



La Center School District ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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About La Center

La Center, Washington is a community located approximately 30 miles north of Portland, OR. Incorporated in 1909, La Center is situated along the East Fork of the Lewis River near the foothills of the Cascade Mountain Range. La Center's ideal location offers the benefits of small town living with convenient access to nearby cities.

The schools serve as a hub for the La Center community. The facilities are used from early morning until late in the evening for both student instruction and sporting events and activities. Our diversified learning opportunities include A/P, CTE, the La Center Academy and award-winning music, drama and athletic programs. Parents and community members actively support the mission of the La Center School District through their involvement in our school programs and active volunteerism. The La Center School District boasts small class sizes, highly qualified staff, and a low employee turnover rate.



La Center School District No. 101 complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and provides equal opportunity in programs and employment and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin/language, marital status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, creed, religion, age, veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. We also comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1974; the American with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Older Worker Protection Act; and all other state, federal and local equal opportunity laws. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures, contact Lauri Landerholm, Civil Rights Coordinator, 2001 NE Lockwood Creek Rd., La Center, WA 98629, (360) 263-2136 or by email at lauri.landerholm@lacenterschools.org. Inquiries regarding Title IX compliance procedures, contact Matt Cooke, Director of Athletics and Extracurricular Activities, 725 NE Highland Rd., La Center, WA 98629 at (360) 263-1700 or by email matt.cooke@lacenterschools.org. Inquiries regarding Section 504/ADA Coordinator, contact Carrie Lindsey, Director of Student Services, PO Box 1840, La Center, WA 98629, (360) 263-2131 or by email at carrie.lindsey@lacenterschools.org.

Dear La Center Families,

The 2023-2024 school year was a remarkable journey of academic focus and family engagement. Throughout the year, we worked hard to ensure our staff had the resources and professional development needed to support the diverse needs of our students. As we dove deeper into student learning, we recognized the complexity of reinforcing foundational skills for many of our learners. What became clear is that our success relies on a strong partnership with families—working together, not just as partners but as active participants in your children's education.

Our consistent focus this year has been on reading, writing, mathematics, and science, while continuing to offer social studies, physical education, the arts, and more. By minimizing distractions and maintaining our commitment to core subjects, we have made great strides toward achieving academic excellence for all students. We also recognize the ongoing effects of the disruptions caused by previous school shutdowns, and we are diligently working to close learning gaps.

In partnership with local companies like Quail Homes, Tapani Plumbing Inc., Rotschy, Inc., Wolf Industries, Builders First Source, and River City Enterprises, we've continued to expand opportunities for students in construction and trades. In the spring, students built sheds as part of our construction curriculum, and we've laid the groundwork for a shop that will support tiny home construction. Additionally, we initiated a culinary class that will start in the fall of 2024.

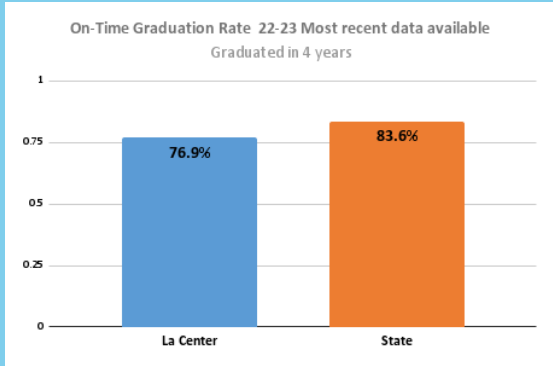
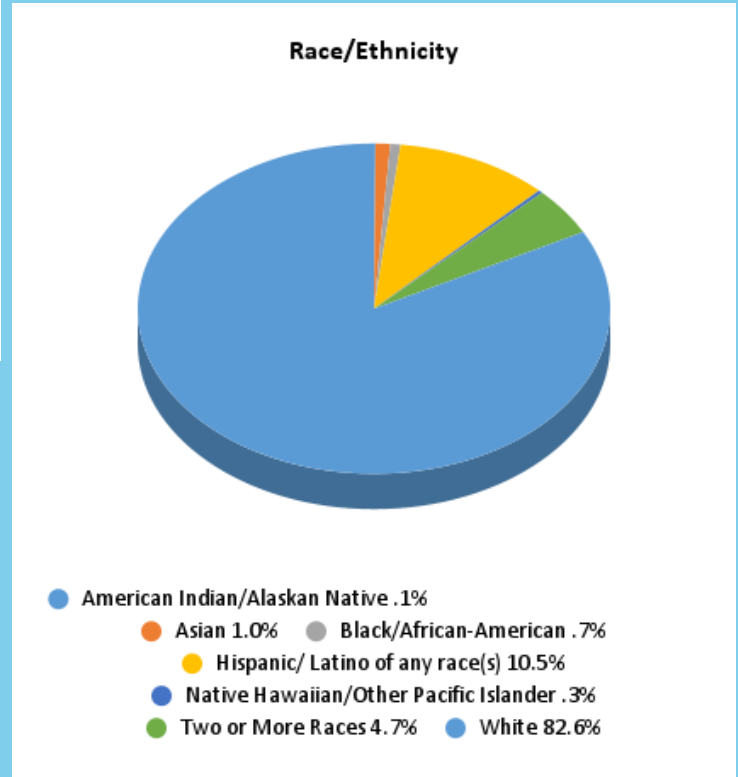
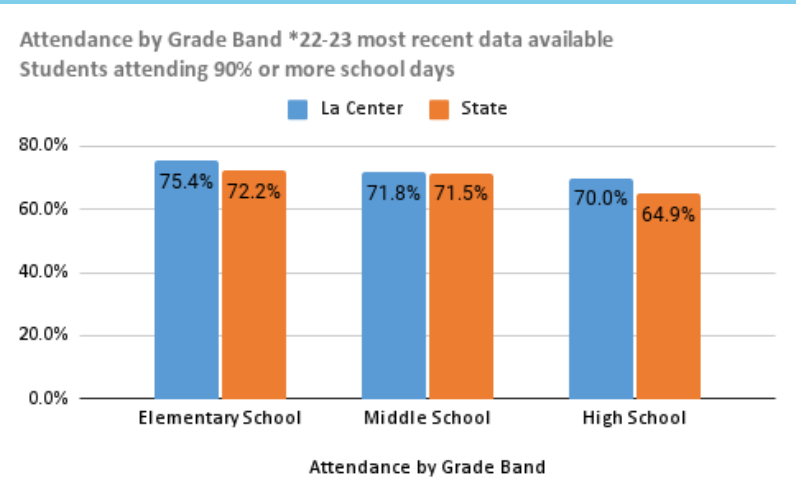
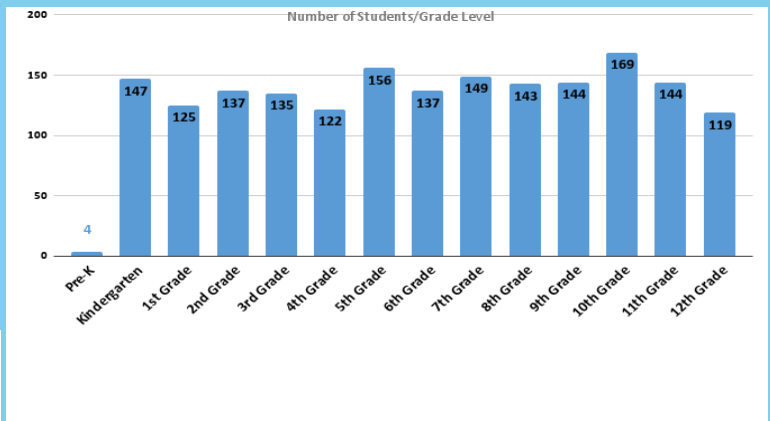
Our goal remains clear: to ensure students are prepared for life beyond high school, or as I call it, "grade 13." Significant progress has been made in reading and math, thanks to targeted professional development for our teachers, allowing us to meet the needs of every student. We are honored to uphold the district's mission of creating a supportive learning environment that empowers students to reach their full potential. By working alongside families, the community, staff, and students, we are fostering confident, self-reliant, lifelong learners who will thrive in an ever-changing, technologically advanced, and diverse society. Our community is truly remarkable, and we are thankful to serve our students and families. Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to the amazing growth and learning ahead!

Sincerely,
Peter Rosenkranz, Superintendent
La Center School District



About La Center

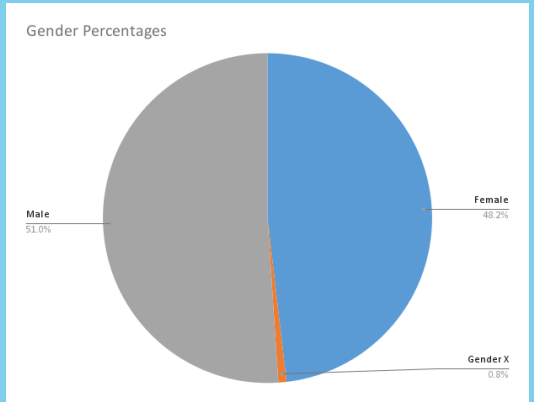
Total Enrollment
2023-2024
1831



La Center School District 2023-24

		General (SBA and WCAS)	Alternate (WA-AIM)
ELA	3rd Grade	49.3%	
	4th Grade	30.6%	
	5th Grade	53.2%	
	6th Grade	38.2%	
	7th Grade	43.8%	
	8th Grade	47.4%	
Math	3rd Grade	53.7%	
	4th Grade	31.4%	
	5th Grade	42.7%	
	6th Grade	36.8%	
	7th Grade	32.7%	
Science	8th Grade	31.6%	
	10th Grade	38.6%	
	5th Grade	67.5%	
	11th Grade	34.8%	

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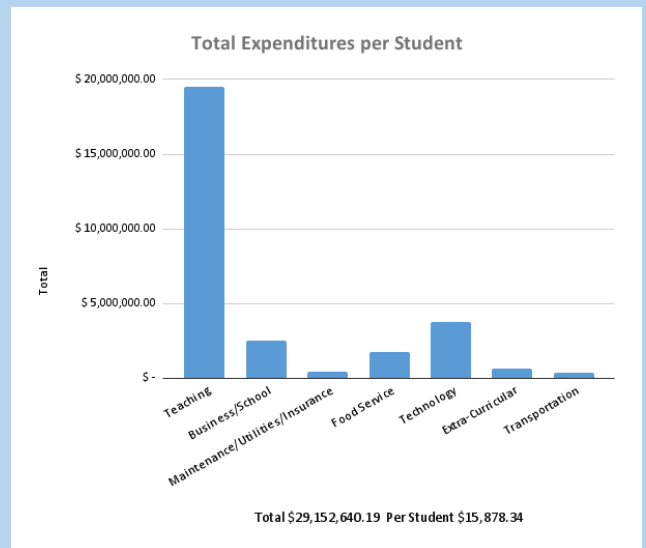
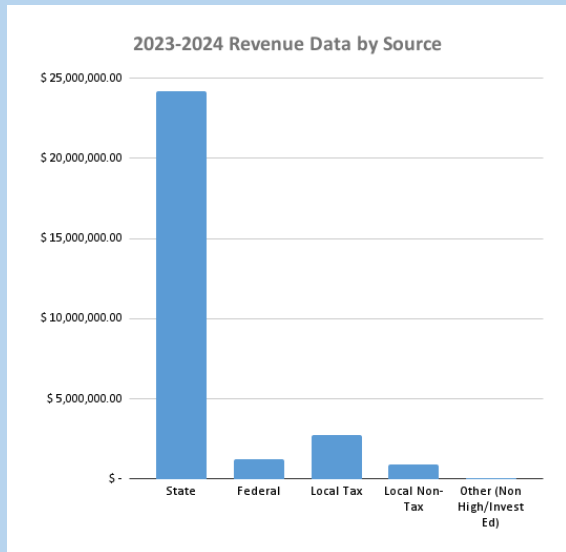
For school year 2023-2024, La Center School District had 108 classroom teachers with an average 14.23 years of teaching experience.

For More Information,
See OSPI Report Card
<https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

LCSD Financial Information

2023-2024 Revenue Data by Source		
State	\$ 24,181,152.08	83.3%
Federal	\$ 1,222,860.34	4.21%
Local Tax	\$ 2,723,539.93	9.38%
Local Non-Tax	\$ 877,589.02	3.02%
Other (Non High/Invest	\$ 22,876.03	0.08%
Total	\$ 29,028,017.40	

2023-2024 Expenditures Per Student		Student Count	1,836.00	
Expense	Total	Per Student	Percentage	
Teaching	\$19,534,668.13	\$10,639.80	67%	
Maintenance/Utilities/Insurance	\$2,520,96.65	\$1,373.07	9%	
Technology	\$460,601.27	\$250.87	2%	
Transportation	\$1,773,364.68	\$965.88	6%	
Business/School Office/Administration	\$3,779,244.46	\$2,058.41	13%	
Food Service	\$686,284.55	\$373.79	2%	
Extra-Curricular	\$397,514.45	\$216.51	1%	
Total	\$29,152,640.19	\$15,878.34	100%	



Come Work with Us!

The La Center School District is a great place to work, as demonstrated with its 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 volunteerism. For more information about why La Center is a great place to live and work, visit the district's website. Also visit the district's employment page to see openings and apply online at www.lacenterschools.org/Parents/Community/Human-Resources-Portal/

The La Center School District Mission

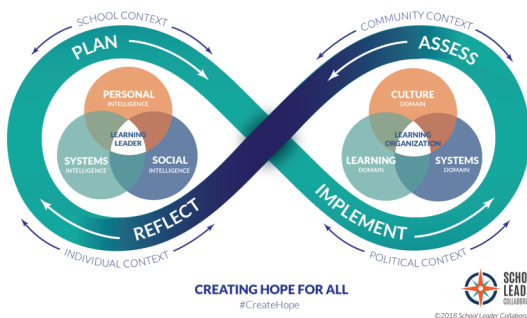
- **Ends 1 - The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive learning environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We will do this in partnership with families, the community, staff, and students to develop confident and self-reliant lifelong learners who can thrive in a rapidly changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.**
- **Ends 2 - Academic and Learner Competencies Achievement–** As the primary component of the Ends Policy, the Board expects each student to develop the academic awareness, skill development and cognitive capabilities necessary to be a confident, self-reliant learner that is prepared for a complex and rapidly changing world
- **Ends 3 - Personal Skill Development–** As a second component of the Ends Policy, the Board expects each student to develop the personal skills to be a confident and self-reliant learner in a complex and rapidly changing world.
- **Ends 4 - Social Skills Development–** As a third component of the Ends Policy, the board expects each student to develop the social skills to be a confident and self-reliant learner in a complex and rapidly changing world.

The District's goal to achieve the mission is stated in the 2023-2024 District Strategic Improvement Plan:

All students in LCSD, regardless of circumstance or ability, will have access to instruction in order to grow and achieve academically and socially.

SCHOOL LEADER PARADIGM

Becoming While Doing



In working towards the goal, the district used the School Leader Paradigm and Framework that was developed through the Washington State MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support). This is work that LCSD started in 2021.

The Framework's focus: **1. Team-driven shared leadership.** Leadership teams share the responsibility to support all adults in the school building by planning, coordinating, monitoring and adjusting in service of student learning and social-emotional growth. **2. Data-based decision making.** School teams use an agreed-upon process to guide instructional next steps, determine the root causes of problems and successes, then coordinate supports more effectively when they review academic, social, emotional and behavioral data together. **3. Family, student and community engagement.** Work to build systems that create supportive learning environments by building partnerships with families, the community, staff, and students. **4. Continuum of support.** Instruction, enrichment, and interventions are delivered along a continuum to meet the full spectrum of academic needs of students. Tier 1, the foundation and focus for core instruction that is research-based, accessible, and aligned to grade-level standards. Tier 2, supports are an additional layer of targeted, evidence-based interventions. Tier 3, supports are an additional layer of intensive, evidence-based interventions that have been individualized to meet the needs of students who demonstrate significant risk and do not respond to tier 2 interventions. **5. Evidence-based practices.** Implementation of activities, strategies or interventions that have been proven to improve student outcomes.

Athletics and Activities Participation

High School	2023-24
Baseball (Boys)	27
Basketball (Boys)	26
Basketball (Girls)	19
Unified Basketball (Coed)	14 (7B, 7G)
Cheer (Coed)	20 (1B, 19G)
Chess (Coed)	0
Cross Country (Boys)	21
Cross Country (Girls)	7
Drama (Coed)	68 (24B, 44G)
E.A.T. (Coed)	13 (2B, 11G)
Equestrian (Coed)	7 (0B, 7G)
FBLA (Coed)	15 (6B, 9G)
Football (Boys)	44
Golf (Boys)	15
Golf (Girls)	0
GSA (Coed)	9 (2B, 5G, 2 other)
Knowledge Bowl (Coed)	13 (8B, 5G)
LEOs (Coed)	22 (8B, 14G)
National Honor Society	58 (29B, 29G)
Music – Band (Coed)	64 (43B, 21G)
Music – Choir (Coed)	72 (3B, 69G)
Soccer (Boys)	21
Soccer (Girls)	33
Unified Soccer (Coed)	11 (4B, 7G)
Softball (Girls)	30
Swim (Boys)	3
Swim (Girls)	2
Track/Field (Boys)	32
Track/Field (Girls)	22
Volleyball (Girls)	37
Wrestling (Boys)	12
Wrestling (Girls)	2
Total Participation:	
Boys	338 (45.9%)
Girls	399 (54.1%)
Total	737

Middle School	2023-24
Basketball (Boys)	36
Basketball (Girls)	36
Cross Country (Boys)	7
Cross Country (Girls)	17
Drama (Coed)	42 (18B, 24G)
Football (Boys)	38
Golf (Boys)	2
Golf (Girls)	0
GSA (Coed)	0
Knowledge Bowl (Coed)	12 (4B, 8G)
Music – Band (Coed)	77 (52B, 25G)
Music – Choir (Coed)	82 (4B, 78G)
Track/Field (Boys)	20
Track/Field (Girls)	35
Volleyball (Girls)	36
Wrestling (Boys)	26
Wrestling (Girls)	9
Total Participation:	
Boys	217 (43.5%)
Girls	282 (56.5%)
Total	499





LCHS CLASS OF 2024



This year, seniors enjoyed all of the events that make special memories such as spirit week, homecoming and prom. On June 7, 2024, graduation was held outdoors on the football field and in our stadium. It marked the 103rd graduating class from La Center High School. **The 2024 graduating class had 92 graduates!** * The Senior Class of 2024 had 100 students total.

Three students were retained to complete their graduation requirements in the 24/25 school year Six students dropped out. This makes the graduation rate for the Class of 2024 **92%!**

The 2024 cohort included the following students:

- ◆ 2 foreign exchange students
- ◆ 6 homeschooled students enrolled to take advantage of Running Start funds
- ◆ 1 student who transferred to the Open Doors Reengagement program to go on to complete credits toward a GED

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!



2024 Graduates Moving On:

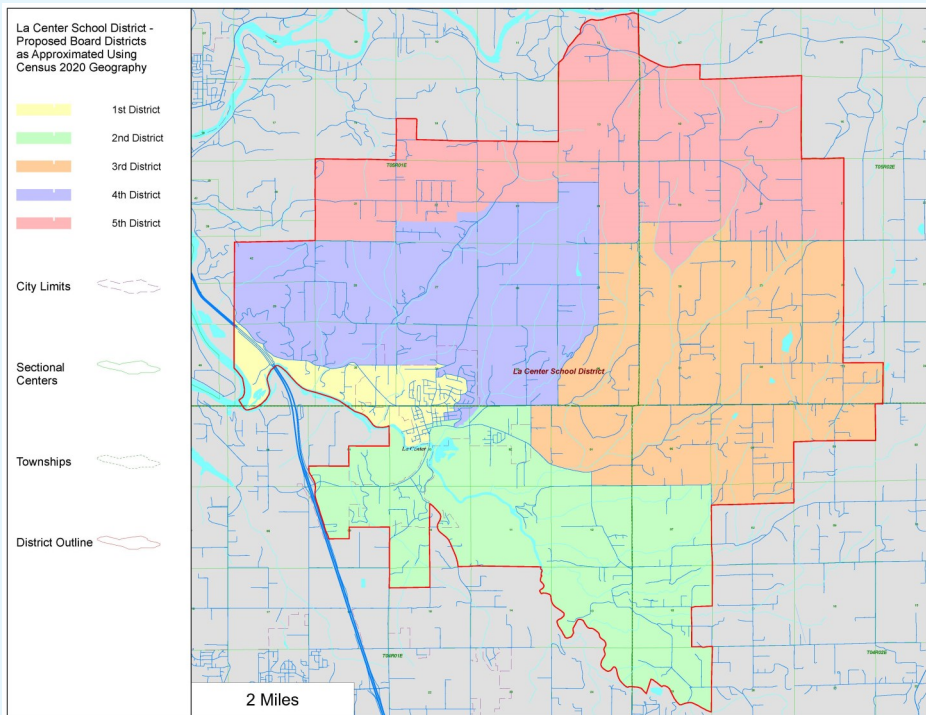
College Bound (4 Year)	29
College Bound (2 Year)	20
Vocational School	9
Military	4
Work	11
Did Not Respond to Survey	19



The La Center School Board



Craig Whited	Amanda Miller	Samuel Glackler	Dorri Oldham	Eric Lindberg
Joined the School Board in 2021	Joined the School Board in 2023	Joined the School Board in 2024	Joined the School Board in 2023	Joined the School Board in 2015
Represents Area #1	Represents Area #2	Represents Area #3	Represents Area #4	Represents Area #5
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Regular board meetings are normally held on the 4th Tuesday of each month with the exceptions due to holidays. The board meeting schedule and agendas are found on the district website at:

www.lacenterschools.org/CALENDARS/BOARD MEETING AND WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

CONTACT US

We welcome any comments or suggestions from parents and community members. Citizens' comments are also welcome at La Center School Board meetings. Visit our website at www.lacenterschools.org or follow us on facebook.com/lacenterschooldistrict/ for the latest District news.