

Lincoln Academy

Principal's Report to the Board

April 2021



The mission of Lincoln Academy is to help all students attain their highest social and academic potential through an academically rigorous, content-rich educational program in a safe, orderly, and caring environment.

COVID Response Update

Survey Results for Providing Distance Learning for 2021-2022 School year

- Out of our 76 distance learning students, 15 said they would choose remote if Lincoln provided it
 - 11 families
 - less than 2% of our projected student enrollment for next year
- Only 1 family said they would choose Jeffco Remote (2 students). One family told us they were homeschooling next year. (1 student) We can fill these 3 spots.
- The remaining families will choose to go 100% in-person to Lincoln.
- The 15 students that would go remote if provided at Lincoln span the grade levels as follows:
 - 1st - 1
 - 2nd - 4
 - 3rd - 0
 - 4th - 2
 - 5th - 2
 - 6th - 4
 - 7th - 1
 - 8th - 1
- Based on the information above, the data does not support Lincoln Academy providing a distance learning option for our families next year.
- We still are asking families to fill out a [google form](#) to keep us informed if a student or someone in their household is being tested for COVID because of symptoms. This form is an internal form and the information is only shared with relevant school personnel.
 - We have 2 exposures being reported this weekend. Audrey Klein, our school nurse, will follow up with those families.

CMAS

Colorado applied and was preliminarily granted a waiver from the federal government regarding state standardized testing. This waiver allows students to only take a portion of the tests. Students in grades 3, 5, 7 will take English Language Arts. Students in grades 4, 6, 8 will take only the math portion of the test. Additionally, 8th graders will take the science test.

Parents can opt their child(ren) out of all state standardized testing. Parents can also opt their child(ren) in for both sections of the test or all three sets of tests in the case of 8th grade. Students that are distance learners, must come to school to take the test. These students will be tested in a separate location from the other cohorts.

Grade Level	Number of Students Opting Out of All CMAS Testing	Number of Students Opting in for Optional CMAS Testing
3	8	3
4	8	2
5	21	6
6	21	1
7	25	2
8	12	1
TOTAL	95	15

The total number of eligible students who can take CMAS = 484. The total number of students taking CMAS = 389. Currently, the number of opt-outs puts the school at an 80% participation rate. In a traditional year, schools must meet a 95% participation rate. In 2018-2019, we only had 7 students opt-out.

As of Friday, the testing server from the publisher and our school server were not communicating with each other, therefore students could not take the test. Jim Fries, our IT coordinator was working with the district, the publisher, and outside sources to resolve this issue. The school is hopeful that this issue will be resolved by Monday, April 12th, so students can begin testing.

Value Awards Recipients

The Values Awards process is a yearly recognition of those employees who have excelled in exemplifying one of the five Jeffco Values. These awards winners make a difference every day for the students, staff, and families in Jeffco Public Schools.

Values Awards winners are nominated and chosen by your peers and supervisors because they believe you exemplify one of our five core values. The District Values Award Winners will recognize a small, outstanding group of employees each year selected through nominations across the district. These values include:

Integrity

You adhere to a high standard of professional conduct and honesty. Individual and organizational integrity builds trust with our community. Integrity means matching words and actions, meeting commitments, and taking responsibility for your actions.

Valuing People

You make others feel respected and supported, and treat others with dignity. Valuing people means treating all students, employees, parents, and community members with respect, dealing with conflict honestly and respectfully, encouraging civil discourse, and promoting good decision making.

Teamwork

Teamwork helps us meet our goals to ultimately best serve our students. Communicating effectively, balancing unity and diversity, defining team roles, goals and norms and establishing an atmosphere of trust are key to being a team player.

Exemplary Performance

Efficient and effective work results in achievement. Our community expects, and our students deserve, consistent, high quality performance. Participating in staff development, seeking feedback, listening to customers, examining data and results, and aligning resources with employee growth and student achievement, are examples of exemplary performance.

Entrepreneurial Spirit

Recognizes employees who demonstrate consistent enthusiasm for innovation and change as it may profoundly change the student experience. These people approach work with a fearless and flexible outlook, customize and adapt to evolve the profession of education, and willingly take calculated risks to support student learning.

Congratulations to our Lincoln Academy's Jeffco ValueAwards Winners! These award winners were nominated by the team from last year's recipients to receive this special honor.



Exemplary Performance: Lori Woods

Lori took on her new role and made sure that our school is running smoothly and safely so that staff and students can work without worry. She shows amazing care and concern and we are lucky to have her here!



Integrity: Ryan Younkerman

Ryan interacts with staff and families in a professional manner that always shows care for the individuals. He keeps sensitive information confidential and offers to support however he can.



Teamwork: Norm Meindl

Norm has really stepped up this year by going above and beyond to ensure our staff and students are safe. He is always willing to help out whenever and wherever is needed, doing this all with a caring heart!



Valuing People: Nicole Yannacito

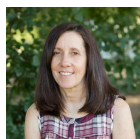
Nicole shows care for everyone. She listens intently and treats others with kindness. While working to care for the physical needs of students, she also cares for their hearts. She always puts people first.



Entrepreneurial Spirit: Lindsey Tomsick

Lindsey has an amazing ability to implement systems that make learning with rigor fresh and creative for all students, taking calculated risks with introducing STEM. She always makes sure students succeed in life.

Additionally, one of our staff members was nominated from the district!



Teamwork: Anita Gimble

Anita helped the entire CogAT process by being one of the first schools to administer the CogAT this year. She shared her school's experience and helped the District team modify and adjust guiding documents so that other schools would have a more streamlined and efficient administration process. She helped the entire 2nd grade Jeffco team by sharing her knowledge and insights.

A Note From Larry Niemiec



I want to let all of you know that Diane and I have decided that it's time for me to retire. It has been a difficult process to come to this decision. It is a great honor and privilege to have worked with all of you at Lincoln Academy. This has been the most rewarding part of my professional career as Lincoln Academy has become a significant part of my life. All of you have made Lincoln Academy an amazing and wonderful place for learning and exploring for our students. I will truly miss working with the students and all of you. Thank You for all you have done to help me along the way.

Look to the mountains and wave, that's where you'll find me, camping in South Park!!!!!!

Projected Student Enrollment for 2021-2022

Grade	Number Currently Enrolled 2020-21	Projected Class Size for 2021-22	Number Currently Enrolled for 2021-22	Total Number of Open Enrollment Applications Received through 4-6-2021
K	78	88	88	177
1	84	88	87	31
2	80	84	83	25
3	80	84	84	18
4	83	84	84	17
5	81	84	84	18
6	84	84	84	39
7	79	84	84	20
8	77	75	77	12
Totals	726	755	755	321

- Our waitlist numbers increased by 36 applicants since my report in March.
- All openings have offers pending.
- Currently, 20 students are not returning to Lincoln next year.