

Handbook for New Families

2020-2021



Lake Washington School District | 2020-21 Calendar



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Important Dates

Aug. 24-28	LEAP Days
Aug. 31	Non-contract Day
Sept. 1	First Day of School (grades 1-12)
Sept. 1-3	Kindergarten Family Connections
Sept. 4	First Day of School for Kindergarten
Sept. 7	No school - Labor Day
Sept. 9	1.5 hrs. early release schedule begins
Oct. 12, 13, 15	Half-Day Elementary Conferences
Oct. 16	No school - LEAP Day
Nov. 4	Last Day 1st Quarter (Secondary)
Nov. 11	No school - Veterans Day
Nov. 12	Secondary Grades Due
Nov. 25	Half Day
Nov. 26-27	No school - Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	No school - Winter Break
Jan. 18	No school - MLK Jr. Day
Jan. 20	Elementary Grades Due

Jan. 22	Last Day 1st Semester (Secondary)
Jan. 26, 28, 29	Half-Day Elementary Conferences
Feb. 1	Secondary Grades Due
Feb. 11-12	No school - Mid-Winter Break
Feb. 15	No school - Presidents Day
March 12	No school - LEAP Day
April 2	Last Day 3rd Quarter (Secondary)
April 5-9	No school - Spring Break
April 16	Secondary Grades Due
May 28	No school - LEAP Day
May 31	No school - Memorial Day
June 1	Snow Make-up Day
June 10	Elementary Grades Due
June 17	Half-Day - Last Day of School
	Last Day 2nd Semester (Secondary)
	Secondary Grades Due

Key

	No School		Half Day		First/Last Day
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* Check Important Dates Section

Wednesday schedule:
1.5 hrs. early release for students

LEAP=Learning Enhancement Academic Planning

Calendar is subject to change.
School year may be extended due to inclement weather.

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Information for Everyone

This handbook was designed for families who are new to Lake Washington School District (LWSD), to help navigate your way through the sometimes confusing public school system. Whether you come from another county, state or country, there may be differences from schools you are familiar with. Most of this information and more can be found on the district website at www.lwstd.org.

School Calendar

For the 2020-21 school year, school starts on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 and tentatively ends on Thursday, June 17, 2021. The date for the last day of school can be affected by “snow days.” Snow days occur if school is cancelled because of bad weather. One day is usually added on to the end of the school year for each snow day that occurs. The district will make an announcement if the last day of school changes.

The complete school district calendar is available on the [district website](http://www.lwstd.org). It is also printed in the Parent Information booklet that is sent home to every family at the beginning of the school year, and is on page two of this handbook.

School schedules

Each school has its own start and end time based in part on transportation needs across the district. To find out the specific start and end times for your neighborhood school, visit the school’s website, or go to the [School Hours](http://www.lwstd.org) page on the LWSD website.

Different schedule on Wednesdays

All LWSD schools follow a different schedule on Wednesdays. Students get out an hour and a half early every Wednesday.

When school lets out early on Wednesdays, teachers use the additional time to improve student learning through teacher and staff development and focused school improvement efforts. Grade level and subject teacher teams use this time to review student assessment results. That effort helps teachers to better plan individual student support or learning extensions. These regular, weekly times for teachers to work together also mean there are fewer full-day teacher in-service days (non-student days) during the school year.

Half Days

The day before Thanksgiving and the last day of school in June are both half days for all students. The full list of [Half Day dismissal times](http://www.lwstd.org) is available on the district website.

In elementary school, there are also half days during elementary conference days in October and January. Elementary teachers spend the rest of the day during those times meeting with parents and students. See the “Elementary Conferences” section on page 11 for more information, or visit the [Parent-Teacher conferences section](http://www.lwstd.org) of the website for more information.

School Lunch

Students may either bring a lunch from home, or purchase a lunch at school. For the 2019-20 school year, the cost for lunches is \$3.25 per day for elementary students and \$3.50 per day for secondary students. Lunches include a main entrée, a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables and a choice of non-fat chocolate milk or 1% white milk. The cost to purchase only milk is \$0.50. Lunch prices are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to families prior to the start of the 2020-21 school year.

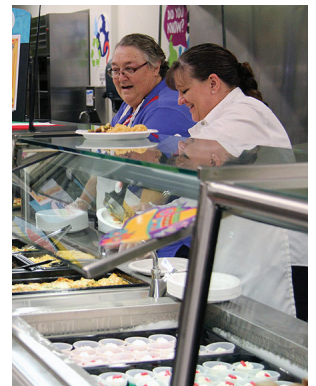
Breakfast is also offered at a number of elementary schools and at all middle schools and high schools.

You are encouraged to set up your child’s lunch account online through MySchoolBucks.com where you will be able to make online payments to your student’s account. Each student is provided a lunch card. Secondary students use their student ID cards. Elementary students each have a card that is kept either in their classroom or in the school lunchroom.

Using MySchoolBucks to fund a lunch account eliminates the need for your child to carry cash or checks to school.

[School breakfast and lunch menus](http://www.lwstd.org) are available online via the district website.

Your student may be eligible to get lunch for free or to pay a reduced price. Eligibility is based on your family’s income. Information on applying for [free or reduced price lunches](http://www.lwstd.org) can also be found on the district website.



Medication at School

Schools rely on the cooperation of parents and guardians to safely and effectively administer medication to their students at school if that is needed. Parents/guardians are responsible for:

- Supplying all medications.
- Transporting all medications to and from school.
(Students can't bring medication to school and medication cannot be transported on school district buses.)
- Completing the "[Medication Administration Authorization at School](#)" form available on the district website. This form is also available at the school and must be signed by the health care provider and the parent/guardian.

Immunizations

Washington State Law ([RCW 28A.210.080](#)) requires school age children to receive specific immunizations (see chart below) in order to attend school. Lake Washington School District works with the Washington State Department of Health to comply with state laws on required vaccinations. This law requires that all children show proof of immunization or certification of exemption to attend school. Students cannot start school without the required documentation. For more information, visit the [Immunizations](#) page on the district website.



Work with your child's doctor to ensure that he/she has all of the immunizations required for school.

Vaccines required for school attendance	
Vaccine	Requirement
Hepatitis B	Three doses are required for preschool through 12th grade students.
DTP, DTaP, DT or Td Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	Five doses are required for kindergarten through 12th grade students. Four doses are required for preschool students. <i>Four doses only if fourth dose given on or after fourth birthday.</i>
Tdap	Required for seventh through 12th grade students who are at least 11 years old.
Varicella (Chickenpox)	Two doses are required for kindergarten through 12th grade students (or Healthcare provider verified disease). <i>First dose must be given on or after first birthday and second dose at least 28 days after the first dose.</i>
Polio	Four doses are required for kindergarten through 12th grade students. Three doses are required for preschool students. <i>Three doses only if third dose given on or after fourth birthday.</i>
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	Two doses are required for kindergarten through 12th grade students. One dose is required for preschool students. <i>Must be given on or after first birthday and at least 28 days apart.</i>
Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type B)	Four doses are required for preschool through 12th grade students.
PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate)	Four doses are required for preschool through 12th grade students.

Too Sick for School?

Lake Washington School District works with King County Department of Public Health to help protect children from spreading communicable diseases. Keeping children home when they are too sick for school protects other students and staff from potential illness.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep him/her home, or make appropriate child care arrangements. You will need to pick your student up from school as soon as possible if he/she shows any of the following symptoms at school:

- **Fever:** temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Child must not have a fever for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medicines such as Tylenol, before returning to school.
- **Vomiting:** child should not return to school for 24 hours following the last episode of vomiting.
- **Lice, scabies:** Children may return to school after treatment for lice or scabies.
- **Diarrhea:** more than one watery stool in a 24-hour period, especially if the child acts or looks ill.
- **Chronic cough and/or runny nose:** continual coughing and excessive nasal discharge. Conditions may be contagious and may require treatment from your health care provider.
- **Sore throat:** especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck.
- **Rash:** body rash, especially with fever or itching.
- **Ear infection:** with fever. Without fever, the child can attend school but may need medical treatment and follow-up. Untreated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss.
- **Eye infection:** pink eye (conjunctivitis) or thick mucus or pus draining from the eye.
- **Unusual appearance, behavior:** abnormally tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused or irritable. This is sufficient reason to exclude a child from school.

If you decide that your child is too sick to attend school, it is important that you call the school's attendance line as early as possible each morning to report your child's absence. If you do not call the school, the school will call you to confirm the absence. Attendance phone numbers are listed on the front page of each school's website.

Allergies – What to do if your student has allergies

Severe allergies

If your student has a severe allergy that is potentially life-threatening, you need to inform the school your child attends. Report it on the [Nurse Alert form](#). Severe allergies are serious abnormal reactions of the body that are potentially life-threatening. Schools need documentation of these health conditions and necessary treatment to effectively care for your student.

Severe allergies that must be reported include life-threatening reactions to bees, milk, dairy, shellfish, wheat or gluten, and nuts, i.e., peanuts and/or tree nuts. These and other types of [life-threatening conditions](#) such as severe asthma must be reported to your student's school through the required documentation before the student starts school.

Mild allergies

Many students have mild allergies, such as springtime reactions to tree and grass pollen that cause itchy, watery eyes and runny noses. These types of mild allergies do not need to be reported on the nurse alert form.

Reporting severe allergies

If your student has a life-threatening allergy, you must complete the [allergy health care plan](#) before he/she can attend school. Your child's school nurse will work with students, parents and health care providers to develop the plan.

Parent/guardians are responsible for notifying after school activities program staff/adult/coach of all aspects of student's medical needs.

Other forms that may be required include:

- [Medication Administration Authorization at School](#)
- [Epinephrine Administration Authorization at School \(EpiPen\)](#)
- [Authorization for Release of Records/Information](#)





Mobile Access for Students (MAS)

LWSD's **Mobile Access for Students (MAS)** initiative is rooted in the district's vision, All Students Future Ready, and ensures that students learn the information and communication technology skills in the student profile.

The MAS initiative brings mobile computing into the classroom to leverage learning. The program was piloted in 2010 and implemented district-wide in 2012. It is possible thanks to technology levies passed by voters.

At the elementary level laptops are provided to students in carts. Laptops stay at school. Depending on the grade level, computers are 1-1 for fifth grade, or shared on a 3-1 or 2-1 student-to-computer ratio for grades K-4. Mobile device use provides access to digital resources and enhance teaching and learning.

At the secondary level, mobile devices are used individually. Each student in grades 6-12 is assigned a laptop to use at school and at home.

More information is available on the district's Mobile Access for Students web page: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/technology>.

PowerSchool Learning

PowerSchool Learning is a Learning Management System (LMS); a digital learning environment for classroom communication and collaboration. Teachers use PowerSchool Learning to post class announcements, assignments and calendars. Students can turn in assignments, take tests, respond to polls and create wikiprojects within PowerSchool Learning. PowerSchool Learning also hosts discussion boards for classes and serves as a tool to help students stay on track with their assignments.

Parents can use PowerSchool Learning to review student class announcements, assignments, and calendars. To access your Power School Learning account, go to: <https://lms.lwsd.org>.

For Students and Families Webpage

The "Students and Families" webpage on the LWSD website connects students and families with access points to the tools they need, such as Skyward Family Access (contact, schedule, and grade information), PowerSchool Learning, MySchoolBucks (pay for lunch app), and more. Visit <https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/for-students-and-families>.

Transportation

The district provides transportation only to those students living outside a one-mile radius, unless the district has reviewed walk routes and determined no safe walk routes are available. Within that boundary, our practice allows for elementary students to walk up to one and a half miles to school and middle and high school students to walk up to two miles. Students with walk distances that exceed these limits are eligible for bus service. These guidelines are used to establish all walk boundaries for Lake Washington School District.

Bus routes are determined by the Transportation office in August. These routes ensure efficient transportation based on the number and location of students who qualify for bus transportation. Postcards are mailed to families with exact pick-up/drop-off locations and estimated pickup/drop-off times. For the start of school, routes are also posted on the district website. Students are expected to be at the bus stop five minutes prior to the estimated pickup time.

Students must be able to hold any items they bring on the bus in their lap. Anything large or dangerous cannot be transported on the bus. If you have any questions, please contact transportation at busroutes@lwsd.org or call 425-936-1120.

Walking and bicycling can be a great way to get to school. Students get exercise. Traffic around school may be reduced. And fewer cars can help the environment.

Before you start, it's important to make sure the route your student(s) take to walk or bike to school are appropriate. The district's Safety Advisory Committee asked a subcommittee to review suggested walk routes to the district's elementary schools. That group worked with traffic and pedestrian safety experts as well as a GIS consultant to develop GIS maps of updated walk routes. Schools reviewed the maps and provided feedback. [These maps are posted on the Transportation page of the district website.](#)

Weather-Related School Closures

When emergency conditions such as snow and ice, windstorms or earthquakes result in school schedule changes, the district will use one of the plans outlined below.

Schools Closed – the following are canceled:

- School
- Extended Day
- All activities, including athletic events, before and after school programs and parent meetings

If conditions change during the day, special arrangements may be made for some activities.

Late Start - All schools start two hours late.

The following are canceled:

- Quest pull-out classes
- Before-school music programs
- All preschool sessions
- Out-of-district transportation

Dismissals are at regular times unless otherwise announced. When necessary, early dismissal times are announced before noon.

Limited Bus Service/Snow Routes

The district's Transportation Department sends out information each year about when and where your student will be picked up and dropped off when limited bus service/snow routes are in effect. Bus service is limited when weather conditions make driving on certain roads dangerous.

Communicating About Closures

Parents are notified of school closure decisions by a phone call to the primary household phone number as early as 6 a.m. Decisions are also posted on the front page of the district website and are reported to local media who will make announcements. If no announcements are posted, that means school is scheduled to begin on time. If an announcement is made, it will be posted on Flash Alert by 5:30 a.m.

School closure decisions are complex. The top priority for the district is always the safety of students and staff. For more information about when and how school closure decisions are made, please visit the [Safety section of the district website.](#)

Security and Emergency Management

All staff, students and parents need to feel safe while in our schools and we take that very seriously. It is very important that our schools are both welcoming and secure at the same time. Security systems can feel like barriers sometimes, and the Lake Washington School District strives to remove as many of those barriers as possible, while still maintaining a strong sense of security and safety. The district has strategically used technology and electronic systems to increase security, such as access and entry control systems, security cameras, and updated intercom systems as examples.

Many emergencies occur with little to no warning which is why being prepared is so important. Lake Washington School District Emergency Management partners with the Whole Community to plan and prepare for incidents, mitigate hazards, respond to and recover from emergencies. The Whole Community includes a program of collaboration with students, staff, families, businesses, government, and other entities in and around the District. Through these partnerships the District has created a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), emergency response plans, Incident Command structure, training, drills, After Action Reviews, and other universally accessible programs to support safety needs before, during, and after an incident. Our mission is to foster and maintain a culture of resilience throughout the District through continual preparation and the concept that being ready includes everyone and can be useful everyday.

Accelerated programs/Highly Capable

The district provides accelerated academic programs for qualifying students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. These programs are designed to meet the learning styles and needs of students with advanced intellectual, academic, and creative abilities. The [Accelerated Programs section of the district website](#) can help parents understand services and programs available to students who demonstrate exceptional ability.

Special Education Services

LWSD strives to provide services to all students, including students with disabilities and special needs. It's important to remember that special education is not a "place," but rather it is a set of services. The [Special Services section of the district website](#) can help parents understand the services and supports available for students, including Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), Section 504 plans and Specially Designed Instruction (SDI).

Child Find

Child Find is a program for the purpose of locating, evaluating, and identifying student's age birth to 21 years with a suspected disability who reside within the boundaries of Lake Washington School District and are currently not receiving special education services. Child Find services are conducted throughout the year in Lake Washington School District through the guidance team process.

If you have a child kindergarten to 12th grade/age 21 and are concerned about his/her language/communication skills, motor skills, intellectual, social, emotional, and/or physical skills, please contact your neighborhood school and ask for the school psychologist or school principal. You may also call the Special Services main office at 425-936-1201. For children birth through preschool age, call Special Services East at 425-936-2760 and request Child Find information.

English Learners (EL)

LWSD offers various supports for students who are identified as English Learners (EL). EL students are identified during registration on the Home Language Survey. Students take a state assessment for language proficiency. Based on their identified level, students receive appropriate support to ensure success in school. In grades 6-12, EL students usually have one designated class with an EL teacher. That class supports the learning in the student's general education classrooms. In grades 1-5, an EL teacher supports students in the classroom or through a designated pull-out session. In pull-out sessions, students receive additional language instruction to support classroom learning. Kindergarten students are generally served for 15 minutes per day with an instructional assistant. [Visit the EL section of the district website for more information.](#)

Safety Net

Each school in LWSD has Safety Net programs. These programs serve students who have not yet met state academic standards. The purpose of the Safety Net Program is to provide extra academic support to help students meet these standards. The goal is for all students to be on track to graduate and be college-career ready. The programs are developmentally appropriate. They work in partnership with the general education class. Support is generally provided during the school day.

Homeless Education–McKinney-Vento Act

LWSD works with students experiencing homelessness and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services. The McKinney-Vento Act is federal legislation that supports children and youth experiencing homelessness. Its intent is to ensure homeless students enroll and succeed in school.

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homelessness as lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. That includes shared housing, transitional shelters, motels, or living in cars/substandard housing. Homeless students receive district services. Services may include Title 1, special education, bilingual education, gifted and talented programs and school nutrition programs. Once McKinney-Vento eligibility is determined, the school must immediately enroll the student. Visit the Homeless Services section of the district website for more information. For additional assistance, please contact the district McKinney-Vento Liaison, Donna Baillie, at 425-936-1303 or dbaillie@lwsd.org.

Foster Care Education

LWSD works with students living in Foster Care and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services. For additional information, please contact the LWSD Foster Care Liaison, Donna Baillie, at 425-936-1303 or dbaillie@lwsd.org.

Volunteering in LWSD

Research shows that when parents are engaged in their student's education, students are more likely to be successful in school. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in their student's school; helping in the classroom, or in the office or library. You may also want to consider volunteering with the school's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) or other parent association.

To ensure a safe environment for all students, all parents and community members who want to volunteer in district schools must complete an LWSD volunteer application. They must agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the volunteer handbook. Part of this process includes agreeing to allow the district to perform a criminal history background check.

Visit the volunteer section of the LWSD website for information on how to become a volunteer: www.lwsd.org/volunteer or contact the volunteer office at 425-936-1270 for more information.

Once you have been approved as a volunteer, that status remains valid for two years. You must renew your volunteer status every two years by completing the application process.

PTSA in LWSD

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an advocacy organization that promotes the improvement of health, welfare and education of children. Lake Washington PTSA is part of the Washington State PTA (www.wastatepta.org) and National PTA (www.pta.org).

Purpose of PTSA/PTA

Parents join PTSA to be actively involved in supporting the education of children. PTSAs/PTAs fulfill many roles, including:

- Leading fundraisers
- Recruiting and serving as volunteers
- Providing enrichment programs
- Building community connections
- Serving on advisory councils and committees
- Offering safety and emergency preparedness assistance

Join PTSA/PTA

There are individual PTSA and PTA units at most schools. Each is a self-governing organization that operates within the parameters of the state and national PTAs to provide support for its school. Contact your local school to get involved or visit the Lake Washington PTSA Council website for more information: www.lwptsa.net.



Lake Washington Schools Foundation

The Lake Washington Schools Foundation, created in 2004, raises funds to ensure academic excellence and success for all students in Lake Washington School District (LWSD). Since 2005, the foundation has invested over \$2 million, raised from our supportive community. These investments fund high-impact programs that enhance curriculum, ensure equal access to educational opportunities, quality teaching and leadership, and future-ready skills for the more than 31,000 students in the district.

The state funds basic education, but our school district sets a higher bar for its students. The Lake Washington Schools Foundation collaborates with LWSD to invest in innovative initiatives that help all students reach their full potential – tutoring and mentoring programs across all grade levels, STEM curriculum such as robotics and online math programs, college preparatory classes, and support for new teachers.

We know that students thrive when provided a beyond basic public education, businesses succeed with a skilled workforce and communities prosper with well-educated individuals. For more information on Lake Washington Schools Foundation and to see how you can get involved, please visit www.lwsf.org.



Addressing questions or concerns

LWSD staff members care about your questions and concerns and want to make sure that any issues can be resolved. If you have a question or concern about your child and/or school, you should:

1. Address the question or concern with your child's teacher.
2. If the issue remains unresolved, the next step is to contact the school's principal.
3. If the issue is still unresolved, then you can contact the school district office (425-936-1200) and ask to speak with the level director. The receptionist will need to know what school your student attends to direct your call. You will be asked to follow the steps listed above before you contact the level director, as most questions/issues can be addressed at the school level.

Other Resources

- [Parent Information Booklet](#)
- [District website – www.lwsd.org](#)
- [School websites](#)
- [High School Guide](#)

Information for Elementary Families

Kindergarten Registration

In LWSD, students begin registering for kindergarten the February before they will start school. For the 2020-21 school year, Kindergarten Registration begins on **Thursday, February 20, 2020, from 1-7 p.m.** at all elementary schools.

If you cannot attend Kindergarten Registration day, you are welcome to visit your neighborhood school at any time during school hours after registration opens on February 20 to register for school. **Please note:** All elementary schools are closed the months of July and August. For information on summer registration, please call the district office at 425-936-1200 or visit the [district website](#).

There are a number of important items to bring with you to register your child for school:

- **Proof of residency** (purchase/rental agreement or utility bill)
- **Proof of child's birth date** (birth certificate or passport)
- Child's **health history**, including **current immunizations**
- **Emergency contact information**

Early Entrance to Kindergarten

To register for kindergarten, students must be five years old by August 31 of the entrance year. Underage children whose birthdays fall between September 1 and November 30, and whose parents believe to be exceptionally qualified for kindergarten, may apply for early entrance to kindergarten. Children whose fifth birthday falls after November 30 are not eligible to apply for early entrance to kindergarten.

[Early Entrance to Kindergarten FAQs](#) are available on the district website. Please contact the Early Entrance to Kindergarten Office at 425-936-1238 if you have questions about the early entrance to kindergarten process.

Elementary Conferences

In LWSD, the traditional parent/teacher conference has an addition: the student. Conferences are held for elementary students and their parents each year in October and January. In October, students set goals and reflect on their work. When parents are involved in this goal-setting process, they better understand how to support the attainment of these goals. There is also time during conferences for parents to privately discuss issues with the teacher without the child being present. For more information, go to the [district website](#).



Student Grades

Elementary parents can view student grades through “Skyward Family Access.” After logging in, select “Gradebook” from the list of available options to see your child’s grades.

Before & After School Care

Many parents are interested in care for their children before and/or after the elementary school day. Currently, 12 elementary schools offer this service through the district’s Extended Day Program. This option delivers high quality childcare before and after school for elementary age students within the district. The Extended Day program operates on all regularly scheduled school days, beginning with the first day of school in September. It also operates when children are out of school for early release days and during parent-teacher conferences. For more information, visit the [Extended Day webpage](#).

In addition to the Extended Day Program, LWSD rents school facilities to non-profit organizations (Boys & Girls Club and YMCA of Greater Seattle) for private day care programs. These programs are not run by the district. The staff is hired and supervised by the non-profit organization. [Visit the Before and After School Care section of the district website](#) to see where these programs are offered.

Information for Secondary Families

Student Grades

Middle school and high school parents can view a record of the assignments and grades for their children through a program called “[Skyward Family Access](#).” Skyward Family Access allows parents to see real-time grades for student assignments.

Middle School/High School Options

There are a lot of programs and options available to secondary students. As a result, the district has developed a number of tools to help you understand your options.

- **[Planning Ahead – Middle Schools in LWSD](#):** This document shows the different options within LWSD for middle school. It is updated each fall to include the schedule for applying to the different choice schools available. It is mailed to all fifth grade families in the district and is available on the district website.
- **[Planning Ahead – High Schools in LWSD](#):** This document shows the different options within LWSD for high school. It is updated each fall to include the schedule for applying to the different choice schools available. It is mailed to all eighth grade families in the district and is available on the district website.
- **[High School Guide](#):** There is an entire guide on the district website that shows the differences between all of the high schools in LWSD and contains tools to help students plan for their future.

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Each secondary school has an Associated Student Body or ASB. The ASB is a formal organization of students that support the students and the school through optional noncredit extracurricular events. At the start of each school year, students are asked to purchase “ASB cards” that allow each cardholder to participate in activities and/or events throughout the year (typically at a reduced fee). For information about ASB cards, including pricing, visit your school website’s “Activities” page.

Athletic Program

LWSD offers athletic programs to middle school and high school students. To be eligible to participate, a student must:

- Maintain passing grades
 - High School – 6 of 7 courses
 - Middle School – 5 of 6 courses
- Purchase an ASB card
- Pay the appropriate participation fee
- Complete all eligibility documents through FinalForms: <https://lakewashington-wa.finalforms.com>

Athletic Fees

Fees are collected on a per-sport basis with both individual and family caps or limits. Family caps will apply for brothers/sisters who attend the same school. Fees must be paid at the time of turnout and will be so noted on the clearance form approved by the school bookkeeper or secretary. Secondary school parents can pay student fees online.

Parents of students who are unable to afford the fee should contact the coach or athletic director at their school.

