



La Center School District ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

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THE LCSD MISSION

The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We fulfill our mission with the partnership of families, the community and employees working together to create lifelong learners who can adapt to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.



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Message from the Superintendent

The 2018-19 school year was once again a very exciting and successful period for the La Center School District. School board members, teachers, administrators, parents and students worked together as a community to meet many of our goals, some of which were established at the beginning of the year and some that we have been working on for a long time.

The district was able to agree to three-year contracts with both our teacher's association and our classified union. This will give the district financial stability in the near term and allow us to concentrate on meeting the growth and changing dynamics of our district. As we have all observed, our community is growing at an alarming rate and the district has the duty to house and educate all students that enroll due to this growth.

Working with our architects and taking comments and input from staff and community members we were able to complete the design for the new middle school by the end of the year and are now in the bidding process with groundbreaking to commence in the spring of 2020. The projected move-in date is August of 2021.

Our high school graduation rate and our high school math and English language arts scores on state tests continue to far outpace the state averages. We were able to prepare our students for this success while not increasing our local tax collection, even though the state legislature allowed districts statewide to do so. Our board maintained its commitment to holding the line on property taxes while many other districts around us raised their collections even without a new vote.

We all look forward to a productive 2019-20 school year during which we will work to oversee the construction of the new middle school, increase graduation rates to even higher percentages, guard taxpayer resources and maintain the assets that the community has entrusted us with.

Dave Holmes
Superintendent

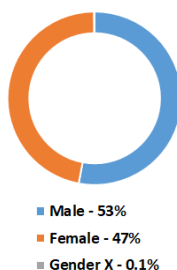




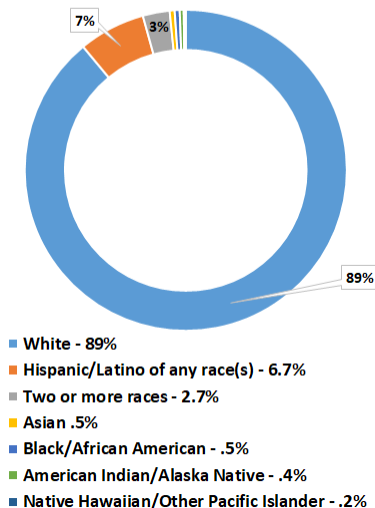
About La Center Schools...

Total Enrollment
1725
Oct. 2018

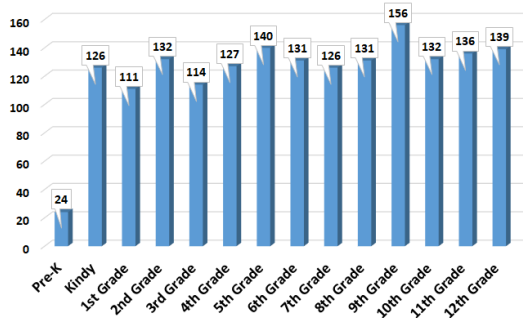
Gender



Race/Ethnicity



Number Of Students/Grade Level



Free & Reduced Lunch Program
20.3%
Free—250
Reduced—92

Number of Teachers
103

Average Years Of Experience
18.1

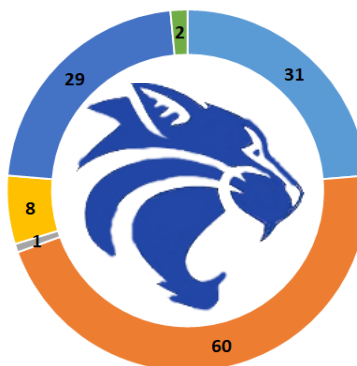
TEACHER DEMOGRAPHICS

% of Teachers With Master's Degrees or Higher
69%

Average Student/Teacher Ratio
18



Class of 2019



Class of 2019
122
Total Graduates

Class of 2019
93.1%
Graduation Rate

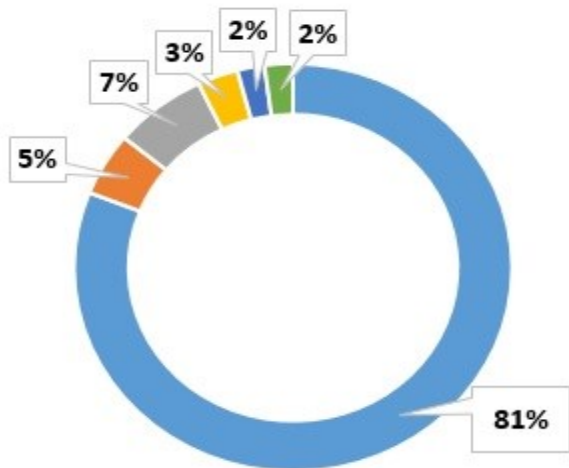
LCSD Financial Information

Revenue Sources 2018-19



- State \$17,244,292 81.30%
- Federal \$878,000 4.10%
- Local Tax \$2,333,941 11.00%
- Local Nontax \$630,200 3%
- Other \$133,000 0.60%

Expenditure Per Student 2017-18



- Teaching
- Business/School Offices/Administration
- Maintenance/Utilities/Insurance
- Food Service
- Technology
- Extracurricular



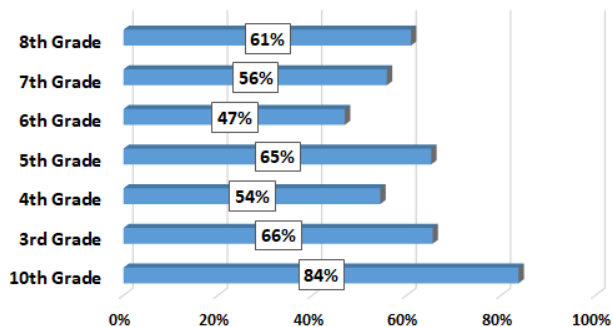
Come work with Us!

The La Center School District is a great place to work and boasts small class sizes, highly qualified staff, and a low employee turnover rate. Parents and community members support the mission of La Center School District through their involvement in our school programs and active volunteerism. For more information about why La Center is a great place to live and work, visit the district's employment page to see openings and to apply online.

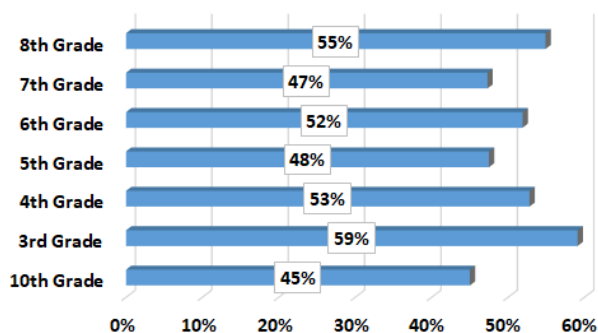
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OSPI Report Card Statistics

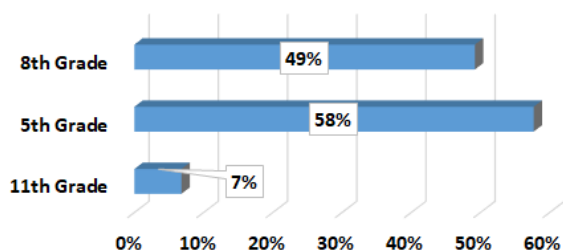
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Language Arts 2018-19**



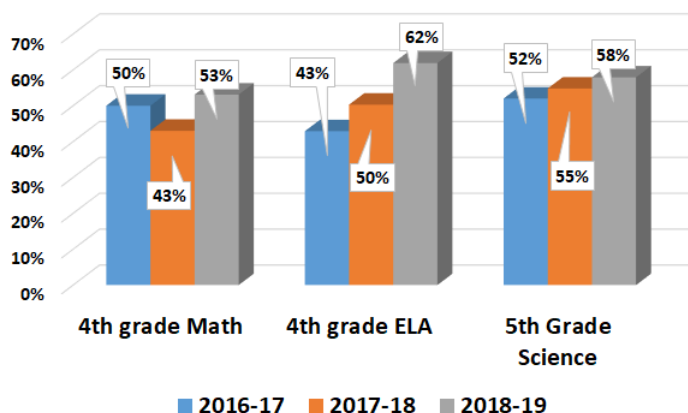
**Percent Meeting Standard - SBAC
Math 2018-19**



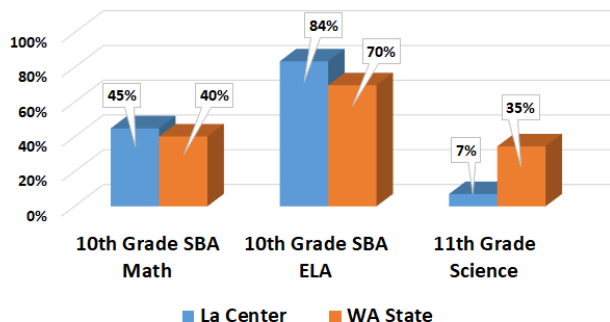
**Percent Meeting Standard - SBAC
Science 2018-19**



Smarter Balanced Assessment

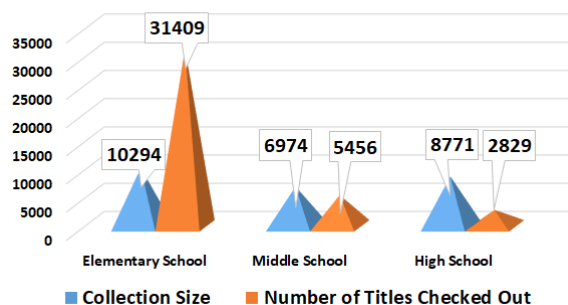


HS State Assessments

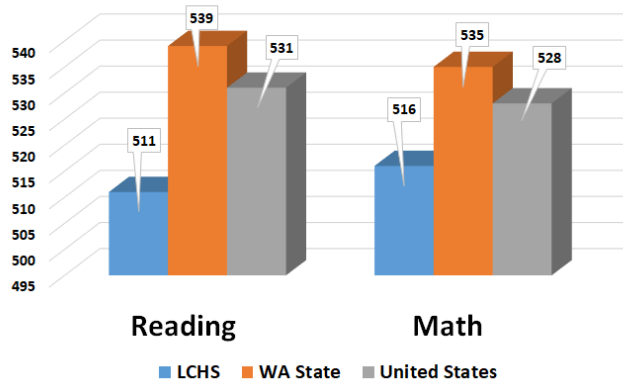


**ACT
Composite Scores
19.7
2019**

Library Usage by School



SAT Scores



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OSPI Report Card

Reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Weekly Art Specialist: Because of our full-time art teacher, every class had time each week to explore the amazing world of art. Students painted, weaved and did printmaking, to name just a few activities. A district-wide art show with over 800 pieces of art gave the community a glimpse of the amazing artistic abilities of our LCES students. There were about 300 people in attendance at both the elementary and HS campuses.

Leadership Clubs: Student-led club activities included: Bobcat Ambassadors, Bobcat Bike Team, Clean Team, Historians, Landscape Leadership Team, Paw Print Team, Recess Medics and the Recycling Team.

Schoolwide Program: The Schoolwide Program was successfully implemented in September, 2018 with 13 paraeducators overseen by a TOSA. The program offers expanded, embedded paraeducator support for each classroom, additional supervision of the playground and cafeteria along with increased connection between students, teachers, paraeducators and parents.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Olweus Bullying Program: The middle school piloted a bullying program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). The MS has established 4 anti-bullying rules: 1) We will not bully others 2) We will try to help students who are bullied 3) We will try to include students who are left out and 4) If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

We Are Silent Campaign: On Jan. 15th, many MS students participated in the pledge to be silent for 24 hours and to fundraise towards a selected cause through Free the Children. Participants were able to direct the money they raised through this campaign to go for items such as school kits (\$25), bundles of baby chicks (\$25), a goat (\$50), primary education for 1 child (\$50), clean water for a family for life (\$250), one year of healthy lunches for 10 students (\$250), or a farm animal bundle (\$250). In total, our students raised \$1280.15.

Ed Tutors: We had 51 7th and 8th grade students working with multiple elementary classrooms to assist students with reading, math, and many other fun activities. This year, we placed some of the more responsible students in the 6th grade classrooms to help out their younger peers. It was a really positive experience for everyone involved.

HIGH SCHOOL



Knowledge Bowl took 1st in districts and 6th at state. The environmental studies program received a Platinum Award from Green Schools for the 2nd year in a row. Drama put on one play, "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail," and one musical, "Peter and the Starcatcher." The challenge course raised sufficient funds to install a climbing tower. Select choir won 1st place in a K103 radio contest and sang on the air last December. LCHS band went on a field trip to Disneyland and received a plaque in recognition for supporting the arts.

Trico League Standings: 3rd Place: girls soccer and track. **2nd Place:** football, boys XC, wrestling and baseball, girls basketball and softball. **1st Place:** girls XC, volleyball and boys basketball.

District 4 Standings: 4th Place: boys XC and baseball, girls basketball and track. **2nd Place:** volleyball. **1st Place:** girls XC, boys basketball, equestrian and swim (4 Firsts).

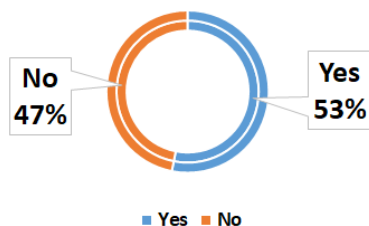
1A State Standings: 5th place: boys basketball. **3rd Place:** girls XC. **Swim** won 1 Third Place, 1 Second Place, 1 First Place & All Region Swimmer of the Year: Hailey Grotte.

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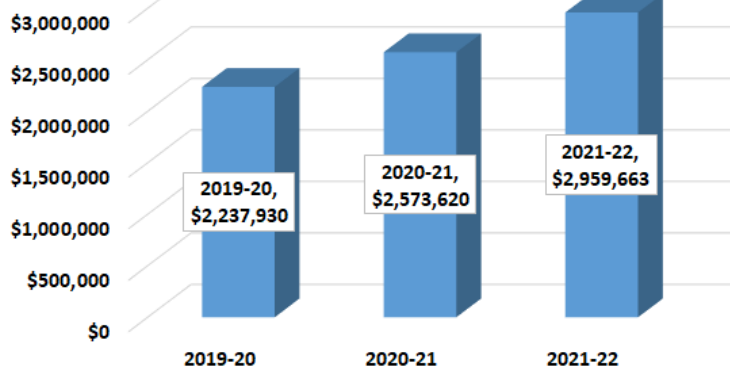


Local Levy Information

February 12, 2019 Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy Election Results

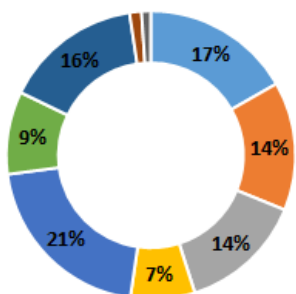


Levy Ask (Limited to \$1.50 per \$1000)



Levy Dollar Expenditures

- Extra-Curricular Activities - \$325,000
- Technology - \$280,000
- Food Service - \$270,000
- Transportation - \$140,000
- Maintenance Dept. - \$400,000
- Business Office - \$180,000
- Staffing Costs - \$300,000
- CTE - \$26,000
- Music - \$20,000



The McCleary Decision has led to significant changes in how K-12 education is funded in Washington. In an attempt to increase equity, the Washington legislature reduced the amount school districts could request in levy dollars at the same time they increased the amount the state collects and redistributes to all the schools in Washington.

For 2019, levies were capped at \$1.25 per \$1000 of home value (the 2018 levy rate was \$2.58), but the cap was raised for 2020 to \$2.50. When we ran the levy vote in February of 2019, the district made a commitment to stick to the \$1.25 levy lid even though, by law, we could raise it to \$2.50. Understanding that, we recently asked the taxpayers to pass a bond for the new middle school. We have stuck to this commitment and will not raise the levy lid beyond \$1.25 without taxpayer approval.



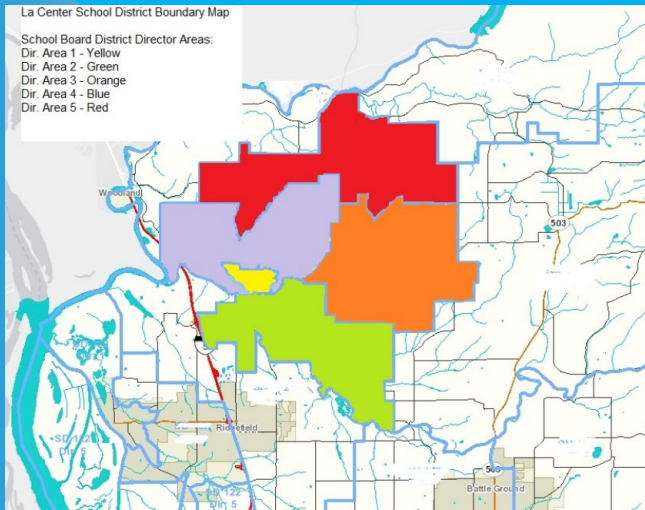
The La Center School Board



Cris Yaw	Todd Jones	Win Muffett	Wendy Chord	Eric Lindberg
Joined the School Board in 2007	Joined the School Board in 2010	Joined the School Board in 2017	Joined the School Board in 2008	Joined the School Board in 2015
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Upcoming School Board Meetings

Meeting	Date	Location	Time
Board Meeting	11/19/19	HS Library	7PM
No December Workshop			
Board Meeting	12/17/19	HS Library	7PM
Board Workshop	1/14/20	K-8 Library	7PM
Board Meeting	1/28/20	HS Library	7PM
Student Linkage/ Workshop	2/11/20	Various	8:30-11:30am



CONTACT US

We welcome any comments or suggestions from parents and community members. Citizens' comments are also welcome at La Center School Board meetings normally held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., in the La Center High School Library. Visit us at www.lacenterschools.org or follow us on Facebook for the latest District news.