

Lake Central High School **Welcome!**



Incoming Freshmen Parent Information Night

January 21, 2026

Thank you for being here!

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Tonight's Agenda

• Parent Meeting (6:00-6:45)

- Freshman Year Overview – Difference from middle to high school
- “Getting to Know” LCHS

• Information Booths in “Main Street” (6:45 – 8:00)

- Questions, Resources, Clubs, Over 30 Clubs/Organizations featured

• Tour of Facilities (6:45-7:40)

- E Hall, C Hall, Gym, Pool, Fieldhouse
- Tours will begin as groups are formed
- Approx. 20 minutes is length

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Administration Team

- Erin Novak, Head Principal
- Richard Moore, Associate Principal (Ri-Rz)
 - Guidance Department Head, Ashley Kline
- Mary Rebey, Assistant Principal of Student Services (IEPs, 504s, Special Education Services)
 - Dean of Students (Special Education): Cameron Cain, Cara Klaich
- Assistant Principals: Ed Beck (E-K) , Kari Regan (L-Q), Todd Smolinski (A-D), Joe Stanisz (R-Rh, S-Z)
- Chris Enyeart, Athletic Director
 - Assistant Athletic Director, Jeff Sandor

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School Resource Officer



Corporal Mike Moffitt, St. John PD

- Security officer on premise after school until 6:00 p.m.
- LCSC Director of Safety and Security, Brian Kissinger, Retired Dyer PD, is also frequently on site
- Administration team meets regularly with Tri-town police and fire chiefs to talk about safety plans, current trends, latest protocols, help acquaint them with the building/facilities

People of LCHS - Please follow us on Social Media!!



Facilities



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Freshman Year- A Year of Change

- Our students enter as adolescents and leave as adults
 - We see a lot of growth- both physical and emotional from ages 14-18
 - Ninth grade is a big transition, but we will help them navigate through this time
 - Teachers, Counselors, Principals = Academic Teams
 - Forming relationships- Making new friends, but also finding a trusted adult
- New people to meet!
 - Three LC middle schools, Private and Parochial schools
 - Get involved- *There's something for everyone*, try a sport, join a club – There's many activities that don't require any prior experience
 - Encourage your children to get involved
 - Club Fair for students at the beginning of the year

Attendance

Attendance Matters- The more they are here, the better they will do!

- Please call if your student will not be in school - Call within 24 hrs.
- Students will receive consequences for unexcused absences
- We do refer to truancy officers/court

Leaving School:

- Student must bring in written note from parent to attendance office in the morning
- Doctor's notes for appointments should be turned in upon return

Tardy to Class:

- Students do receive discipline for being late to class
- After 10 minutes, the tardy becomes an unexcused absence

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Summer School

New Graduation Requirements = New PE Requirements

1 credit of Physical Education completes the requirement for graduation

Students can earn their Physical Education Requirement by completing one of the following:

- Take a Physical Education Course during the school year
- Earn the Alternative Physical Education Credit by participating and completing an approved Lake Central Activity. Example: Approved Lake Central Sports and Marching Band

Please see the complete list located on our website

Summer School PE will not be offered.

Lake Central High School Student Activities

- 35 Clubs/Organizations
- 13 Athletic Teams
- 6 Bands
- 5 Choirs

There is
something for
everyone at
LCHS!



LAKE CENTRAL
NEWS



- **Athletic Information Night: 4-13-26 6:00 p.m.**

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Differences from Middle School

- Early Wake Up – Start time 7:15
 - Bus pick ups are early- but easiest way to get to school
 - Kids enter school at 6:50, meet with friends, eat breakfast, wake up
- Size of school- 880,000 square feet
 - “E” Hall (2 stories)
 - “C” Hall (3 stories)
 - “B” Hall (band, choir, theater)
 - “G” Hall (Health classes, Fieldhouse, Weight Room)
 - No worries- everyone is lost on the first day. By the end of the first week, everyone knows where to go

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Differences from Middle School

- Lockers
 - Every student is assigned a locker
 - The majority of 9th grade lockers will be located in E Hall
 - Very few students actually use them
- Backpacks
 - Students are allowed to bring backpacks into their classroom
 - Backpacks should not have wheels unless medically necessary for the student
- Academic Success: Credits Count
 - Students earn a credit for each class per semester
 - Failing classes will not earn credits
 - You will not be “passed along” with failing grades – must earn a 60% or higher to pass

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Differences from Middle School

- Lunches
 - A, B, C, D
 - Mix of grade levels
 - Probably an even split on who buys/brings
- Block Scheduling
 - Each “block” or class is 90 minutes long
 - Lunch periods are 30 minutes
 - Prepares students for college course length
 - Ability to do “more” in class (science labs, gym classes, art, industrial courses, more activities, interaction, etc.)

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Bell Schedule

Blue Day/White Day Bell Schedule

Blue Day	White Day
1st Period 7:15 – 8:48 (93)	5th Period 7:15 – 8:48 (93)
2nd Period 8:53 – 10:26 (93)	Pathways to Excellence (6th) 8:53 – 10:26 (93) 8:53 – 9:25 Advisory/SEL 9:25 – 10:26 Academic Assistance
3rd Period 10:31 – 12:31 (120) A Lunch = 10:26 – 10:55 B Lunch = 10:57 – 11:27 C Lunch = 11:29 – 11:59 D Lunch = 12:01 – 12:31	7th Period 10:31 – 12:31 (120) A Lunch = 10:26 – 10:55 B Lunch = 10:57 – 11:27 C Lunch = 11:29 – 11:59 D Lunch = 12:01 – 12:31
4th Period 12:36 – 2:09 (93)	8th Period 12:36 – 2:09 (93)

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Freshman Year- Academic Success

- PTE- 60 minutes of Academic Assistance
 - Test/quiz make up from absence
 - Extra help/tutoring with teacher
- Before School Assistance (6:30)
- Peer Tutors during study hall
- After School Assistance: Mondays/Wednesdays 2:15-2:50
- Students need to advocate for themselves
- Our teachers will be happy to help – but they can't address what they don't know- please encourage your children to speak up and advocate for themselves

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New Diploma (Starting with Class of 2029)

- First and foremost, please trust in Lake Central and your child's school counselor that many conversations take place regarding scheduling and tracking the correct classes to set them up for a successful future after high school
- Have a conversation at home about plans after high school. College? Work? Trade School? Military? Stay home or go away? Future career plans?
- Discuss AP and Dual Credit options with your students

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Required Freshmen Courses

- 1. English- English 9 or English 9 Honors**
- 2. Math- Algebra 1, Geometry Honors, Geometry**
- 3. Science- Biology, Biology Honors**
- 4. Social Studies- Geography History of the World, AP Human Geography**
- 5. Physical Education- one semester**
- 6. Preparing for College and Careers-one semester**
- 7. Computer Science-one semester**

****World Language (Spanish, German, French)- College Requirement**

English 9 Honors = Summer Reading List

All freshmen course options, including course descriptions, are listed on our Course Selection Guide found on the LCHS Guidance webpage.

Many courses utilize eTextbooks that have online access, study materials, and hard copies kept in the classroom (course fees are still the same)

New Diploma (Class of 2029 and beyond)



INDIANA
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THE NEW INDIANA DIPLOMA: EARNING CREDITS FOR SY 2025-2026

The new Indiana diploma, effective for all students beginning with the class of 2029, includes a base (minimum requirements) for every student, plus the opportunity to earn readiness seals aligned with their unique path. Students are encouraged to seize this flexibility by personalizing their high school experience. The new seals provide additional intentionality to maximize readiness and are designed to be permeable, allowing students to update their graduation plan and pivot, if their original interests and goals change. Students who do not earn a seal must still complete components 2 and 3 of Graduation Pathways.

	REQUIRED CREDITS	FLEXIBLE CREDITS
ENGLISH	8 CREDITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credits: English 9 1 credit: Communications-focused course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 additional English credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex.: English 10-12, American Literature, World Literature, Expository Writing, etc.
MATH	7 CREDITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credits: Algebra I 1 credit: Personal Finance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 additional math credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Business Math, etc.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENGINEERING	7 CREDITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credits: Biology I 1 credit: Computer Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 additional science credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. Biology II, Chemistry I, Physics I, etc. 2 STEM-focused credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. Plant and Soil Science, Principles of Engineering, Software Development, etc.
SOCIAL STUDIES	5 CREDITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credits: U.S. History 1 credit: U.S. Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 credits: World Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex. Geography and History of the World, AP World History, French III, etc.
PE/HEALTH	2 CREDITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit: Physical Education 1 credit: Health & Wellness 	
PERSONALIZED ELECTIVES	12 CREDITS	Students are encouraged to utilize the new readiness-seals to align these personalized electives with their unique goals. Personalized electives can include a variety of courses, such as Career and Technical Education (CTE), Performing or Fine Arts, and World Languages.
COLLEGE & CAREERS	1 CREDIT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 credit: Preparing for College & Careers 	Preparing for College and Careers can be offered in middle school to provide additional flexibility in a student's high school schedule.

A complete list of eligible courses for the 2025-2026 school year can be found [here](#).

Note: The federally-required alternate diploma for students in special education with a significant cognitive disability is still available.

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ENROLLMENT

- Complete at least 4 World Language and 6 Social Studies credits
- Complete at least 8 Math credits
 - Algebra I plus Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus or any advanced math credits aligned to their course of study
- Complete at least 6 Science credits
 - Biology I plus Chemistry and Physics or any advanced lab science credits aligned to their course of study
- Earn a C or higher in all courses and earn a cumulative B average
- Complete one of the following:
 - Earn 4 credits in AP, IB, or Cambridge courses and take corresponding exams
 - Earn 6 college credits
 - Score a 1250 on the SAT or a 26 on the ACT
 - Earn two of the following:
 - At least 3 college credits
 - 2 credits in AP courses and take corresponding exams
 - 2 credits in IB courses and take corresponding exams
 - 2 credits in Cambridge courses and take corresponding exams



EMPLOYMENT

- Complete one of the following:
 - A market-driven credential of value* aligned to a specific occupation
 - 3 courses in a Career and Technology Education (CTE) pathway
 - An approved career preparation experience aligned to Indiana's CSA program, or
 - An approved, locally-created pathway
- Complete 150 hours of work-based learning (may include multiple experiences that are paid, unpaid, on-site, or simulated)
- Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
- Meet attendance goal



ENLISTMENT & SERVICE

- Complete one of the following:
 - Introduction to Public Service course or approved locally-created equivalent
 - Emphasis on developing an awareness of the physical standards and character required for service
 - One year of JROTC in high school
- Achieve a score of 31 on the ASVAB and complete one of the following:
 - All three components of the Career Exploration Program
 - A career exploration tool approved by IDOE
- Meet attendance goal
- Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic
 - Externally verified through a mentorship experience with current military personnel, veterans, or other public safety professionals



Earn the Honors Enrollment Seal, **plus:**

- Earn a credential of value* that may include, for example:
 - Associate degree:
 - Technical Certificate:
 - Indiana College Core:
 - AP Scholar with Distinction:
 - Cambridge AICE Diploma: or
 - IB Diploma
- Complete at least 75 hours of work-based learning (may include multiple experiences that are paid, unpaid, on-site, or simulated)
- Demonstrate skill development in the following areas: Communication, Collaboration, and Work Ethic

Earn the Honors Employment Seal, **plus:**

- Earn a market-driven credential of value* that may include, for example:
 - Associate degree:
 - Technical Certificate:
 - Indiana College Core: or
 - Advanced industry certificate
- Complete additional work-based learning (total of 650 hours in one or more experiences) that may include, for example:
 - Pre-Apprenticeship
 - Modern Youth Apprenticeship
- Demonstrate skill development in Communication, Collaboration, Work Ethic, and any additional skills determined locally

Earn the Honors Enlistment Seal, **plus:**

- Complete one of the following:
 - Achieve a score of 50 or higher on the ASVAB
 - Enrollment in ROTC at the collegiate level
 - Acceptance to a service academy
- Demonstrate excellence in leadership through one of the following:
 - Completion of at least 100 hours of public service:
 - Holding a leadership role in a co/extracurricular activity:
 - Completion of two seasons of a team-based physical sport or activity

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Course Selection Guide

Available Online!

LAKE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
COURSE SELECTION GUIDE



2026-2027

Lake Central High School **Academically Challenging**

- 192 Course Offerings
- 26 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- 36 Dual Credit Courses
- 16 Honors/Advanced Courses
- 23 Career Technology and Certification Courses

What Can I do to Help My Child?

- Check Skyward at least once a week to monitor grades
 - Attendance and Discipline can also be viewed here
- Become familiar with their courses and teachers – encourage students to check Canvas for assignments, due date calendars, study materials, etc.
- Communicate with their teachers, counselors, assistant principals if extenuating circumstances arise
- Be aware of the social media platforms they are using –
- Encourage healthy habits: sleep, good nutrition, balanced life
- Believe in them! They are going to do AMAZING things!

IEPs/504s/ILPs

- If your student has an IEP, ILP or 504 plan, you will get to know Mrs. Mary Rebey, Mrs. Cameron Cain, and Mrs. Cara Klaich very well!
 - Transition meetings for IEPs are occurring throughout the year. 504 and ILP will transfer over the summer.
 - Get involved- Contact one of us if support is needed.
 - Let us know concerns and worries, we can help!

Freshmen Rush – More Info. Coming Soon!



- Typically early August (TBD: *Wed. 8-5-26*)
- Locate classrooms, locker, become acquainted with the school
- Program- “Preparing for High School Success”
- Meet New Friends, play games, eat lunch, and get your first LCHS Class of 2030 shirt!

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First Day of School

Blue Day

Periods 1-4

Wednesday, August 11, 2026



WE ARE LC!

