

La Center High School Annual Report

2007 - 2008 School year

Mission Statement

The mission of La Center High School is to provide a positive, caring environment founded on high standards where all students develop skills necessary to be responsible citizens, active learners, and productive members of a modern global community.

Our Staff

Certificated		Males	Females
Teachers	25	11	14
Support Staff			
Administrators	2	1	1
Athletic Director	1	1	
Vocational director	1	1	
Classified			
Classroom Aides	3		3
Custodians	3	2	1
Support Staff	9		9

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Faculty & Staff

Dave Holmes, Principal

Lauri Landerholm, Asst. Principal

<i>Lynne Adams</i>	<i>Athletic Secretary</i>
<i>Linda Anderson</i>	<i>Aide</i>
<i>Marian Bakker</i>	<i>Registrar</i>
<i>Dave Bolden</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Kathy Bounds</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
<i>Sharon Bryan</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Matt Cooke</i>	<i>Bus Ed/FBLA/Wt. Training</i>
<i>Greg Cooper</i>	<i>Band/Choir</i>
<i>Julie Croskrey</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>Brenda Faulkner</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Amy Fernandes</i>	<i>Career Guidance Facilitator</i>
<i>Steve Frucci</i>	<i>Athletic Director</i>
<i>Shirley Gleason</i>	<i>Food Service Supervisor</i>
<i>Heather Grotte</i>	<i>English/History</i>
<i>Rebecca Harris</i>	<i>A.L.C.</i>
<i>Rhea Heaton</i>	<i>Spanish</i>
<i>Robert Hill</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Sheila Holter</i>	<i>English/Short Story</i>
<i>Lori Jeske</i>	<i>Counselor</i>
<i>John Johnson</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>Karla Karukes</i>	<i>Life Skills</i>
<i>Don Landes -McCullough</i>	<i>Drama/Art</i>
<i>Forbes Lapp</i>	<i>P.E.</i>
<i>Shawn Link</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
<i>Beth Marshall</i>	<i>Library Technician</i>
<i>Sherrie Mojica</i>	<i>Aide</i>
<i>Teri Newman</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Rita Peterson</i>	<i>Librarian</i>
<i>Jim Mullholland</i>	<i>Metals</i>
<i>Pam Nesland</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>Cathy Osborn</i>	<i>High School Secretary</i>
<i>Steve Prewitt</i>	<i>Science/Health</i>
<i>Harvey Pust</i>	<i>Industrial Arts</i>
<i>Joyce Rose</i>	<i>Home & Family Life/Health</i>
<i>Jack Sahling</i>	<i>Resource Room</i>
<i>Steve Schweikhardt</i>	<i>Transition Teacher</i>
<i>Kate Stevens</i>	<i>English/History</i>
<i>Deena Strawn</i>	<i>Cashier</i>
<i>Nancy Stupfel</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
<i>Andy Taylor</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Paula Tell</i>	<i>Counselor</i>
<i>Toni Vinciguerra</i>	<i>English</i>

Graduate Data

The chart below provides information about the graduates who leave high school bound for additional schooling, work, or the military. La Center High School generally has more than 60% of its graduates pursue some form of post high school training, including 4 year college, 2 year college or vocational/technical school. One of the goals is to maintain a program which continues to have a relatively low drop out rate.

	Class of 2008	Class of 2007	Class of 2006
Total Graduates	90	89	102
College Bound (4yr)	30	27	27
College Bound (2 yr)	36	39	52
Vocational School	2	3	9
Military	7	4	4
Work	13	6	5
Misc.	10		
Graduating	87%	88%	90%

Dropping out of School 5% 6% 9%

Co-Hort graduation rate as defined by state statute was 77.7%
(2007-2008)

Demographics

This section gives some basic demographic information about the student and staff population of our school.

Our Students grades 9 -12 2007-2008

Am Indian	1.7%	Smallest Class	6
Black	.9%	Largest Class	61
Asian	2.0%	Average Class	19
Hispanic	2.8%		
White	90.8%		

2007 - 2008 Accomplishments

Conducted very successfully, our first student led conferences.

Reviewed and updated Navigation 101 curriculum.

Continued to improve school webpage and teacher lesson plan pages.

Conducted successful safety lockdown and evacuation drill with local police and fire in conjunction with table top exercise and review of building safety plan.

Increased number of Parent Link publications and distributed hard copies as well as continued those postings on our webpage.

The band and choir attended and won numerous awards at the Band and Choir Festival in Seattle last spring and also at the Best in the NW festival.

Began using parent e-mail as a new means of communication.

Began offering on-line classes in both Health and Washington State History.

Re-aligned and expanded our elective offerings in our Social Studies Dept.

Conducted an all school BBQ and 8th grade parent night to smooth transitions for our incoming freshman.

Expanded our vocational class offerings to record levels. This included the development of a course in Fashion Design.

Boys and Girls Cross Country, Football, Girls and Boys Soccer, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Boys and Girls Golf, Softball, Boys and Girls Track and Equestrian all made the state playoffs or championship tournaments.

Conducted a very successful career fair with over 30 local professionals participating.

Assessment Data

Included in this data are grade point averages by class for the past few years, as well as the school's average test results from required state testing and college entrance exams (SAT). As with any testing, the average score is affected by the number of students taking the test. The relatively small number of students involved in the tests may cause averages to fluctuate substantially from year to year.

AVERAGE GPA BY CLASS

	<u>2007-2008</u>		<u>2006 – 2007</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>	
	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Honor Roll</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Honor Roll</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Honor Roll</u>
9 th	2.63	37%	2.45	26%	2.67	34%
10 th	2.81	28%	2.80	32%	2.66	30%
11 th	2.85	34%	2.69	43%	2.68	34%
12 th	2.44	40%	2.60	45%	2.80	41%
Average School GPA	2.68		2.62		2.70	
Average Honor Roll	35%		35%		35%	

COLLEGE TESTS

SAT

<u>Average Writing Scores</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Our School	495	508
Washington State	509	510
United States	494	494
<u>Average Critical Reading Scores</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Our School	498	510
Washington State	526	526
United States	502	502
<u>Average Math Scores</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Our School	489	501
Washington State	533	531
United States	515	515

Test Scores

2007-2008 10TH Grade WASL

		% Not Tested	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	LCHS Meeting Standard	State Wide Meeting Standard
Reading	08	5%	9.2%	29.4%	47.9%	77.9%	81.3%
	07	7.6%	10.8%	25.0%	59.2%	84.6%	80.6%
Math	08	2.6%	20.7%	29.3%	19%	49.2%	49.3%
	07	6.1%	25.2%	36.6%	22.0%	58.5%	50.2%
Writing	08	4.2%	6.7%	32.8%	52.9%	86.1%	86.2%
	07	10%	5.9%	28.8%	58.5%	87.6%	83.6%

Professional Qualifications

	LCHS
Total number of Certificated teachers	25.6
Teacher Experience (Avg. years.)	18.4
Teachers with at least a masters degree	89.5%
Teachers holding a provisional or a Emergency certificate.	0
% of classes not taught by “highly qualified teachers “as defined by state standards.	0

Activities

Students, who participate in athletics and activities at La Center High School, continue to excel and bring pride to our school. Our successes come from the dedication of students, coaches and advisors. Results from participation can easily be seen across our campus and throughout the student body as well. These extracurricular activities include:

Knowledge Bowl	Football	Volleyball
Dance Team	Girls Soccer	Boys Soccer
FBLA	Cross Country	Softball
Boys Basketball	Track	Yearbook
Girls Basketball	Baseball	VICA
Cheerleading	Wrestling	Science Club
Weight Club	Honor Society	FCCLA
Equestrian	Golf	

*VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

* FCCLA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America

Activity Participation

	<u>2006 - 2007</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>		<u>2004-2005</u>	
	<u>Students %</u>		<u>Students %</u>		<u>Students %</u>	
Band	78	16.8%	88	18.8%	57	13.5%
Choir	24	5.2%	24	5.1%	33	7.8%
Honor Society	18	3.9%	22	4.7%	29	6.9%
FCCLA	80	17.2%	12	2.5%	20	4.7%
VICA	16	3.4%	13	2.7%	25	5.9%
DECCA	12	2.6%	10	2.1%	9	2.1%
Drama	22	4.7%	21	4.5%	22	5.2%
Knowledge Bowl	10	2.2%	12	2.5%	12	2.8%
Non-participants	205	44.1%	266	56.83%	236	56.05%
All Activities	260	55.9%	202	43.16%	185	43.94%

Sports Participation

	<u>2007 -2008</u>		<u>2006-2007</u>		<u>2005-2006</u>	
Fall	189	41.4%	192	41%	144	34.4%
Winter	91	19.9%	87	19%	81	18.5%
Spring	137	30%	135	33%	109	25.5%
Total	417		414		334	

Running Start

Running Start is a state-wide program where juniors and seniors can attend a local community college and receive high school and college credit at the same time. Through the Running Start program, many students over the last 4 years have earned an AA degree from Clark College or Lower Columbia College while meeting the requirements for high school graduation. Other students graduated with only a few credits yet to be earned toward their two-year college degree.

		<u>Students</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>College Credits</u>
Fall	2007	28	78	322
Winter	2008	33	88	347
Spring	2008	27	81	294
Fall	2006	34	46	319
Winter	2007	32	53	310
Spring	2007	28	54	258
Fall	2005	32	73	284
Winter	2006	33	90	300
Spring	2006	29	92	278

Attendance Data

The data below shows the percentage of students who have been absent nine or more days during the school year and also those who were gone five or less days. This is based on students who were gone three or more periods.

<u>Percent of Students</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>
Absent 9 or more days (3 + periods)	49%	51%	44%
Absent 5 or less days	35%	34%	25
Average Daily attendance	92.88%	92.96%	92.34%

Vocational Program

La Center High School currently provides programs in business, keyboarding and computer application, independent living, creative cooking, sewing/personal choices, family health, child development and industrial arts as well as small engine repair, woods 1 and woods 2, leather craft, metals 1, metals 2 and metal art welding and Fashion Design. ASB club activities such as FBLA, FCCLA and VICA support the curriculum in these vocational programs.

Goals for 2008-2009

La Center School District will strive to create a supportive environment that empowers students and staff to reach their fullest potential.

Work in partnership with families, the community, and employees to create life-long learners who can adapt to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse world.

Professional development opportunities will be focused on a limited number of disciplines.

Administration and teachers will work to have focused growth opportunities around improved teacher instruction.

Faculty and Navigation Captains have identified the need to continue to modify Navigation 101 to better meet student needs and graduation requirements.

Faculty and the social studies department will work together to discontinue senior seminar and move those learning objectives into Navigation 101.

Improve student, parent, and teacher communication. Provide career planning and graduation requirement fulfillment.

Improve student's awareness and reduce incidents of bullying and harassment.

Research identifies "high levels of parent and community involvement" as one of the nine identified characteristics of high performing schools and we will work to improve connections with our parents and community.

Improve Student led conferences at the HS and support implementation at the Middle school.

Our School

La Center High School is the 9 -12 high school serving the students and parents of the La Center School District. The high school was originally completed in 1993 and has undergone considerable remodeling in the high school office and career center along with the construction of a new two story wing which has a new Library and eleven new classrooms. With the average enrollment of 479 students during the 2007-2008 school year, La Center High School is in the "A" school classification, a member of the SWW A League and WIAA District four.

A wide variety of curricular and extracurricular activities are available to the students of La Center High School. Included in these are, Concert Band, Choral Ensemble, Jazz Band and Jazz Choir, Science Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Running Start, Skills Center, Knowledge Bowl, Honor Society, an exceptional Drama and Art program, as well as a highly successful athletic program.

La Center High School provides students opportunity to use technology in a number of lab settings. There are in excess of 180 computers in the high school. The business lab has IBM compatible computers running the software Microsoft Office.

How you can help

Parents can become involved in La Center High School and their children's education in many ways. They can become generally involved with the organization called P.I.E. (Parents Involved in Education.) These parents volunteer their time to help during lunch hours, and in the Library. If they wish to become more specifically involved with their children's education, they can join such groups as the Booster Club, LCEF (La Center Education Foundation), Music Association, Vocational Advisory, and Senior Parents. Parents involved in these support groups support specific activities and provide fundraising assistance. Participation of parents is vitally important to maintain a quality school. If you would like to get involved in any of these activities, please contact the High School office at 263-1700.

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