

Welcome to Lincoln High School!

Lincoln High School
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"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves" - Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln High School Mission Statement

To educate and prepare each student to succeed in a changing world

Lincoln High School has been awarded numerous awards and recognized for several outstanding achievements over the years. In recent history, they include:

- US News and World Report Top 1000 High Schools 2008; 2009; 2010; 2011; 2012; 2013
- National Forensic League School of Excellence in Speech/Debate 2003; 2004; 2005; 2010; 2011
- Bruno E. Jacob NFL Excellence Speech/Debate 1981; 2007
- National Speech School of Honor 2014; 2015
- #1 School in the state of South Dakota; 2017-2018

Lincoln High School

Lincoln High School has a culture of high expectations and a tradition of exemplary student achievement. Lincoln High was opened in 1965. It is a comprehensive high school with an enrollment of approximately 2000 students. In 1979, the school was remodeled to make it accessible to the physically handicapped. It was again remodeled in 2000 to add more classrooms, a greenhouse, a little theater, and other improvements. In 2008, a new gymnasium was added to accommodate 2000 spectators greatly improving the ability to host large events. The school is on a traditional schedule with seven 50-minute class periods. Lincoln's staff consists of 1 principal, 3 assistant principals, 6 counselors, 1 librarian, 115 teachers, plus a registrar, secretaries, and aides. Seventy five percent of the teaching faculty have at least a master's degree or higher.

Students

Our Student body of approximately 2,000 students for 2017-18 had a graduating senior class of 443 students. Our diversity includes 5.2% American Indian; 2.9% Asian; 5.5% Hispanic; 8.75% Black; and 75% Caucasian. We have a specific program for our student whose primary language is not English (English Language Learners program or ELL) and have approximately 100 students in this program.

Comprehensive Curriculum

Lincoln High has many courses in the twelve departments along with a full range of special education courses, alternative courses, and mentorships. We are committed to 21st Century skills such as analytical thinking, problem solving and collaborating. Our library has research capabilities that rival many colleges. In addition, Lincoln has the following features:

- "21st Century" classrooms equipped with SMART board, wireless projectors, and interactive TV's
- Three main computer labs and all students are issued a Chromebook
- Online course registration for all students
- Parent and student portal for academics, attendance, and lunchbox accounts
- Outstanding weight training facility
- Wireless network capabilities throughout the school

Our courses are designed to meet abilities, interests, and needs of all students. Some of these specific areas include:

- **Fine and Performing Arts:** Many art courses offer a range of interest areas to include painting, photography, drawing, ceramics, AP Studio Art; and graphic design. Our performing arts department includes instrumental and choral music. We have four levels of band and ensemble jazz groups, and three levels of orchestra and four levels of chorus. All are age and/or skill grouped. In addition to these performing groups, we offer Music Theory and AP Music Theory.
- **English:** Emphasis is on writing, literature and speech with many selections including journalism, theater, debate, oral interp., film history, creative writing, AP Language/Composition, and AP Literature.
- **Industrial/Vocational Technology:** With the opening of the CTE Academy in the Sioux Falls School District, our students have the option of many course at the Academy, which are 2-hour block sections. These courses include CAD, media productions, auto technology, hospitality management, carpentry, health careers and more.
- **World Language:** Lincoln offers a full range of languages including four years of Spanish and AP Spanish, four years of French, four years of German, and four years of Latin.
- **Physical Education and Health:** Our department offers a health class as well as several PE classes including weight training in our fully equipped weight room and a variety of lifetime sports activities.
- **Science:** We are proud to offer regular and accelerated levels of Chemistry, Physics, as well as AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science and AP Physics. Other courses in this department range from physical science to astronomy/metrology, and anatomy/physiology.
- **Math:** All ability levels are served in the math department, from pre-algebra to geometry, pre-calculus; Algebra 2 and AP Statistics and AP Calculus. We also offer accelerated algebra and accelerated geometry classes.
- **Social Studies:** Students may choose from several electives in this department as well as American History, government, economics, psychology, sociology, and geography. AP Government, AP World History, AP US History, AP World Geography, and AP Psychology are also offered.

Class Rank

Students graduating from Lincoln need to earn 22 credits to graduate. A full year class receives 1 unit of credit; a semester course receives .5 unit of credit. All courses taken during the school year and during summer school receive an A through F grade and these courses are included in the grade point average (GPA). Grade point averages and class rank are computed on all grades received in grades 9-12 and all courses receive equal weight. AP courses receive a weighted grade. Accelerated classes do not receive extra grade points.

Testing Profile (ACT)

The following is a history of our student's ACT composite scores:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Tested</u>	<u>Composite</u>
2011	317	23.7
2012	333	23.3
2013	304	23.3
2014	284	23.5
2015	342	24.4
2016	268	24.1
2017	285	24.2

National Merit Scholars

The following is a history of scholarship finalists

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Finalists</u>
2011-12	3 Finalists
2012-13	7 Finalists
2013-14	6 Finalists
2014-15	8 Finalists
2015-16	5 Finalists
2016-17	6 Finalists
2017-18	13 Finalists

Lincoln High School Administration

Principal: Mr. Robert Grimm

Assistant Principal: Mr. Lance Luitjens

Assistant Principal: Mr. Don Ryswyk

Assistant Principal (Activities/Athletics): Mr. Joey Struwe

Sioux Falls District Administration

Superintendent: Dr. Brian Maher

Assistant supt./Curriculum: Mrs. Ann Smith

Assistant supt./HR: Mr. Jamie Nold

Coordinator, High School: Mrs. Kristin Grinager

Senior Coordinator Student Services: Mrs. Tish Kalla

Assessment, Technology, Information: Mr. Michael Christopherson

Special Services: Mrs. Deb Muilenburg-Wilson

Lincoln High School Counseling Services

Mrs. Jackie Geppert-Anderson

Mrs. Wendy Dorman

Mr. Matt Meyers

Mr. David Myers

Mrs. Becky Thomas

Mrs. Tanielle Sylvester

Registrar: Mrs. Michelle Peterson