grades)

Pershing Elementary School



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AUGUST 2025

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KEY


- ¹ = Rotation Days
- = Schools Not in Session
- ☉ = First Day for K, 6, & 9th Grades
- ⦿ = First Day for 1-5, 7-8, & 10-12th Grades
- = Last Day for Students
- ◁ = Quarter Start Dates
- ▷ = Quarter End Dates
- = Prof. Learning/Planning Day
Schools Not in Session
- ◻ = Planning Day for EC, MS & HS/
Non-work Compensatory
Day for ELEM, Schools Not in
Session

Non-School / Non-Work Days

Labor Day.....September 1
 Quarter Break.....October 13
 Thanksgiving.....November 26-28
 Semester Break.....December 22-January 1
 MLK, Jr. Day.....January 19
 President's Day.....February 16
 Spring Break.....March 9-13
 Non-School Day.....April 3

October 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>Weather starting to change. Please remember to bring your coat! Thanks!</i>		1	2	3	4
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	1	2	Fundraiser Pick Up 03:00 to 5:00 3	4	Fall Festival 06:30 to 8:00 pm 1	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
	2	3	4	1	2	

» Important Dates

October 10th
End of Quarter

October 13th-14th
Schools Closed

October 15th
Start of Quarter 2

October 22nd
Fundraiser Pick Up 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

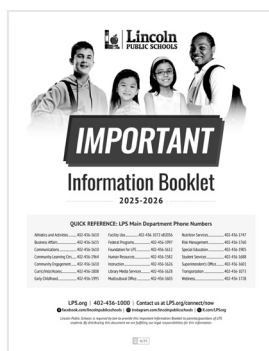
October 24th
Fall Festival 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

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Important Information Handbook

Lincoln Public Schools has developed an important information handbook intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Lincoln Public Schools. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract.” The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable School District policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations. The information provided in this book is subject to change without notice. On the right you will find the table of contents from this informative handbook.



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November 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

November 3rd
Picture Re-take Day

November 10th
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

November 26th-28th
Schools Closed.

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ParentVUE

Synergy ParentVUE is a component of the LPS Student Information portal that allows parents/guardians and students secure access to grades, assignments, attendance information, and much more. Assignments and student performance can be viewed as soon as entries are made by teachers into their electronic grade books. ParentVUE is not intended to replace direct communication between students/parents/teachers or other school staff members. If you have questions, please discuss the information with your student first. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss class progress directly with their teachers. If further clarification is needed, parents should contact the teacher directly.

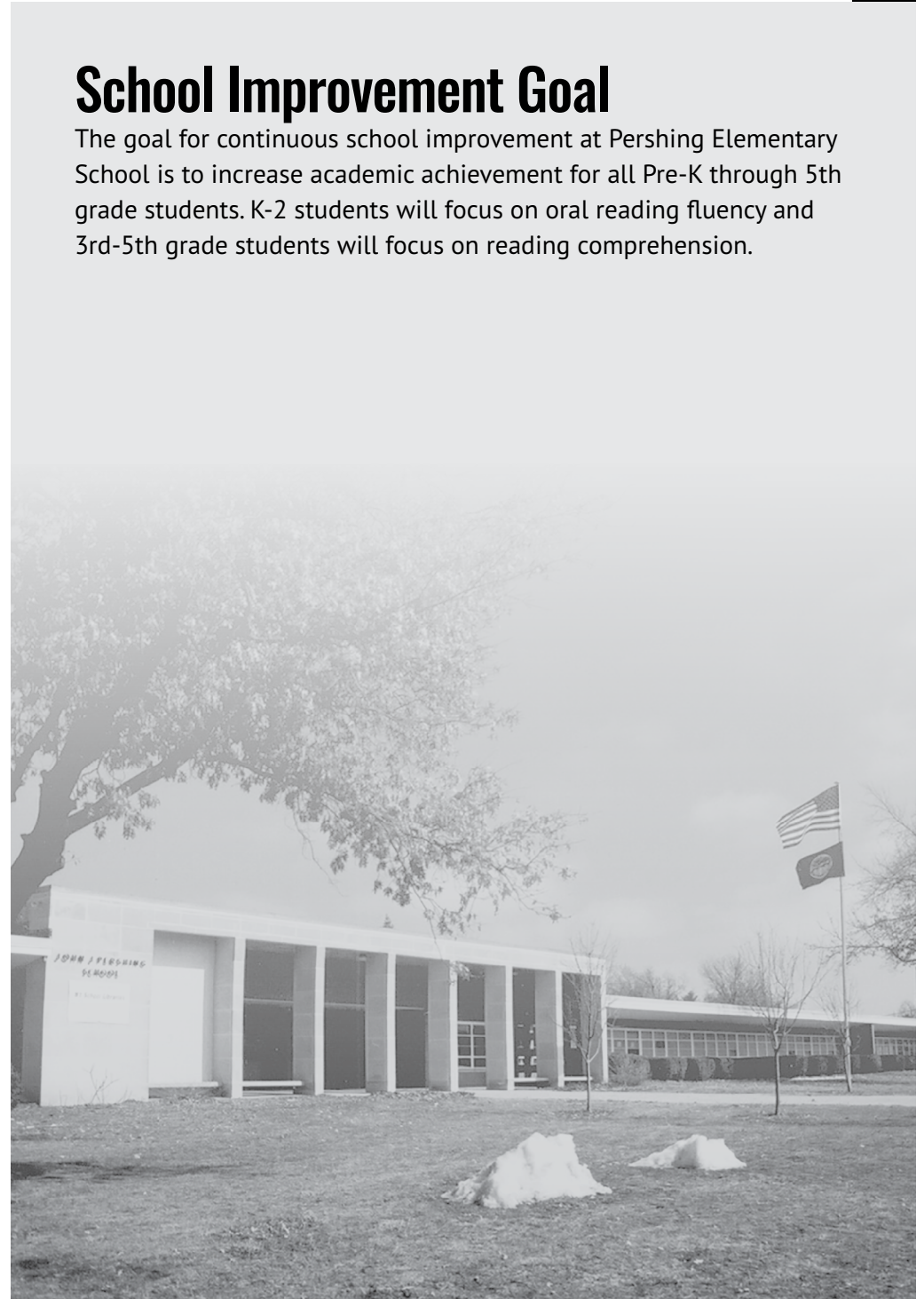
Information available via ParentVUE includes:

- Communications from teachers
- Attendance
- Student Schedules
- Class Websites
- Course History
- Progress Grades
- Assignment Calendars
- Immunization Summary
- Report Card (current year)

This secured access requires a confidential username and password that you create to log in to see your student's information. This resource will help you stay informed about your child's progress. Please read the following information carefully.

School Improvement Goal

The goal for continuous school improvement at Pershing Elementary School is to increase academic achievement for all Pre-K through 5th grade students. K-2 students will focus on oral reading fluency and 3rd-5th grade students will focus on reading comprehension.



December 2025


Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

December 1st
Schools Closed

December 19th
Last Day of Quarter 2

December 22nd-31st
Schools Closed

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	SCHOOLS CLOSED	4	1	2	3	
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Join us for Breakfast or Lunch!

BREAKFAST – 7:45 TO 8:00 A.M.

GRADE	LUNCH	RECESS
Kindergarten	10:45–11:10	11:10–11:20
1st Grade	11:10–11:30	11:30–11:40
2nd Grade	11:30–11:50	11:50–12:00
3rd Grade	11:50–12:10	12:10–12:20
4th Grade	12:10–12:30	12:30–12:40
5th Grade	12:30–12:50	12:50–1:00



Lunchroom

PERSHING IS A CEP SCHOOL, (COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION) SEE BELOW

Note: Pershing is part of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the upcoming school year. This will allow every student attending Pershing, School, their meals will be at **NO CHARGE** during the 2025/2026 school year. (Extras such as Milk for sack lunch from home will be charged at regular price.)

NEGATIVE ACCOUNT BALANCES

Students who do not have sufficient funds to pay for lunch will receive a call from the district when the negative balance is \$10.

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

If you have students at another non CEP school or you transfer to another school during the 2025/2026 school year, you may still be eligible for Free/Reduced-price meals if you complete the Free/Reduced application. Online link can be found at home.LPS.org/ns/free-reduced

Arrival

ARRIVAL TIMES

The Pershing campus will be closed until 8:00 a.m. for the safety of students.

- **Breakfast**–Served between 7:45-8:00 a.m. Enter at Door #2.
- Early Childhood a.m. and p.m. will enter through Door #10.
- Earliest arrival (unless entering breakfast, instrumental music, or before school CLC services) is signaled by the bell at 8:00 a.m.
- **Students not eating breakfast will enter the building between 8:00-8:10 a.m. through Door #1.**
- Students will go to their classrooms through the building at 8:10 a.m.
- School begins at 8:15 a.m. After 8:10 a.m., all students use the main entrance and must check in with the SEM para. Once the school day begins, please use the main entrance. All other doors will be locked.

January 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK		
4	5 Start of Quarter 3	6	7	8	9	10
	2	3	4	1	2	
11	12 PTO Meeting - 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17
	3	4	1	2	3	
18	19 SCHOOLS CLOSED	20	21	22	23	24
		4	1	2	3	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	4	1	2	3	4	

» Important Dates

January 1st-2nd
Schools Closed

January 5th
Start of Quarter 3

January 12th
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

January 19th
Schools Closed

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Dismissal

DISMISSAL TIMES

- Teachers will escort all students out their designated exit door at 2:53 p.m. (See Exceptions)
- All students must go directly home, to daycare, or to a school sanctioned activity after dismissal.
- **Campus (including playground) is closed until 6:00 p.m. except for use with school activities or CLC services.**

DISMISSAL AREAS

- Students participating in CLC will meet staff in the classroom hallway.
- Participants in school sponsored activities will meet their supervisor at a designated door.
- Parents should arrange to pick up their child(ren) outside at the same location each day.
- Students will not be allowed to play on the playground while waiting for rides after school.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- **USE CROSSWALKS AT ALL TIMES.**
- To ensure children do not cross in the street, pick up and drop off your child(ren) on the passenger side of the car.
- Follow flow of traffic when dropping off and picking up your child(ren). (See map insert)

- Do not use the parking lot or the bus loading zone to drop off or pick up your child(ren).
- Students plan to meet each other **outside the building.**
- Older students go to meet younger siblings at their designated door.

EXCEPTIONS

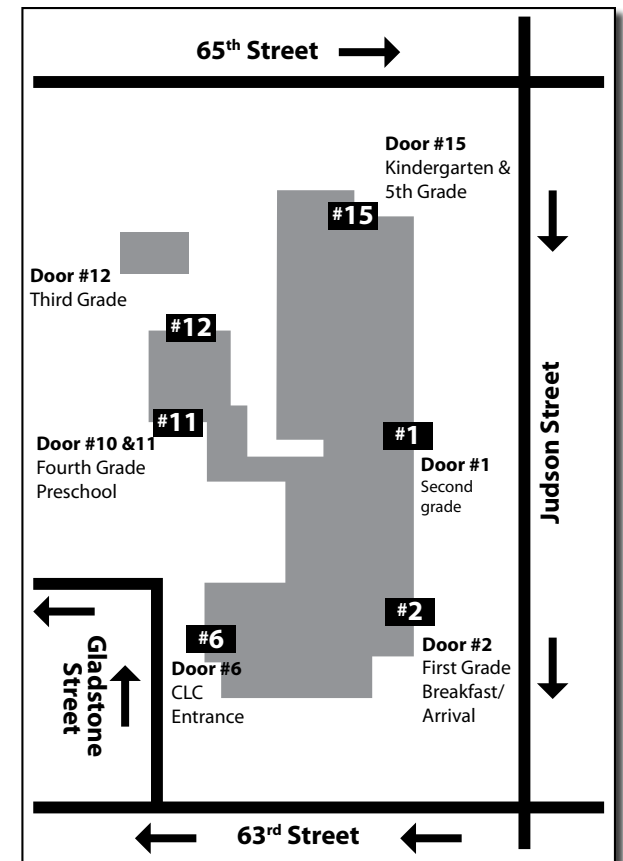
Early Childhood

Morning 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Afternoon 11:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Student Use of Telephone

Students will be permitted to call home regarding school matters after getting permission from the classroom teacher. Calls by students must be kept to a minimum, as there are a very limited number of phone lines in and out of school. Students are asked to make arrangements for participating in after-school activities or going home with a friend before arriving at school. Cell phones and other electronic devices have been found to be disruptive to learning. If a student brings them to school they must remain in the child's backpack or must be handed into the Teacher. If the student takes an electronic device out during the school day, it will be kept in the office or must be handed into the Teacher until a parent/guardian can pick it up.



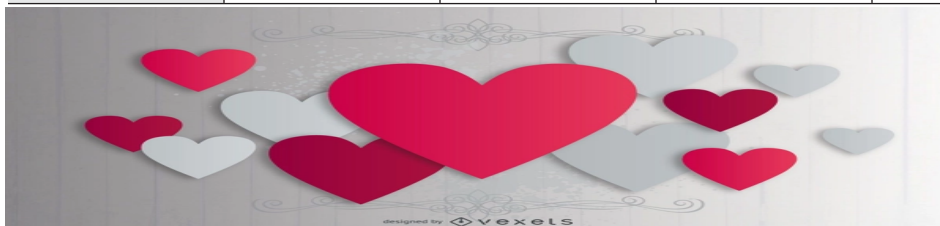
February 2026

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» Important Dates

February 16-17th
Schools Closed

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	1	2	3	4	1	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	2	3	4	1	2	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	3	4	1	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	2	3	4	1	2	



Volunteers - Lincoln Public School requires all volunteers to complete the online volunteer application prior to helping in classrooms or on field trips. The level III application requires a background check to be completed and approved prior to field trip

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Methods of Communication

SCHOOL MESSENGER

School Messenger sends emails sharing announcements, information, school events, etc.

Please make sure your email is correct.

WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

FOLDERS

Typically, school news will be sent home via Thursday folders.

Please return the folder the next day including any notes to your child's teacher. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the family attending Pershing School.

Community News

"Community News" is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. "Community News" replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue of "Community News."

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Information is regularly updated on our website:

pershing.LPS.org.

PARENTVUE

Parents may access communications, attendance information and more for their child through ParentVue. A "button" linking you to ParentVue can be found on our school website.

Visitors

Parents/guardians and community members are encouraged to visit school. Children not enrolled at Pershing may not visit unless accompanied by an adult. It is recommended that visitors limit their visit to 30 minutes. If wanting to visit the classroom please make arrangements with the Teacher before hand. When visitors do come to school, we ask that they come to the office, sign in using the computer and wear the badge provided for you. Wearing this badge will assure all staff that approval has been given by the office to visit. This is an important step in our security plan.

Pets at School

Pets are an important part of many students' lives and can provide many good learning experiences. The teacher or principal must approve a visit by a pet in advance. **During arrival and dismissal no pets are allowed on school grounds.**

Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, call the office at (402) 436-1160 or enter absences on ParentVue. If the school has not been notified, a call will be made to your home or work. If you can't be reached, emergency contacts will be called.

Make-Up Work

We appreciate parent/guardians' conscientious regard for picking up homework for their child.

- If your child will be absent only one day, work may be made up or taken home upon return to school.
- If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, please contact the classroom teacher to plan for completion of work and notify the office.

Please call the school in the morning to request homework to be picked up after school.

Parent Teacher Organization

The Pershing Parent Teacher Organization (PPTO) is a vital part of Pershing's success with children. As an organization, they represent parents/guardians and organize events and projects that serve children and families. Scheduled PPTO meetings are listed on the calendar. All teachers and families are encouraged to attend PPTO meetings and activities.

March 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 End of Quarter 3	7
	3	4	1	2	3	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
15	16 Start of Quarter 4	17 Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21
	4	1	2	3	4	
22	23	24 Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28
	1	2	3	4	1	
29	30	31				
	2	3	<p>Check out our Lost and Found if your child is missing items.</p>			

» Important Dates

March 6th
End of Quarter 3

March 9th-13th
Schools Closed

March 16th
Start of Quarter 4

March 17th
Parent Teacher Conferences
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

March 24th
Parent Teacher Conferences
3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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Bullying

If you feel that peers are bullying your child, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Shayna Cook. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child who the adults are in the building they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with.

Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.

Community Learning Center (CLC)-YMCA

CLC services are available between 7:00-8:00 a.m. and after school until 5:30 p.m. on school days. Pre-registration is required, call: 402-434-9262.

After School Clubs and Activities

Throughout the school year, a variety of interest clubs and activities are sponsored by the Pershing Community Learning Center. Club and registration information will be sent home with students. Additional activities available to students (some for only designated grade levels) include: Chorus, Band, and Orchestra. Other clubs and activities may be organized to address special interests of students and staff.



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 for more information.




April 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

April 3rd-6th
Schools Closed

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			4	1	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	2	3	4	1	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	2	3	4	1	2	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	3	4	1	2	3	
26	27	28	29	30		
	4	1	2	3		

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PERSHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

2025–2026 School Year

Pershing Elementary intends to follow the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy guidelines in accordance with federal law, Section 1116(a -f) ESSA, (Every Student Succeeds Act) of 2015.

In General,

Pershing Elementary shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent, practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. The policy shall be made available to the local community and updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

Specifically,

- Pershing Elementary shall provide opportunities for the participation of parents and family members including those with migratory children, limited English proficiency, or have disabilities. Parent shall be notified of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy, information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable provided in a language the parents can understand;
- Pershing Elementary shall convene an annual parent meeting scheduled at a convenient time, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of Pershing Elementary participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the right of the parents to be involved;
- Pershing Elementary shall involve parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of this Parent and Family Engagement Policy;
- Pershing Elementary shall provide opportunities for parents and family members to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. Pershing Elementary shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities;
- Pershing Elementary shall provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under this part, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards. Pershing Elementary will provide assistance, opportunities, and/or materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement in a format, and when feasible, in a language the parents and family members can understand;
- Pershing Elementary shall educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, principals, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners;
- Pershing Elementary shall coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State and local programs, including preschool programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.

May 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

May 9th
Color Run 10:00 a.m.

May 21st
End of Quarter 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Have a wonderful Summer!</i>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	1	2	Color Run 10:00 AM 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2	3	4	1	2		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
3	4	1	2			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

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PERSHING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School-Parent Compact

2025–2026 School Year

This Title I School-Parent Compact has been jointly developed with parents and outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high academic standards. At Safe Walk to School Night, the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.

TEACHER/SCHOOL:

It is important that students achieve.

I agree to do the following:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to enable children to meet and exceed the challenging state academic standards.
2. Regularly communicate with parents on their child's progress and identify needs.
3. Demonstrate professional behavior and positive attitude.
4. Participate and provide information for family learning events to encourage student and family attendance.
5. Help to identify needs (academic, behavioral, and social emotional) and work with families and school personnel to develop an action plan.

Teacher Signature

PARENT / CARING ADULT:

I want my child to achieve; therefore I will encourage him/her by doing the following:

1. Communicate and work with teachers and school staff on an ongoing basis to be involved and support my child's learning.
2. Support my child's learning--volunteer in their classroom; participate, as appropriate, in decisions related to their education, guide positive use of extracurricular time.
3. Make sure my child is at school every day and on time, unless he/she is ill.
4. Provide a quiet place and time to do schoolwork and encourage my child to complete schoolwork.

Parent Signature

STUDENT:

I know my education is important to me. It is important that I work to the best of my ability and demonstrate best effort daily. I agree to do the following:

1. Be at school every day and on time unless I am sick.
2. Come to school each day prepared with supplies and an attitude to learn.
3. Be responsible for my own behavior.
4. Respect and cooperate with other students and adults.
5. Return completed school-work on time.

Student Signature

Intent of Student Handbook

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Pershing Elementary School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained within it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although information found in this handbook contains detailed and specific information on a variety of topics, the handbook is not intended to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract.” The administration reserves the right to make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should the situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable school district policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations.



Mental and Behavioral Health Point of Contact



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Pershing Elementary School Staff 2025–2026

Kindergarten

Bella Zeljko Rm. 105
Marilyn Cruz..... Rm. 107
Brett Foster Rm. 103

1st Grade

Terra Obrecht..... Rm. 138
Josina Hain Rm. 136
Mary Emodi Rm. 134

2nd Grade

Caitlin Lam Rm. 131
Michaela Nickell..... Rm. 133
Ashley Thiesfeld Rm. 135

3rd Grade

Gillian Young Rm. 127
Gwen Rubenking..... Rm. 129
Abbi Dierks..... Rm. 128
Carly Breinig Rm. 125

4th Grade

Deidre Bergman Rm. 120
Natalie Upchurch..... Rm. 121
Emily Gray..... Rm. 122
Morgan Donald..... Rm. 124

5th Grade

Karissa Karg Rm. 110
Lexi Sodfield Rm. 106
Samantha Nelson Rm. 108

ELL

Monica Steele Portable South
Heidi Reinke, Team Leader..... Rm. 123
Hien Trinh Rm. 123
Sheila Marshall..... Portable North

Specialist Team

Dana Wendelin - PE Gym
Nick Besse - Vocal Rm. 130
Malinda Trumble - Art..... Rm. 119
Ashley Dorcey - Media/CS..... Rm 142E
Daniel Oshiro - Band..... Rm. 130A
Daniel Oshiro - Strings..... Rm. 130A

Special Education Team

Megan Nicholls..... Rm. 132
Caitlin Griess Rm. 115
Megan Strauch..... Rm. 100
Gracyn Scott..... Rm. 126
Daisy Snow..... Rm. 126
Sidney Delozier..... Rm. 113

Early Childhood

Kristin Hill Rm. 102
Heather Linscomb Rm. 102
Holly Meyer - SLP Rm. 102
Kaylee West..... Rm. 102

Interventionists

Kelli Gibbs Rm. 184E
Chelsey Meyer Rm. 181
Sheila Mays..... Rm. 111

Support Staff

Stephanie Fowler - Instructional Coach
Kim Hughes - Counselor
Susan Dinsdale - Gifted
Jenni Smith - Social Worker
Stephanie Erickson - Psychologist

Office

Melissa Beaudette - Registrar
Lynette Berry - Secretary

Health Office

Nicole Fuller - Nurse
Nicole DeLong - Health Tech

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