

Lewis Central High School SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

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EXCELLENCE IN ACTIVITIES



Boys Track

Logan Jones earned the State Championship in both the Shot Put & Discus and was selected to the All Iowa Elite Team. Thomas Fidone placed 7th in the High Jump.



Girls Track

Lauren Payne earned second place in both the Shot Put & Discus. Mia Doeblin won first place in the Wheelchair 100 and 200, and Emily Merksick qualified in the Long Jump.



Girls Soccer

Lewis Central girls made it to the State Quarterfinals to defend their three-year title. They ended their season by falling to Waverly-Shell Rock with a record of 12-5.



Girls Tennis

Girls Tennis dominated Regionals. Singles winners included Presley Rodenburg, Natalie Driver, Kennedy Korner, and Paityn Sparr.

STATE CHAMPIONS!!!

Boys Soccer

The Lewis Central High School Boys Soccer team won the Class 2A State Championship for the first time in school history. The team finished their season 16-3 before advancing to the state tournament. They beat Storm Lake in the Quarterfinals 2-1, Hudson in the Semifinals 1-0 and Cedar Rapids Xavier 1-0 in the championship game.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Team & Character Award

Sean Etherington, Dane Norville, Kate Doolittle, Drake Nettles, Ian Brungardt, and Character Award Winner, Johanna Castillo-Aguirre.



Omaha World-Herald 2019 All-Western Iowa Academic First Team

Kate Doolittle and Sean Etherington



EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS



Nearly 75 of LC's amazing Performing Arts students packed the house in LC's auditorium on April 26 & 27 with their version of the 2012 Revival of Stephen Schwartz's GODSPELL. The classic musical featured a number of incredible musical numbers ranging from vaudevillian to ballet, as well as a touching re-enactment of the crucifixion and inspiring resurrection.

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COMMENDABLE!!

Lewis Central High School was the only high school in Council Bluffs that earned a rating of Commendable on the Iowa School Performance Profiles. These ratings are based on Academic Achievement, Graduation Rate, Student Growth, Student Participation on State Assessment, Progress in Achieving English Language Proficiency, and Conditions for Learning.

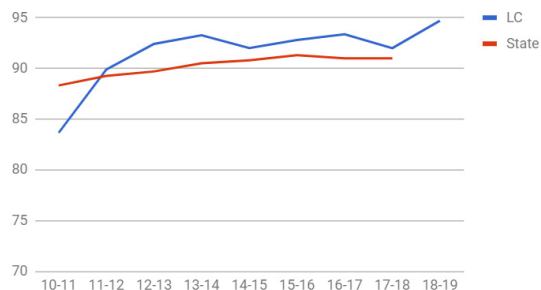


PLTW Distinguished School

The PLTW recognition program is designed to honor districts and schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. These districts and schools are empowering students to thrive in an evolving world and have achieved exemplary results from their PLTW programs. Lewis Central High School is one of three high schools in Iowa and Nebraska to achieve Distinguished status. This is the second year in a row to have earned this award.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

4-Year Graduation Cohort Rate



Lewis Central Graduation Rates on the Rise

For the 8th year in a row, Lewis Central Graduation Rates have been above the state average and have risen over 11% in 9 years.

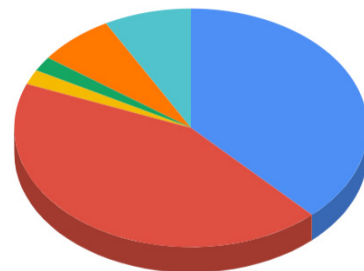
ACT Award



Jaimie Stites earned the title of Iowa ACT College and Career Readiness Champion. As Iowa's recipient, Jaimie received a scholarship with her recognition.

Fast Forward!

Our goal is that our graduates have career plans beyond their high school diploma and that they are prepared for the additional schooling to make that a reality.



Education First

Global Education Excellence Award

Awarded to Lewis Central High School for creating a supportive school environment and excellent experience for foreign exchange students and their host families.

LCHS....
DID YOU
KNOW??

National Merit Scholar

Between 2015 and 2018, LCHS has had more semi-finalists and finalists for the National Merit Scholar than any other school in SW Iowa and more than all other schools in SW Iowa combined in the last three years.

ACT Scores

Since 2010, LCHS has had a 46% increase in students scoring a 30 or higher on the ACT and we have doubled the number of students scoring a 25 or higher over the past three years.

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In the State Large Group Contest, Division I Superior Ratings were earned by Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir Men's Choir, Chamber Choir Women's Choir, and Chamber Choir Mixed Choir. The Singcopation Jazz Choir earned a Division II Excellent Rating at the State Contest. At the Solo/Small Ensemble Contest, Lewis Central earned 18 Division I Superior Ratings for Instrumental and 8 Division I Superior Ratings for Vocal. Lauren Fenwick

and Kate Kavars performed in the Outstanding Performance Showcase Recital in Ames called the Best of Center. At the State Contest, both Corporation and Company Show Choirs earned Division I Superior Ratings. Lewis Central students were represented in four honor choirs at Doane University, Morningside, Southwest Iowa Choral Directors Association, and the University of Nebraska - Omaha.

Illuminating Excellence

**How do teachers know what to teach?
How do they know if the students have
learned it?**

The Department of Education Iowa Core Standards guide what teachers are supposed to teach students to ensure their success beyond high school. The Lewis Central School District is fortunate to also have a standards-based assessment and reporting system platform for teachers to use. Through Illuminate Education, teachers can assess standards, including pre-assessing student understanding before instruction, as well as after, to determine how to best meet student learning needs and tailor instruction accordingly.

One example is how the Language Arts Department suspected that students were

struggling with making inferences as they read. The teachers used an assessment from Illuminate to verify that suspicion and then determined ways to instruct in light of the students' struggles.

In order to help all teachers utilize Illuminate, the instructional coaches held short workshops after school, providing lessons in uploading assessments, creating assessments, using reports, and accessing student data. From there, teachers were able to conference with students about their data and provide supports to those students to help them achieve at higher levels. As a result, student motivation has increased as they watch their growth between pre- and post-assessments. Teacher teams, such as Social Studies, have been able to target shared instructional goals, reflect on data

across classrooms, and learn from each other. Imagine being able to replicate success in one classroom to another, through the use of data and sharing what is working; teachers can do that with Illuminate.

In addition to enhancing teacher collaboration, Illuminate has helped teachers to reflect on the rigor and alignment of their instruction to Iowa Core Standards. For example, the Math Department recently increased the rigor of their courses and assessments. This work is extremely important as standardized school assessments, the ACT, and college demands increase. How will we know if we are preparing students to succeed at higher and higher levels of mastery? Illuminate can help us do this.

LCBS Instructional Coaches



Individual Speech

At the State Contest, 16 entries earned Division I Ratings and Ian Brungardt was a four-year All-Stater, the third time in school history. Individual Speech also won the Walnut Hill Invitational.



Large Group Speech

All groups earned Division I Ratings at the State Speech Contest. Reader's Theater was chosen for All-State for the 20th consecutive year. Radio Broadcasting was chosen as the top school in the state in all classes and awarded the Critic's Choice banner.



Art

Paige Ruzicka won a scholarship at the Omaha Summer Arts Festival. Leslie Trujillo and Nick Stogdill won Merit Awards from the national Council of Education in the Ceramic Arts National Competition. Jaida Christensen won 1st at the WISE Art Competition at Buena Vista.

