

Leavenworth High School

First High School in Kansas,
First In All That We Do!



WELCOME 2025-2026

Event Purpose

- Meet administration
- Receive pertinent information regarding your student at Leavenworth High School
- This presentation will be posted on the high school website tomorrow.

***** *Begin the partnership between families and our school staff for 2025-26 school year.******



Administrative Staff

- Mr. James Vanek— Principal
- Mr. Chuck Mahon— Asst. Principal (A-E)
- Mr. Brenden Olesen — Asst. Principal (F-L)
- Mr. Mike Koontz — Asst. Principal (M-R)
- Ms. Stacey Cole — Associate Principal (S-Z)

Office Staff

Counselors

- Ms. Jennifer Baptista (A-E + International)
- Ms. Triston Richardson(F-L)
- Mr. Michael Sullivan (M-R)
- Ms. Karen Ross (S-Z)

Admin Assistants

- DuQuan Walton - Principal's Secretary
- Angela Navinskey - Attendance (A-L)
- Tanya White - Athletics
- Robin Taylor - Attendance (M-Z)
- Lauren Wendt - Guidance
- Paige Miller - Registrar
- Kathy Smith - Bookkeeping

Support Staff

- Dr. Gary Burdette - SPED Process Coord.
- Drew House, School Psychologist
- Dawson Jacobsma, Social Worker
- Gelia Dodin, Career and Technical Education Coordinator
- Wende Butler, Nurse
- Officer Schneider, Resource Officer
- 2 Licensed Therapists



LHS VISION

LHS is a community of individualized learners focused on an innovative, rigorous, and civic-minded education that equips **ALL** Pioneers for lifelong success.



FOCUS

Students at Leavenworth High School will continue to improve their...

Attendance

Attitude

Academics



'24-'25 Data

Attendance - Increase by 6% in daily attendance

Attitude - Decrease in Discipline

50% reduction in Long Term Suspensions

27% decrease in OSS

Academics - Building GPA 2.97



2025-26

Bell Schedule

Hour 1 7:45 - 8:32

Hour 2 8:37 - 9:24

Hour 3 9:29 - 10:16

Hour 4 10:21 - 11:08

Advisory 11:13 - 11:46

Hour 5 11:51 - 1:21

Hour 6 1:26 - 2:13

Hour 7 2:18 - 3:05



Lunch 1 11:51 - 12:21

Lunch 2 12:21 - 12:51

Lunch 3 12:51 - 1:21

ELECTRONICS POLICY



1ST VIOLATION
PHONE PLACED IN
ENVELOPE

2ND VIOLATION = REFERRAL
SEND TO OFFICE WITH
OFFICE REFERRAL

IF NOT TURNED IN TO THE
OFFICE = SUSPENSION

THE PIONEER WAY



be
ON TIME

DRESS
appropriately



use appropriate
LANGUAGE



be
RESPECTFUL



EVERYWHERE. EVERY DAY.

Goal

Each student at Leavenworth High School
will be...

Employed

Enlisted

Enrolled

...Upon Graduation



Chuck Mahon

Assistant Principal ext: **11016**

Students with last names starting with A-E

Angela Navinsky - Administrative Assistant ext: **11009**

Jennifer Baptista - Guidance Counselor
(A-E) ext: **11005**



Roles and Responsibilities

- Department (Special Education, Science, Social Studies)
- Student Concerns A - E
- MTSS/SIT
- Social Emotional Mental Health Coord
- Testing (ACT, Workkeys, PreACT & SAEBRS)
- School Pictures



Assessment

District Assessments - FastBridge

Fall, Winter, & Spring

Standardized Testing Programs

PreACT, PSAT, ACT, WorkKeys & ASVAB,

State Assessment - March & April (Grades 10 & 11)

Statewide ACT - February 24 (no cost for all juniors / any senior who has not already taken it)

Advanced Placement Exams - Early May



Medication

- Prescription medications: In order for the nurses to dispense medication, we must have a doctor's note with the student name and directions on how to dispense.
- OTC (Over the Counter medications): Parents must fill out a form giving the school permission to dispense.



Brenden Olesen

Assistant Principal, ext: **11013**

Students with last names starting with F - L

Angela Navinsky - Admin Asst., ext: **11009**

Triston Richardson - Guidance Counselor (F-L),
ext: **11004**



My Roles/Responsibilities

- Math & Fine Arts Departments
- Student Concerns F - L
- District Assessments (Fastbridge)
- State Assessments (KAP)
- Graduation
- Summer School
- 21st Century Learners Boards
- PTA



Orientation Day

Arrive - 7:30

- Pick up schedule in the small gym and report to the main gym

7:45 - 11:00

- Introduction to staff
- Lunch and library rotations (No Food Service)
- Run through student schedules - mini school day
- Athletics/Activities/Clubs

**Please bring the schedule back on Monday*

Student Leadership Opportunities

Student Council

Sponsors: Sharon Mueller & Annie Longberg

National Honor Society

Sponsor: Brenda Kramer

Senior Class Cabinet

Sponsors: Matthew Arnold

Junior Class Cabinet

Sponsor: Alyssa Wilson & Zoie Hayward



PIONEER CLUBS + ACTIVITIES

CLUBS

Ambassadors: Sam Mesler
Barbell Club: Sean Sachen
Band Programs: Dr. Jared Prost
Book Club: Sharon Mueller
Chess Club: TBD
DECA: Heather Waters
Dungeons & Dragons: Kathy Edwards
Drama/Stella-Thespians: Lauren Gengler
Forensics/Debate: Hilary Metzger
Graffiti: Robert Herron
JR Class Cabinet: Alyssa Wilson
Kay Club: Madeleine Finch
Math Club/Mu Alpha Theta: Sandy Law

CLUBS

Model UN: Sharon Kuchinski
NHS: Brenda Kramer
POC/Step Club: Chancia Harris
Power and Life/Concert Choir: Ryan Bogner
Pre-Med Club: Robert Davenport
Project Planet: Darcy Romondo
Scholars Bowl: TBD
TSA: Ryan Stobaugh
Sr. Class Cabinet: Matthew Arnold
STUCO: Sharon Mueller & Annie Longberg
Yearbook/Video Broadcasting: Heather Waters

PIONEER CLUBS + ACTIVITIES

JROTC PROGRAM

Cannon Crew: MAJ Scillieri

Cavalry Angels: MAJ Scillieri

Academic Team: MAJ Scillieri

Cadet Drum & Bugle Corps: MAJ Scillieri

Junior Guard: MAJ Scillieri

Rifle Team: 1SG Sutton

Cadet Choir: SFC Loewen

Color Guard: SFC Lowen

Saber Guard: SFC Lowen

Robotics Team: SFC Loewen

Pioneer Guard: 1SG Cogdill

Leadership Team: 1SG Cogdill

Raiders: 1SG Cogdill



First Quarter Activities



- August 15 - Back to School Bash
- August 19 – LHS Open House
- September 2 – First Home Soccer Game
- September 4 - First Home Volleyball Game
- September 5 -First Varsity Home Football Game
 - Freshmen Tailgate
- September 13 - JROTC Raider Meet
- September 19 - Picture Day
- October 3 – Homecoming Parade/Football Game
- October 4 – Homecoming Dance

Important Dates

- Senior Information Night - 09/22/25
- College & Career Night - 10/20/25
- PSAT Testing - 10/15/25 (for Sophomores & Juniors)
- PreACT Testing - (10/28/25)
- ACT Workkeys Testing for Juniors - (11/5/25)
- Free State ACT Testing for Juniors - 02/24/26
- Advanced Placement Testing - May
- Senior Awards Night - 05/14/26
- Graduation - 05/16/26



Mike Koontz

Asst Principal/Athletic Director ext: **11015**

Students with last names starting with M-R

email: michael.koontz@lvpioneers.org

Tanya White - Mr. Koontz's Secretary ext: **11008**

Michael Sullivan-Guidance Counselor(M-R)ext: **11006**

Follow sports results on X!
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My Roles/Responsibilities

- Student Concerns M - R
- Athletics/Activities
- KSHSAA Reporting
- ROTC
- Physical Education Dept
- World Language
- Virtual Learning



Competitive Athletics

Athletic

Baseball	Justin Bode
Basketball (Boys).....	Dru Linebach
Basketball (Girls).....	Bill Sloan
Bowling (Boys /Girls).....	Nathan Troyer
Cheerleading.....	Baylie Kiefer
Cross Country (Boys/Girls)	Hannah Robinson
Football.....	Sean Sachen
Golf (Boys/Girls).....	Jon LeBar
Soccer (Boys).....	Chris Lawson
Soccer (Girls).....	Michael Tanner
Softball.....	Kacy Sloan
Swimming (Boys/Girls).....	Thula Stenerson
Tennis (Boys/Girls).....	Jason Longberg/Melissa Horine
Track and Field(Boys).....	Hannah Robinson
Track and Field(Girls).....	RJ Suttles
Volleyball	Dean Ray
Wrestling(Boys/Girls).....	Bill Erneste/Justin Bode

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Parking Procedures

- Bus pickup and drop off is in the north parking lot
- All other pickup and drop off is in the south parking lot
- South parking lot is reserved for seniors and visitors only
- West parking lot is open parking to all students
- North parking lot is faculty and staff parking only
- At 7:45 a.m. all exterior doors will be locked.
- After 7:45 a.m. all students/visitors must enter and exit through the south main street doors through a buzzer system.



Stacey Cole

Associate Principal ext: **11017**

Students with last names starting with S-Z

- Robin Taylor- Administrative Asst.; attendance (M-Z) ext: **11011**
- Karen Ross - Guidance Counselor (S-Z) ext: **11003**



Roles and Responsibilities

- Student Concerns S - Z
- Oversee Advanced Placement Courses - Mr. Sullivan (primary)
- Departments (Career and Technical Education, English Language Arts, Guidance)
- Professional Learning Communities
- KCKCC Concurrent Enrollment
- Pioneer Career Center Liaison
- Student/Faculty Handbooks (LHS Supplemental)
- Technology
- Perkins Grant



Attendance

❖ Tardies

➤ 1st Hour

- Until 8:00

- Parents can only excuse 2 per semester

➤ 2nd – 7th Hours: first 10 minutes

➤ As tardies build students are subject to detentions and ISS

❖ Absences show UNV until excused by a parent, or changed to UNX through the office.

❖ Parents can request work due to absences through Guidance (3+ days) as well as have students check Google Classroom and email teachers

❖ Extended absence or moving, please contact Guidance Office

Attendance

- ❖ Call attendance within two days (leave a message)
- ❖ The autodialer goes out each day on unverified absences.
- ❖ Excessive absences may result in truancy through the county courts
 - 3 UNX in a row, 5 in a semester, 7 in a school year
 - After 10 days of EAB all absences count UNX and towards truancy
 - Doesn't count: MED (medical with note from doctor), ACT (school activity)

EAB = Excused Absence

UNX = Unexcused Absence

UNV = Unverified Absence (potential referral)

EXT = Excused Tardy

TDY= Unexcused Tardy

Attendance can be monitored in PowerSchool

Powerschool

- Go to District Page (www.usd453.org)
- Link under Families
- Log in with your username/password from your online enrollment
- Call the main office if you have any questions



App for smart phones

School Code: **FBCM**



Dress Code

The district reserves the right at all times to regulate the dress and/or grooming of any student deemed to be a distraction to the learning process, is of questionable decency, is offensive to the normal decorum of the school community and/or creates a health, discipline, or safety hazard.

Examples of the most common issues:

- **extremely short shorts / skirts**
- **plunging necklines**
- **sagging pants**
- **hoods**
- **inappropriate shirt designs/language**
- **midriff shirts**

Student Handbooks

www.usd453.org

- Select Leavenworth High School



- For Parents
- Resources

- Combined Student Handbook
- LHS Supplemental Student Policies and Procedures

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

President -- Shondell Lister

Vice President -- Elly Perez-Wilson

Secretary -- Carol Brown

Treasurer -- Deon Holliday



LHS Site Council

- Why? Be a participant in redesigning how education is delivered at LHS
- How? Provide input and support to the LHS school improvement plan
- What? Sign up/attend/participate



Stay Connected with Leavenworth High School and USD453

- Facebook: Leavenworth Senior High School
- X: @LVPioneers for Athletics
@LVJamesV - Various Information
- www.usd453.org/LHS

