



La Center High School Annual Report

2015-2016



Mission Statement

The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We will do this in partnership with families, the community, and employees to create life-long learners who can adapt to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.

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. With an average enrollment of 565 during the 2015-2016 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, and Jazz Band, Science Club, 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. Digital devices on carts are available for classroom use to support teacher curriculum. A building-wide WiFi system provides optimal support for students and staff.

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>2015-2016</u>		<u>2014-2015</u>		<u>2013-2014</u>	
	<u>GPA Honor Roll</u>		<u>GPA Honor Roll</u>		<u>GPA Honor Roll</u>	
9 th	2.57	21%	2.72	35%	2.54	31%
10 th	2.77	20%	2.46	29%	2.78	32%
11 th	2.65	19%	2.82	34%	2.62	22%
12 th	2.86	18%	2.79	24%	2.68	20%
Average School GPA	2.71%		2.70%		2.65%	
Average Honor Roll	19.5%		30.5%		26.25%	

Test Scores

2015-2016 Test Scores Math / Biology EOC (End of Course)

Subject	# of Students Tested/Signed up
Algebra 1	42
Biology	136

SBA (Smarter Balance)

	<u>Count</u>	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Not Tested</u>	<u>Prev. Passed/Exempt</u>
11th Grade English	147	6	26	115
11th Grade Math	144	8	* (128)	128

*Incomplete testing / Previously Passed

College Tests

SAT Scores

<u>Avg. Reading Scores</u>	<u>2016(Spring)</u>	<u>2015 Spring</u>
LCHS	630	505
WA State	562	510
United States	548	534

<u>Avg. Math Scores</u>	<u>2016 Spring</u>	<u>2015 Spring</u>
LCHS	618	514
WA State	561	518
United States	549	537

ACT Composite Scores

2016

LCHS	22.5
WA State	23.1
United States	N/A

Running Start

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Students</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>College Credits</u>
Fall	2015	77	233	831
Winter	2016	75	217	840
Spring	2016	71	210	773
Fall	2014	76	229	830
Winter	2015	73	244	806
Spring	2015	68	214	712
Fall	2013	66	192	825
Winter	2014	66	188	789
Spring	2014	63	181	770

Running Start is a state-wide program where juniors and seniors may attend a local community college and receive high school and college credit simultaneously. 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 still to be earned toward their two-year college degree.

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 dropout rate.

	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
Total Graduates	122	103
College Bound (4 year)	54	44
College Bound (2 year)	48	43
Vocational School	3	4
Military	5	5
Work	12	7
Misc.	0	0
Graduating	92.42%	94.17%
Dropout	3.7% (5/132)	0.009% (1/103)

Demographics

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

Our Students grades 9 -12 **2015-2016**

American Indian	0.2%	Smallest Class	4
Black	0.5%	Largest Class	44
Asian	1.7%	Average Class	21
Hispanic	5.9%		
White	90.2%		
Multiracial and not provided	1.4%		

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	Science Club
Cheerleading	Boys & Girls Wrestling	Chess Team
Weight Club	Honor Society	
Equestrian	Boys & Girls Golf	

Activity Participation

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
Band	28	26
Choir	44	47
Honor Society	24	32
FBLA	15	15
Drama	31	30
Knowledge Bowl	14	24
Non-participants	423	376
All Activities	142	174

Sports Participation

	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Fall	184 32.5%	180 32.7%	173 43%
Winter	95 16.8%	93 16.9%	85 21%
Spring	144 25.4%	145 26.3%	146 36%
Total	423	418	404

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>2015-2016</u>
Absent 9 or more days	64%
Absent 5 or less days	27%
Average Daily attendance	92.62%

Vocational Program

La Center High School currently provides programs in business, keyboarding and computer application, industrial arts including small engine repair, woods 1 and woods 2 and metals 1 and metals 2. ASB club activities such as FBLA support the curriculum in these vocational programs.

Professional Qualifications

La Center High School

Total number of certificated teachers	29
Teacher experience (avg. years.)	19.3
Teachers with at least a master's degree	79.3%
Teachers holding a provisional or an Emergency Certificate.	0
(Percentage of classes not taught by "highly qualified Teachers as defined by state standards.)	0

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Faculty & Staff

<i>Carol Patton</i>	<i>Principal</i>
<i>Kurt Gray</i>	<i>Associate Principal</i>
<i>Matt Cooke</i>	<i>Athletic Director</i>
<i>Kathy Bounds</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
<i>Miranda Brothers</i>	<i>Special Ed.</i>
<i>Sharon Bryan</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Brian Clegg</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Lynn Cooke</i>	<i>Librarian</i>
<i>Julie Croskrey</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>Joan Daugherty</i>	<i>Athletic Secretary</i>
<i>Tim DiStefano</i>	<i>Counselor</i>
<i>Denelle Eiesland</i>	<i>Special Ed Services</i>
<i>Shirley Gleason</i>	<i>Food Service Supervisor</i>
<i>Karen Gozart</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Heather Grotte</i>	<i>English/History</i>
<i>Rhea Heaton</i>	<i>Spanish</i>
<i>Andrew Helm</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>RaeJean Hendricks</i>	<i>Counselor</i>
<i>Robert Hill</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>John Johnson</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>Nicole Johnson</i>	<i>Student Services</i>
<i>Karla Karukes</i>	<i>Life Skills</i>
<i>John Lambert</i>	<i>Business</i>
<i>Forbes Lapp</i>	<i>P.E.</i>
<i>Shawn Link</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
<i>Valerie Luiz</i>	<i>Registrar</i>
<i>Brenda Mangus</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Beth Marshall</i>	<i>Library Technician</i>
<i>Rebecca Morris</i>	<i>Project Study/Social Studies</i>
<i>Joyce Mosby</i>	<i>Health</i>
<i>Jim Neiman</i>	<i>Metals, Woods, Vocational</i>
<i>Teri Newman</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Cathy Osborn</i>	<i>High School Secretary</i>
<i>Carol Orley</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Kristy Podelnyk/Paula Leach</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Deena Reed</i>	<i>Cashier</i>
<i>Kate Stevens</i>	<i>English/History</i>
<i>Sara Storer</i>	<i>Drama/Art</i>
<i>Andy Taylor</i>	<i>Custodian</i>
<i>Minna Thayer</i>	<i>Math</i>
<i>Joyce Vierck</i>	<i>Science</i>
<i>Dave Williams</i>	<i>Band/Choir</i>
<i>Denise Yurecko</i>	<i>Attendance/Office Aide</i>
<i>Brian Zylstra</i>	<i>Global Studies</i>

Our Staff

Certificated		Males	Females
Teachers	27	9	18
Administrators	2	1	1
Athletic Director	1	1	
Classified			
Paraprofessionals	4	1	3
Custodians	3	1	2
Support Staff	8		8

2015-2016 Accomplishments

- LCHS completed the three-year Accreditation Renewal required by OSPI
- The graduating class of 2016 was offered \$3,587,397.00 in scholarships, awards, and GI Bills.
- The La Center Community Garden project was developed with the Environmental Studies class designing the garden.
- The LCHS Environmental Studies class was certified at level 6 for a WA Green School.
- Two teams from LCHS won the Imagine Tomorrow awards. One was in Alternative Fuels and the other was a Community Impact award for the La Center Community Garden.
- LCHS was the only high school to ever certify in two categories in one year for the WA Green School Program.
- The LCHS library was a recipient of one of 55 STEM grants from the WA State library
- The Knowledge Bowl team placed 1st in the district
- Rosalino Martinez won the 2016 Iron Chef Championship
- Two groups attended the Phoenix 10 and 11 programs at Camp Collins, sponsored by the YMCA, Synergo and the La Center School District. Fifty two students benefited from this outstanding experience.
- The LCHS Jazz Band received 3rd place at the Clark College Jazz Festival in their division.

In our athletic program:

League

- 4th in League: Boys Basketball
- 3rd in League: Volleyball, Girls Soccer, & Girls Track
- 2nd in League: Football, Boys XC, Boys Soccer, Baseball
- League Champs: Girls XC, Girls Basketball, Softball

Districts 4:

- 4th in Districts: Girls Track
- 3rd in Districts: Boys XC
- 2nd in Districts: Boys Soccer, Girls Golf
- District Champs: Girls XC, Girls BB, Softball, and Knowledge Bowl

1A State:

- 7th in State: Girls Cross Country
- State Champs: Softball

2016-2017 Goals

SMART Goal: 1

Identify and construct strategies to remove barriers to student learning.

Measurements:

85% of freshman students will complete 6 credits at the end of the year.

90% of sophomore students will complete 12 credits at the end of the year.

95% of junior students will complete 18 credits at the end of the year.

100% of senior students will complete 24 credits at the end of the year.

SMART Goal: 2

Improving the climate and culture within LCHS through implementing trauma-informed practices as evidence by decreased teacher referrals and absenteeism.

How you can help

Parents may become involved in La Center High School and their children's education in many ways. If you wish to become more specifically involved with your children's education, you may join such groups as the Booster Club, LCEF (La Center Education Foundation), Music Association, Vocational Advisory, and Senior Parents. Parents involved in these 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.