

LHS Administration:

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Life at Lincoln

January 1st, 2025

Note from the Principal

LHS School Report Card 2023-2024

We are immensely proud of our School Report Card for the 2023-24 School Year. This report card measures how each school in the state does in the categories of Achievement, Growth, Target Group Outcomes, and On-Track to Graduation. The Department of Public Instruction determines a weight to give each category and enters the data from student test scores, attendance, and graduation rates. DPI then gives an overall rating to each school based on the average. The 71.8 score earned by LHS for last year "Exceeds Expectations", the first time we've reached that level in ten years. This strong rating shows that the hard work put in by LHS students, parents, and staff is paying off!

Use this [link](#) if you wish to review the scores yourself. I encourage everyone to do so. You'll see that LHS students are ahead of their peers in the state in nearly every area, including ELA achievement and growth, math growth, attendance, and graduation rates. If you scroll to the Postsecondary Preparation page, you'll also see that we are doing very well in our dual enrollment classes, which is enormously helpful in preparing our students for success after high school.

We recognize that no single report tells the whole story and our students are so much more than their test scores or attendance numbers. Some parts of this report show we have some work to do. However, strong overall numbers like this show that this is an effective school and our students are on the right track. Thank you for all of your help and support. I'm very proud to be a part of such a great school! Go Red Raiders!

Rod Watson, LHS Principal

Score Summary

Overall Score

71.8

Exceeds Expectations



ON-TRACK TO GRADUATION

91.4

Chronic Absenteeism

Graduation

3rd Grade English Language Arts

8th Grade Mathematics

Area Scores

84.8
76.0

98.0
92.0

NO GRADE 3

NO GRADE 8

0 100

This School 9-12 State

GROWTH

72.7

English Language Arts

Mathematics

Subject Area Scores

75.5
66.0

69.8
66.0

0 100

This School 9-12 State

January Upcoming Events

17-18

Winter Improv Show

20

No School- Teacher Inservice

22

Parent-Teacher Visitation

(4:00-7:00pm)

8th Grade Parent Meeting

(5:00-5:30pm)

LHS Program Showcase

(5:30-7:00pm)

24

Sportainment Night

(5:00-9:30pm)

27-31

LHS Fire on Ice Week

Feb 1

LHS Fire on Ice Dance

(7:00-10:00pm)

Program Showcase

We are excited to invite you and your student(s) to our 4th Annual Program Showcase Night on Wednesday, January 22nd, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School. This event offers a fantastic opportunity to explore the wide range of unique courses and programs available at Lincoln High School, helping students gain a clear understanding of their options as they begin planning their high school journey and beyond.

During the event, all departments will be open for interactive tours and conversations, providing valuable insight into the programs offered. To enhance the experience, students will receive a passport upon arrival, which will be stamped as they visit different program areas. After completing their passport, students can drop it into a drawing for a chance to win exciting prizes, including AirPods and \$25 gift cards.

Showcase highlights include:

- Free WR drawstring bags for all students
- Special tokens in Career & Technical Education areas
- An extra 10% off at The Wolf Den by showing student passports
- Free snacks in the Culinary Arts area
- A chance to win AirPods or a \$25 gift card

The Program Showcase will follow the 8th Grade Parent Meeting hosted by our Counseling Department, which will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the LHS Performing Arts Center. During this session, they will cover important topics such as graduation requirements, Lincoln's registration process, and resources for Academic and Career Planning (ACP).

We hope you can join us for a fun and informative evening as we showcase all the incredible opportunities awaiting your student(s) at Lincoln High School. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the main office. We look forward to seeing you there!



LHS Parent-Teacher Visitation

Our Second Parent-Teacher Visitation will be held the same night at the Program Showcase from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Sign-up will be in ParentSquare, same as it was in the fall. The appointments are slotted for seven minutes this time. You can request a phone or in person appointment. We would love to see you and your student in person if possible! Please sign up on ParentSquare starting on Monday, January 6th at 3:00. If you need any help with the app or have questions, please call the main office at 715-424-6750. See you soon!

Transition Night

During the Program Showcase on Jan 22nd from 5:30-7:00pm, the Students with Disabilities Department will host a Transition Night in the Grand Rapids Room on the 2nd floor. Community agencies and post-secondary representatives will be available to discuss the next steps for your student. This is also an opportunity for 8th grade students and their parents to come and discuss transitioning to high school. Watch the mail for a flyer soon!

Registration for 2025-2026

The Lincoln High School registration process will take place during RPT the weeks of January 13th and January 20th. The week of January 13th, students will receive their Program of Studies and registration sheet, and watch an informational video. Then the week of January 20th, students will enter their selected courses into Skyward and hand in their registration forms.

The presentation your student will view the week of January 13th will be shared with you at the end of the week. This presentation outlines the process and any relevant information needed for registration at each grade level.

Once students enter their course choices into Skyward, you will have the opportunity to look them over. You will be able to view the course requests from February 3rd - February 15th. If you see any problems with your student's course requests, please contact his/her counselor to make any changes you feel necessary.

Students: If we define learning as gained abilities or knowledge which can be applied in new situations, what have you learned this year in school that fits this definition?

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Reminders

Inclement Weather- we have one remaining free snow day built into our schedule. We'll have to work virtually if more are needed past that. See the last page for details.

Attendance- All absences should be reported to the attendance office at 715-424-6750 ext 4011 or by entering directly into Skyward. Remember to send in doctor's notes when you can; students are only allowed ten non-medically excused absences a year!



Sportainment Night

Sportainment Night is an event planning project planned and promoted by LHS marketing students. Students develop sponsorship contracts, solicit local businesses to sponsor the event, develop promotional pieces, and operate the event. This year's Sportainment Night is on Friday, January 24th at Lincoln High School from 5:30 to 9:00pm. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Sportainment Night will feature giveaways for the first fans in attendance, free raffles, a sports corner raffle, carnival games with a bounce house, a half-time show with a money machine, a t-shirt toss, and a second-half pizza call. Last year our community helped raise over \$9,000, and we hope to raise even more this year! Sports and Entertainment Marketing students have raised well over over \$100,000 for local charities since the project's start!

Scholarship Information

Have you decided on a career which requires a college education? If so, you may want to seek scholarship help! Go to our [scholarship page](#) and check out all of our scholarship opportunities. Many of the deadlines for these scholarships are in January, so work quickly!

Put time and effort into your applications. The information, essay quality, and attention to detail matter a great deal. A few more minutes and a little more genuine effort can make all the difference in an application for a scholarship.

Incourage Scholarship Information:

The Incourage Scholarships close on January 24th. There are a lot of opportunities through this organization! Remember to use your personal email rather than your school email.

All students continuing their education after high school are encouraged to participate; about 70 percent of the scholarships apply to tech schools! Some of these go unclaimed each year!

Incourage has its own Customer Care number at 855-670-4787 and is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM every weekday.

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Meet Youth Success Coalition Partner: The LEO Program

The LEO (Learn and Empower Oneself) Program is an evidence-based, interactive substance prevention program that seeks to empower youth to understand their unique brains and quickly improve resilience, adaptability, and fearlessness in a rapidly changing world. By promoting higher-brain activation and resiliency through key tools, youth can reduce stress and anxiety, and improve memory, creativity, self-awareness, and overall quality of life – each of which are key factors in preventing substance use.



The LEO Program serves youth ages 12-20 and works with school and community partners to deliver program curriculum and one-on-one mentorship to youth. The LEO Program operates two separate contracts funded through the Brighter Futures Initiative Substance Prevention grant via the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families in both Adams County (operated by Adams County Health and Human Services in partnership with CW Solutions) and Wood County (operated by Wood

County Human Services in partnership with CW Solutions). If you're interested in learning more, connect with us at leoprogram@changewithin.net.



PreACT Information

Attention Parents of freshmen and sophomores- you should have received your students' PreACT scores. They received them in mid-December. If they did not make their way home, please contact Mrs. Kim Elgersma, LHS Testing Coordinator, at kimberly.elgersma@wrps.net. Students and parents can use these scores to set goals, assess strengths and areas for growth, and determine college readiness. Let us know if we can help!





Graduation News

We have had a significant number of seniors who have not placed their orders for caps, gowns, and tassels. All graduates who will participate in the 2025 graduation ceremony are required to wear a cap, gown, and the “Souvenir” tassel. These items will be delivered to the school and distributed in April.

- You should have ordered online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) by early December to avoid late fees. This date was extended, so please get your order in soon. Your cap and gown may be returned if you do not participate in the 2025 ceremony.
- If you choose to borrow a cap and gown from a previous LHS graduate, you will need to purchase a 2025 “SOUVENIR” tassel for \$13.00, which is also located in the individual products.
- If you are not able to place your order online, please complete the order form and either send it to: Jostens, PO Box 22, Holmen, WI 54636 or bring it to Mrs. Wefel at LHS.

The [Student and Parent's Guide to Graduation](#) can be found on our website. Take time to review all the information you will need concerning graduation.

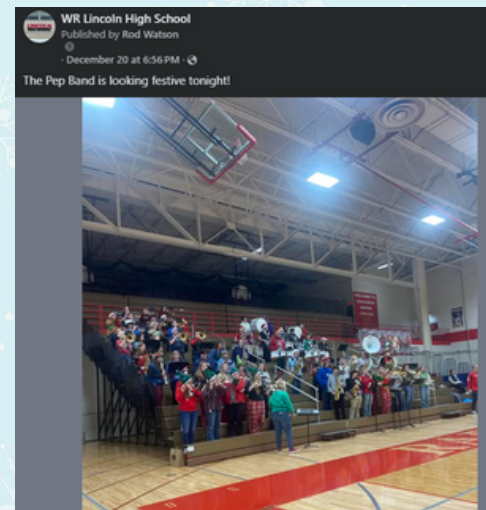
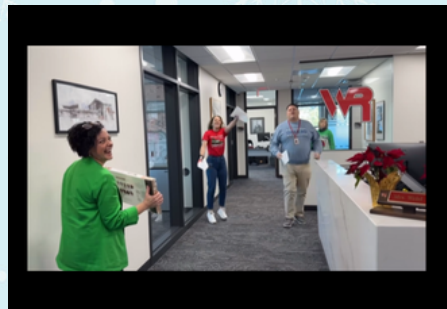
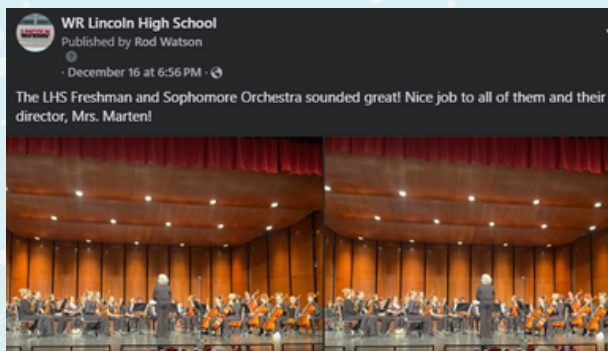
Remember to follow Class Reunion Zero events on Facebook for information on how to help prepare for this fun, safe annual event to send our new graduates off in style!

Seniors- keep track of all fines/fees. All obligations must be taken care of in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Payments can be made in the main office or online through the Fee Management System in Skyward.

Graduation practice is at 10:00am on Friday, May 30th. It is required for all graduates who wish to be a part of the ceremony on Sunday, June 1st at 1:00pm!



Social Media Spotlight



What can ACP do for you?

Visit our ACP Center!

Your student may be able to tell you what ACP stands for, Academic and Career Planning, but have they taken advantage of any of the services offered? Below are some of the ways ACP can help:

1. **Job shadowing**: Let's help your student save time and money after high school by setting up a job shadow. Maybe they'll love it! Maybe they'll hate it! Either way, it's valuable information to help inform their decisions after high school. Students are allowed to job shadow up to 3 dates in their high school career.
2. **Resume/Cover Letter Help**: Does your student need a resume for a job or a Youth Apprenticeship? If they do and aren't sure where to start, the ACP Center can assist!
3. **Volunteering Opportunities**: Volunteering is a great way to gain soft skills and experience. It helps students learn more about themselves and their likes and dislikes and is also a dopamine boost to help others! Volunteer opportunities are available through the morning announcements, social media, and the ACP's volunteer page.
4. **College**: Let's answer your student's questions about applying to college, majors, campuses, financial aid, etc. Did you know students are allowed 2 excused days for campus visits? Also, the ACP Center coordinates two college field trips per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. And don't forget, students can also take Dual Credit and AP classes!
5. **Military**: The ACP Center can help students get in touch with recruiters, discuss the different branches of the military, and help them get set up for the ASVAB test that takes place at Lincoln.
6. **Apprenticeship/Trades**: Need help with entering the trades after high school? Discuss the possibilities and the process of entering the trades!
7. **Employment**: ACP can help students fill out job applications, find a job, and work on interviewing skills. There is an online job board and a bulletin board in the ACP Center where students can view current job postings.

We want your student(s) to be prepared for life after high school, regardless of their pathway or if it changes afterward. That preparation can start today! Have your child stop by and see Mrs. King in the ACP Center for assistance.



What are our Safety Codes?

We have four safety codes at LHS in order to quickly communicate with students and staff to ensure we are all safe. Here is a quick reference of the codes for everyone's awareness:



Code Green - Normal Operations: This code is refers to normal, day-to-day operations at LHS. It is normally used to refer to the end of a safety situation, ie: "At this time we are returning to a Code Green."



Code Yellow - Soft Lockdown: This code is used when hallways or common areas need to be free of students. This is most commonly used for medical emergencies. We also use it for situations where privacy is paramount or to enhance the security level of the building. The important point to remember about a Code Yellow is that normal activities should continue in the classroom, such as lessons, tests, projects, etc... When a Code Yellow affects the normal schedule of the day, such as when we have to stretch a class period or alter the lunch schedule, an alert will be sent via ParentSquare so everyone is aware.



Code Red - Full Lockdown: This code is in response to an actual emergency situation. This is used when there is a threat of violence or serious incident that could jeopardize the safety of students and staff. We practice Code Red drills by utilizing our A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) procedures. Communication will come from the school or district via ParentSquare as soon as possible.



Code Blue - Emergency Evacuation: This code is used for emergency evacuation not related to a fire incident. We teach students how this will occur at the beginning of the year. An example of when this would be used is a natural gas leak. If this code is used, communication will come from the school or district via ParentSquare as soon as possible.

We take school safety very seriously. Every situation is different, but having these codes gives us a common language and established procedures to follow in an emergency. We welcome any feedback from students and parents when we exercise these drills or when situations arise; it helps us to get better! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Safety Contact:

Ashley Tessmer, Associate Principal
ashley.tessmer@wrps.net
715-424-6750 ext 4004



Inclement Weather Plan

Given that we only had two free snow days built in and have already used one, I want to make sure everyone knows the plan for what will happen if we need to use more. We will move to an “E-Learning” model if school is canceled more than one more time. This will allow us to not extend our school year further into June.

Students are expected to join their classroom Zoom session at the beginning of the times listed below. In each student’s Canvas page, each teacher has created a Zoom link for each class period. The staff member will provide instruction for the learning content for the day. All staff and students are to be online at that time period. Depending on the teacher’s plan for the lesson, students may be on the Zoom call the entire time period or just for the time needed to explain some content or give instructions. Attendance will be taken and recorded. Each class is only 35 minutes in length.

Here are some expectations for E-Learning:

- Students should work to resolve any Chromebook issues with our Chromebook Care Center before in-person learning is canceled.
- Students can use the Canvas Student App on their phones if they forget their Chromebook at school or have other issues. This app will give students access to all course materials.
- Attendance is required for all regular classes. There is no RPT and students do not need to check in for study hall if they have one. If a student needs to miss class for any reason, please contact the attendance line as usual.
- Students are not allowed to work at a job during class time. If they do, this would not constitute an excused absence.
- Students are expected to actively engage in their lesson. When needed, they should unmute their computers and contribute.

In the afternoon, students will have time to work on their homework. Their teachers will be available via an office hours Zoom link if needed. All work is to be completed in Canvas. The main office will be open on any inclement weather days and available for assistance at extension 4000. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

E-Learning Day Schedule:

- 1st Period- 8:10 am to 8:45 am
- 2nd Period- 8:55 am to 9:30 am
- 3rd Period- 9:40 am to 10:15 am
- 4th Period- 10:25 am to 11:00 am
- 5th Period- 11:10 am to 11:45 am
- Teacher Office Hours 12:15 pm to 2:55 pm

Stay safe and stay warm!



Pupil Non-Discrimination Statement

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor, or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswall.

Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

The Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), or both. The District's Title IX Coordinators are:

Brian Oswall, Director of Human Resources
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
510 Peach Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: 715-424-6710
Email: titleixcoordinator@wrps.net

Steven Hepp, Director of Pupil Services
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
510 Peach Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: 715-424-6724
Email: titleixasstcoordinator@wrps.net

The Board's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures can be located under the Board policies area of the District website located at www.wrps.org.

Statement Concerning Special Accommodations to Include in Handbooks, Newsletters, and All School or District Related Communication

English

WRPS is committed to ensuring that all students and parents have access to school district information, policies, procedures, and programs. If you need assistance with interpreter or translation services, or other special accommodations that would be helpful to you, please contact either your child's school office or call the Pupil Services Department at 715-424-6724 so that we can assist you.

Spanish

WRPS está comprometido/a a garantizar que todos los estudiantes y padres tengan acceso a la información del distrito escolar, pólizas, procedimientos y programas. Si necesita ayuda con servicios de intérpretes o traducción, o cualquier otra adaptación especial que le sea útil, por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela de su hijo/a o llame al Departamento de Servicios para Alumnos al 715-424-6724 para que podamos ayudarle.

Hmong

WRPS xav kom txhua tus menyuam thiab niam txiv sawsdaws tau kev pab ntawd lawv lus tsev kawm ntawv txog peb cov ntaub ntawv, kev cai, thiab lub hom phiaj. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus lossis lwm yam, thov hu rau koj tu menyuam lub tsev kawm ntawv lossis hu rau Pupil Services Department ntawd tu xov tooj 715-424-6724. Peb zoo siab pab koj.