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### MISSION:

**Lakewood High School is committed to a student-centered community that embraces imagination, ingenuity, empathy, and the creation of ideas to develop lifelong learners while fostering the pursuit of fulfilled and balanced lives.**

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### SCHOOL

Lakewood High School (LHS) is a public high school, grades 9 through 12, with a student enrollment of approximately 1850. The school offers an academically robust curriculum for students who are college bound, as well as a variety of other academic programs supported by the latest in educational technology and resources to meet the needs and interests of all of our students. The LHS academic calendar is comprised of two 18-week semesters, 176 days in length. Courses are implemented on a block schedule consisting of eight, 90-minute classes with periods 1–4 and 5-8 meeting on alternate days.

### COMMUNITY

Lakewood High is one of the largest of 17 comprehensive high schools in Jefferson County School District R-1, the second largest K-12 school system in Colorado serving more than 75,000 students in 2023-24. LHS has a strong tradition of community support and the student population is comprised of a wide variety of ethnic, academic, economic and geographic backgrounds. The current building sits on a 28.5 acre site in Lakewood, Colorado, located directly west of Denver. This site has housed Lakewood High since 1958, but a remodeling project in 2007 replaced the original structure.

### ACCREDITATION

Lakewood High School is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Lakewood High School graduated its first International Baccalaureate (IB) students in 1999. Begun in 1995, this program draws students from all over Jefferson County, as well as outside the district. The goal of IB is to provide students with a balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding through a shared academic experience. Students who enroll in the IB Program complete two years of honors coursework and two years of the IB Diploma Program. Students who complete the IB curriculum demonstrate a strong commitment to learning and the discipline necessary to be successful in a competitive college environment and contribute to society. In addition, students who earn their IB diploma are awarded 24 credits at most public Colorado colleges/universities. Lakewood High School is a full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, although IB Certificates may be earned in elective classes.

### FACULTY AND STAFF

The LHS faculty and staff, numbering 154, work closely with students and welcome the personal interactions that occur on a daily basis. Many of them hold Master's Degrees in their fields of study and continually seek ways to keep themselves current. Five Assistant Principals, a Dean, two and half School Social Workers, five School Counselors, a 504 Counselor/Coordinator, and a 9<sup>th</sup> grade Transition Counselor provide students with the full realm of academic support services.

**ENROLLMENT** There are approximately 1789 students enrolled at Lakewood High School for the 2024-2025 academic school year:

Freshmen - 465	Juniors - 445
Sophomores - 441	Seniors - 438

Our ethnically diverse population breaks down as follows:

Caucasian – 50%	American Indian/Alaska Native – 1%	Black/African American – 2%
Hispanic/Latino – 38%	Asian/Pacific Islander – 4%	Multi-racial – 5%

Because of the International Baccalaureate Program and other unique characteristics, LHS enrolled approximately 59% of our students from outside our attendance area this year. In addition, approximately 43% of our student body qualifies for the free/reduced lunch program.

### SAT Mean Scores

<u>Class</u>	<u>No. tested</u>	<u>% of Class</u>	<u>EBRW</u>	<u>Math</u>
2021	413	86.0	532	515
2022	444	89.1	523	509
2023	394	91	542	524
2024	371	98	530	509

The SAT is Colorado's state assessment for Juniors in the public school system. The cost is covered by the state.

## POST-GRADUATE PLANS

- 72% of 2024 LHS graduates went on for post-secondary education. 61% went to four year colleges and universities and 11% to two year institutions. 54% stayed in-state and 18% went out-of-state or out of country.
- 1% of 2024 LHS graduates went into the military, 9% went to trade/vocational schools and 18% percent went into full-time work, were undecided or participated in volunteer/community service opportunities.
- 97.5% of International Baccalaureate graduates went on for post-secondary education.

## Lakewood High School Class of 2024 Students Enrolled at the Following In-State Colleges

Arapahoe Community College	Emily Griffith Technical College	Red Rocks Community College Arvada
Colorado Christian University	Fort Lewis College	Regis University
Colorado College	Front Range Community College	Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design
Colorado Mesa University	Metropolitan State University of Denver	University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado School of Mines	Naropa University	University of Colorado at Denver
Colorado State University at Ft. Collins	Northeastern Junior College	University of Denver
Colorado State University at Pueblo	Otero College	University of Northern Colorado
Community College of Denver	Red Rocks Community College	Western State Colorado University

## Lakewood High School Class of 2024 Students Enrolled at the Following Out-of-State Colleges

Augustana College	Northern Arizona University	University of Central Missouri
Baylor University	Northwest Kansas Technical College	University of Connecticut
Black Hills State University	Oklahoma City University	University of Mississippi
Boise State University	Oregon State University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Boston College	Pennsylvania State University-Penn State	University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	Main Campus	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Brown University	Portland State University	University of North Dakota
Cal Poly	Princeton University	University of Oregon
Chapman University	Purdue University-Main Campus	University of San Diego
Emerson College	San Diego City College	University of Southern Maine
Florida Polytechnic University	San Diego State University	University of St Thomas
Georgia State University	Santa Clara University	University of Washington-Seattle Campus
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus	Spartan College of Aeronautics & Technology	University of Wyoming
Indiana University-Bloomington	St Olaf College	Vassar College
Iowa State University	The George Washington University	Virginia Tech
Lewis & Clark College	The University of Alabama	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Long Island University - Brooklyn	The University of Montana	Whitman College
Lund University	The University of Texas at Austin	Willamette University
Macalester College	Universiteit Maastricht	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Michigan State University	University of Arizona	Yale University
Muhlenberg College	University of California-Irvine	
Northeastern University	University of California-Los Angeles	

## NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

The class of 2025 has four Semifinalists, TBD Commended students, The class of 2024 had three Semifinalists and nine Commended students, seven National Hispanic Recognition Awards, and one National Indigenous Award.. The class of 2023 had eight Commended students..

## MARKING SYSTEM

### Unweighted Scale

A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0

### Weighted Scale

A = 5.0 B = 4.0 C = 3.0 D = 1.0

- A 5.0 weighted cumulative GPA is not possible due to specific graduation requirements. Highest weighted GPA in the class of 2024 is 4.94.
- In 2023-2024, 41% of the student body earned a 3.5 weighted GPA or above and received Honors/High Honors recognition
- WP means withdraw pass/WF means withdraw fail/ P means passing (WF, WP, P do not figure in GPA)
- **Jefferson County Schools officially weights all AP, IB and Honors coursework on the weighted scale listed above.**

Although there is no official limit to the number of Honors/AP classes a student may take, students must have a discussion with counselor before taking 3 or more AP classes. Current year teachers recommend students for the following year academic courses including AP/Honors.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS\***

Language Arts	4.0 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	.5 credits
Practical Arts	.5 credits
Elective	<u>8.5 credits</u>
Total	23.0 credits

\*All seniors must demonstrate postsecondary workforce and college readiness in English and Math as required by the state of Colorado. There are multiple ways for students to demonstrate readiness including standardized test scores and capstone projects.

**VALEDICTORIAN REQUIREMENTS****International Baccalaureate Program:**

Valedictorian will be decided by the highest *unweighted* GPA.

**Honors/Advanced Placement Program**

Valedictorian will be decided by the highest *weighted* GPA.

**ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS for 2024-2025**

	<b><u>Honors</u></b>	<b><u>Advanced Placement</u></b>	<b><u>International Baccalaureate</u></b>
<b>Business</b>			IB Business Management SL & HL
<b>English</b>	H. English 9 H. English 10	AP English Lang & Comp AP English Lit & Comp	IB Jr. English HL IB Sr. English HL IB Theory of Knowledge
<b>Social Studies</b>	H. US Government H. Economics	AP Psychology AP US History AP Human Geography AP World History AP European History AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics AP US Government and Politics	IB Jr. History HL IB Sr. History HL IB Psychology SL IB Social Cultural Anthropology SL
<b>Mathematics</b>	H. Geometry H. Algebra II	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP Pre-Calculus	IB Math: Applications & Interpretations SL IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL & HL
<b>Science</b>	H. Earth Science H. Biology H. Physics H. Chemistry	AP Environmental Science AP Biology AP Physics C AP Chemistry	IB Biology HL IB Chemistry SL & HL IB Physics SL IB Environmental Systems SL
<b>World Language</b>	H. French 1, 2 H. Spanish 1, 2	AP French AP Spanish AP Chinese	IB French 1, 2 (levels 3-5) SL & HL IB Spanish 1, 2 (levels 3-5) SL & HL IB Chinese SL
<b>Fine Arts</b>		AP Music Theory AP Drawing	IB Film SL IB Theatre Arts SL & HL IB Visual Arts SL & HL

**Concurrent Enrollment** currently Lakewood offers three elective concurrent enrollment courses in theater.

## **LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Lakewood High School participates in Unified Athletics and offers a unique educational program to meet the special needs of the participants. The school has received a growing amount of annual grants from outside agencies in support of its Unified Program mission.
- LHS Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout their first year. Built on the belief that students can help other students succeed, 83 junior and seniors are selected to mentor, act as positive role models, and guide freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school.
- Last year, a total of 900 AP exams were administered and over 83% of students tested scored a 3 or higher.
- Each year LHS Art Students are recognized with awards in the Annual Jefferson County High School Art Exhibit, State and National Scholastics Art and Writing Competition, PTA Reflection Contest, and The Congressional Art Show. LHS Art Students submit a variety of art forms for art exhibitions. LHS Students collaborate with local community venues such as Museum of Contemporary Teen Show, Foothills Art Center, and local Galleries. Art Students gain opportunities to learn the art exhibition and business with art.
- Over the last 28 years, an average of 94% of the LHS International Baccalaureate graduates have earned their IB diplomas.
- The Lakewood High School music program is recognized around the state for its high level of achievement in both Vocal and Instrumental music. Lakewood had 14 different ensembles selected to perform at the Colorado Music Educators Association conference, most recently the Chamber Orchestra, in 2023. The Bengal Regiment has been a 14-time State Marching Band Finalist, and the Wind Ensemble has been selected to perform at the State Concert Band Festival 13 times. The Lakewood Orchestra program is nationally recognized and was selected to the 2025 Music For All Orchestra America National Festival.
- Sixteen out of the past twenty-one years, an LHS student has been designated a Boettcher Scholar, one of forty top high school students in the state of Colorado.
- The LHS Theatre Company (LHSTC) has received fifty Bobby G nominations in the past five years for outstanding performance and technical work for our spring musicals. In 2023, we garnered four wins, in best in show, director, actor and lighting design. The Bobby G Award is the state qualifying competition leading to the national Jimmy Awards in New York City. In 2018, LHSTC was named one of three top theatre programs in the country by the Educational Theatre Association.
- This year, the English as a Second Language Department at LHS supports and monitors a large population of students from thirty-two different language backgrounds. Approximately, four hundred and seven students (22 % of the student population) at Lakewood High School have a primary home language other than English.
- LHS has a near 50% participation rate with our students being involved in one or more sports/ activities. Team highlights from the 2023-24 school year are showing signs of a commitment to our 24 Teams – One Family mantra: LHS Gymnastics had another incredible season and placed numerous individuals on the podium at the state championships. Individually, we had the All-Around State Champion and had individual apparatus champions and multiple place winners. Boys Soccer had an incredible season and post season, as the LHS Tigers took down the #1 seed in the playoffs and finished with our highest finish in the state playoffs since the inception of the current format. Unified Bowling and Girls Flag Football were both added to our mix of athletic offerings and the Tigers came out firing. Unified Bowling were CHSAA Regional Runner-Ups and qualified for the state championships. Flag Football earned multiple hard fought victories and were the recipient of the Denver Broncos Game of the Week. LHS Softball qualified for the CHSAA State Championships for the fifth consecutive season and looks to build on the momentum they are generating. LHS Girls and Boys Tennis and Girls and Boys Cross Country all had great seasons with individuals as all-conference performers and athletes qualifying for the CHSAA State playoffs and achieving career best times. Boys Lacrosse is a team on the rise, as the future of this squad is incredibly bright looking to return to the playoffs. LHS Wrestling had another solid season and had two state qualifiers and both teams return with a young nucleus of talent. Girls and Boys Swimming both had awesome seasons that were highlighted by multiple individuals and relays representing Tiger Nation at the CHSAA State Championships and multiple boys swimmers placing in an individual event. The Girls and Boys Track and Field teams started to really come into their own having multiple school records set and individuals high on the podium of the CHSAA state championships. Individually our student athletes continued a run of great state performances, with individual state champions and high state place finishers. Lakewood again had the CHSAA 5A Athlete of the Year, Colorado Sportswomen Outstanding Athlete and for just the third time, had the Jeffco Female athlete of the year over all sports. Lakewood continues to excel in the Academic All-State recognition with 110 athletes who attained First Team Academic All-State honors.

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