

Lakeview Community Schools



2024 - 2025
Annual
Report



Our Schools, Our Students



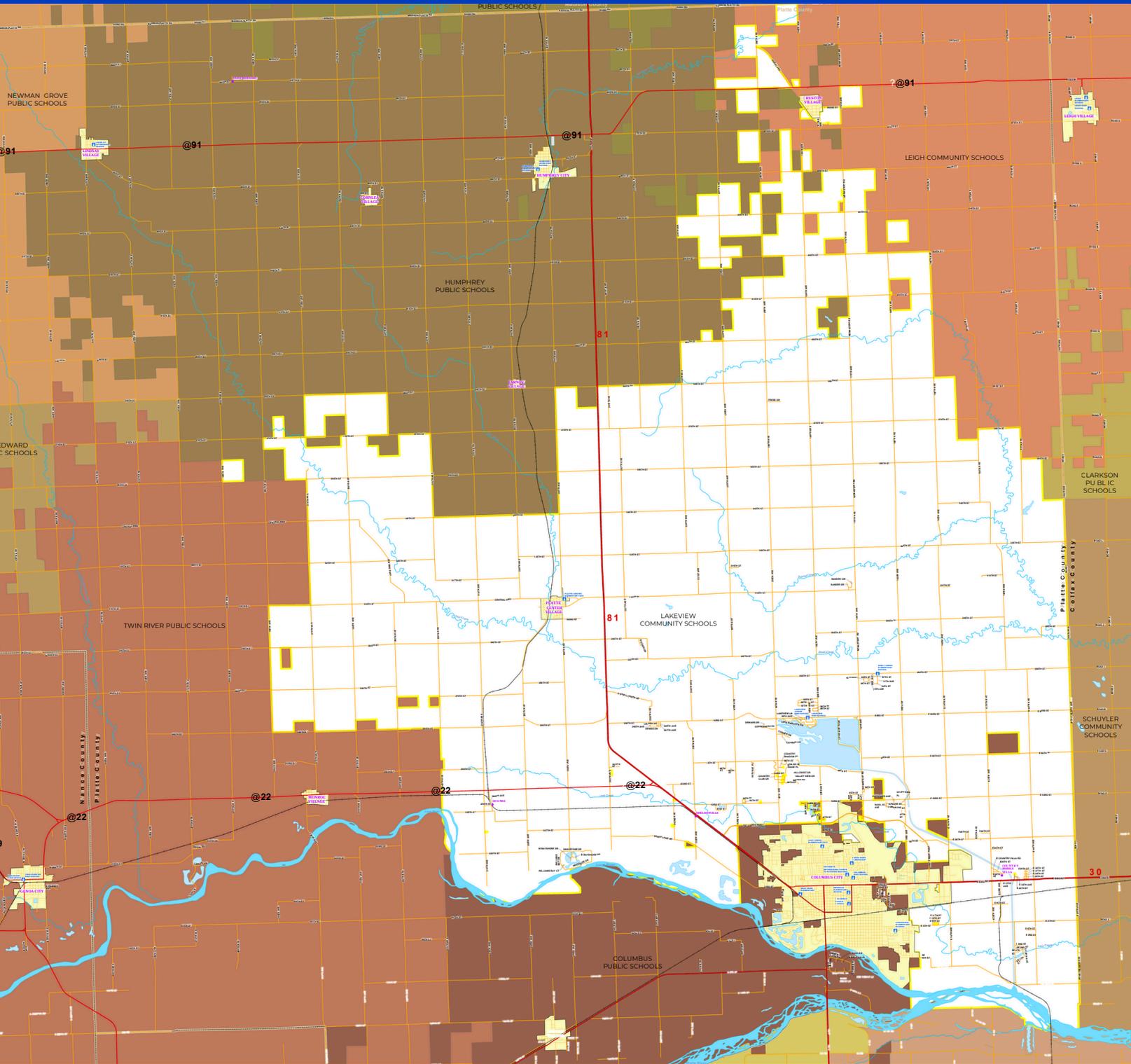
Lakeview Community Schools is proud to continue its tradition of excellence in education and its commitment to putting students first in every decision. We are honored to serve our community through three public school buildings—Platte Center Elementary, Shell Creek Elementary, and Lakeview Junior/Senior High School—and our preschool programs located at both elementary sites. Our district also partners with two K–8 parochial schools, Christ Lutheran Elementary and St. John’s Lutheran School, that help serve the broader Lakeview community.

As a PK–12 public school district, Lakeview serves approximately 1040 students and is strengthened by the support of our families, staff, and community. Our students represent a diverse population, with 33.08% qualifying for free or reduced-price meals, 14.32% receiving special education services, and 8.96% identified as English Learners. Students come from suburban and rural areas of Columbus, Platte Center, and nearby industrial communities. The district employs 84 certified staff members, 79 classified staff members, and 5 administrators who share a common goal: helping every student succeed.

Lakeview offers a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities designed to prepare students for success in college, careers, and life. These include Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-credit courses, a strong STEM curriculum, and an exceptional agricultural education program. Our career and technical education pathways are among the strongest in the region. In addition, the district provides robust support through our Migrant Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs. Lakeview students continue to demonstrate high levels of achievement, with NSCAS and ACT results that consistently exceed state averages—a reflection of our community’s dedication to academic excellence and lifelong learning.

The Community We Serve

Lakeview Community Schools spans approximately 840 square miles, serving students from diverse communities across the district. This map shows the areas we proudly serve.



Committed to Improvement

We are currently in year three of our five-year continuous school improvement cycle. Our steering committee consists of sixteen certified staff members, including three principals, the special education and preschool coordinator, two counselors, and teachers from Shell Creek Elementary, Platte Center Elementary, and Lakeview Jr. Sr. High. The members include: Steve Borer, Brandon Nygren, Erin Craven, Mollie Rambour, Paige Rambour, Jodi Behlen, Laura Wellman, Jody Helms, Nicole Miller, Drew Ahlers, Billie Wemhoff, Jen Osten, Alyssa Jarecki, Kelly Schaad, Jill Krienke, and Jillian Schmidt.

We have two school improvement goals: Increase ELA proficiency among all students in comparison to district and state proficiency levels as measured by district and state administered assessments, with a focus on the following student groups: Special Education, EL, Hispanic, and Free/Reduced. Provide explicit professional development for staff to improve instruction in all curricular areas for all learners.

To help meet our first goal of increasing ELA proficiency among all students, we have completed the following action steps:

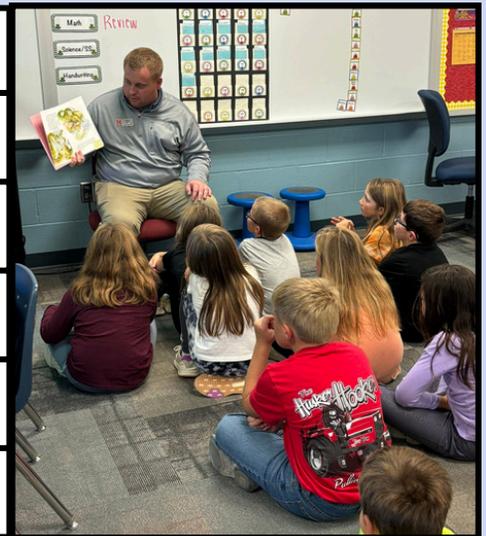
- Action Step #1: Teachers implemented three instructional strategies (QSSSA, Write-Chat-Revise, Jot Thoughts) in all classrooms.
- Action Step #2: Lakeview Jr. Sr. High established an MTSS committee. The committee will lead and coordinate MTSS at the secondary level.
- Action Step #3: Created district-wide PLC Goal & Data Templates for each PLC team to establish yearly goals and record data on the progress of our student focus groups.
- Action Step #4: Updated New Teacher Mentoring Packet so that it aligns with our school improvement goals and process.
- Action Step #5: Teachers implemented the instructional strategy called Picture Word Inductive Model (PWIM) in all classrooms.
- Action Step #6: All PK-12 teachers received training from NDE ELA specialist, Becky Michael, on building an ELA ecosystem and maximizing meaning-making.

To help meet our second goal of providing explicit professional development for staff, we have completed the following action steps:

- Action Step #1: Teachers were trained by ESU staff on three instructional strategies (QSSSA, Write-Chat-Revise, Jot Thoughts). The strategies have been implemented for three years.
- Action Step #2: Sped Strategies training- All teachers and paras took part in two trainings to help increase inclusion and support all learners through best practices with the Sped Strategies organization.
- Action Step #3: All teachers took part in an ELPA21 Assessment Training with ESU 7 Staff in August 2025.
- Action Step #4: All teachers attended the ESU 7 Regional Professional Development Day at Columbus Public in January 2025.
- Action Step #5: Teachers were trained by ESU staff on using the Picture Word Inductive Model (PWIM) strategy.
- Action Step #6: All teachers participated in the October Professional Development Day at Lakeview with ESU 7 and NDE staff in October 2023 and October 2025.
- Action Step #7: All PK-12 teachers received training from NDE ELA specialist, Becky Michael, on building an ELA ecosystem and maximizing meaning-making.

Planning for the Future

Winter MAP - Percent of K-8 Students Who Met the Norm 2021-2025	
Year	Reading
2021-2022	61%
2022-2023	63%
2023-2024	66%
2024-2025	65%



NSCAS Reading - Percent of Students who Met or Exceeded Standards according to NSCAS 2023-2025 3rd-8th Grade			
	2023	2024	2025
	58%	62%	64%

ACT 11th Grade English and Reading Average Scores				
	2022	2023	2024	2025
English	18.5	18.2	17.1	19.6
Reading	18.6	18.5	18	19.5



Supporting Education Through Facilities

Lakeview Community Schools comprises three main institutions: Lakeview Junior-Senior High School, Shell Creek Elementary, and Platte Center Elementary. Our district also welcomes many students from Christ Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran parochial schools as they transition to high school.

The Board of Education's Building and Grounds Committee meets quarterly to proactively oversee the upkeep and enhancement of our facilities. This dedicated committee ensures that our schools remain safe, functional, and well-equipped to support student learning.

Over the past decade, Lakeview's facilities have undergone significant improvements. In 2013, Shell Creek Elementary was extensively remodeled and expanded to accommodate growing enrollment. In 2019, voters approved a bond to fund major additions and renovations at Lakeview Junior-Senior High School, with construction beginning in 2020 and culminating in the opening of upgraded facilities at the start of the 2021-22 school year. Continuing this momentum, new classrooms at Shell Creek Elementary were constructed in spring 2022 and completed by October of the same year.

These strategic investments have strengthened our learning environments, providing modern, functional spaces that enhance both educational opportunities and student experiences across the district.



Course Offerings

Lakeview Junior-Senior High is rooted in building a strong foundation in academics, character, and mindset for our students. Simply put, Lakeview has the best of both worlds. Lakeview supports a small school environment where students feel safe, connected, and involved, yet offers the curriculum, programs, and activities much larger schools often provide. If you decide to attend Lakeview we are confident you will find your fit!

Lakeview's location from Central Community College also allows us to harness the potential for Lakeview students to conquer their future! Lakeview has a long standing relationship with Central Community College.

Lakeview's Conquest Program provides students the opportunity to take dual credit classes at Lakeview or if students choose to broaden their horizon they may participate in the college release program, where students take college level classes at CCC. Our outstanding partnership with CCC allows us to create flexible scheduling for students. We can assure you if you want the opportunity to "conquer your future" like a true Viking, then Lakeview Junior-Senior High is the place for you!

If your focus is hands on education then Lakeview can provide you the curriculum you're looking for. Lakeview is well-known for its Ag and FFA programs. Animal Science, Horticulture, Landscaping, or Precision Ag-if agriculture is your thing, Lakeview provides options. Lakeview also offers a strong Skilled and Technical Science program which covers a broad scope of skills from small engine repair and metal fabrication to wood-working, construction, basic electronics and robotics. If hands on education is what you are seeking then get your gloves on and let's go to work!



Across Grades, Across Buildings

2024-2025 Enrollment						
Grade	St. John's	Christ Lutheran	Shell Creek	Platte Center	Jr. - Sr. High	LCS Totals
PK	4	18	38	31	-	69*
K	8	6	50	14	-	64*
1	7	5	44	21	-	65*
2	4	1	49	23	-	72*
3	6	4	43	15	-	59*
4	10	6	59	22	-	81*
5	3	1	55	21	-	76*
6	4	3	51	20	-	71*
7	8	1	-	-	73	73*
8	2	3	-	-	77	77*
9	-	-	-	-	90	90
10	-	-	-	-	91	91
11	-	-	-	-	77	77
12	-	-	-	-	83	83
Total	56	48	389	167	491	1047*

Total is only LCS numbers, does not include St. John's and Christ Lutheran



Dedicated Staff



All certified teaching staff and administration in Lakeview Community Schools hold a valid Nebraska Teaching Certificate. Standards for earning Nebraska Teaching Certificates are established by State Law and Nebraska Department of Education regulations referred to as Rule 21.

Professional Staff	Average Years of Teaching Experience		% of Staff with Master's Degrees	
	State	Lakeview	State	Lakeview
2017-2018	12.69	17.03	54.92%	57.81%
2018-2019	14.01	14.83	55.99%	67.19%
2019-2020	13.96	14.55	56.06%	62.48%
2020-2021	13.95	15.50	56.85%	61.48%
2021-2022	13.94	16.45	57.72%	63.20%
2022-2023	13.86	16.52	58.25%	62.99%
2023-2024	14.00	17.00	59.00%	62.00%
2024-2025	14.00	16.00	59.00%	64.00%

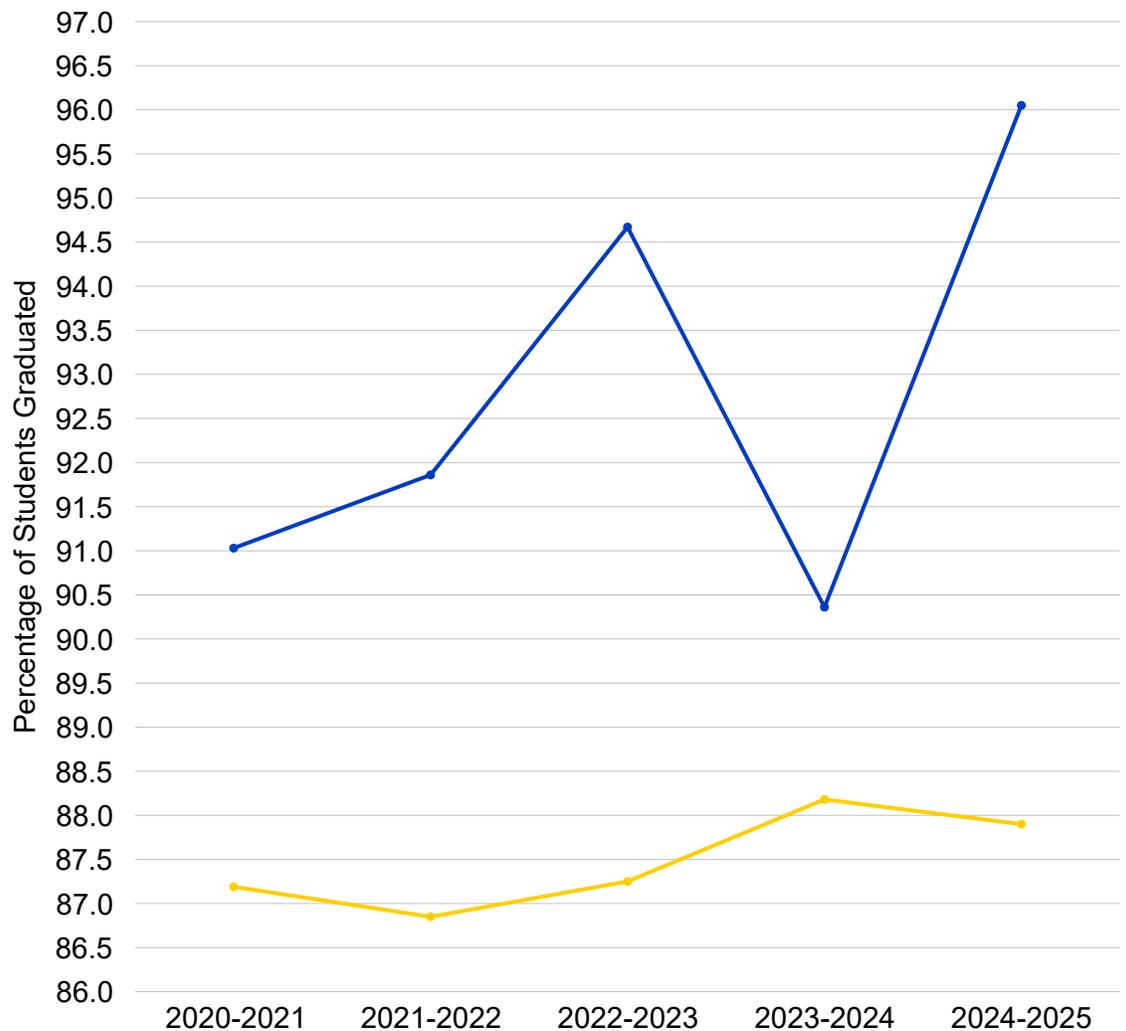
Prepared for the Future

Over the past five years, Lakeview Community Schools has consistently graduated students at a higher rate than the state average. This steady trend reflects our students' commitment, the dedication of our staff, and the strong support of our families and community.



Graduation Rates

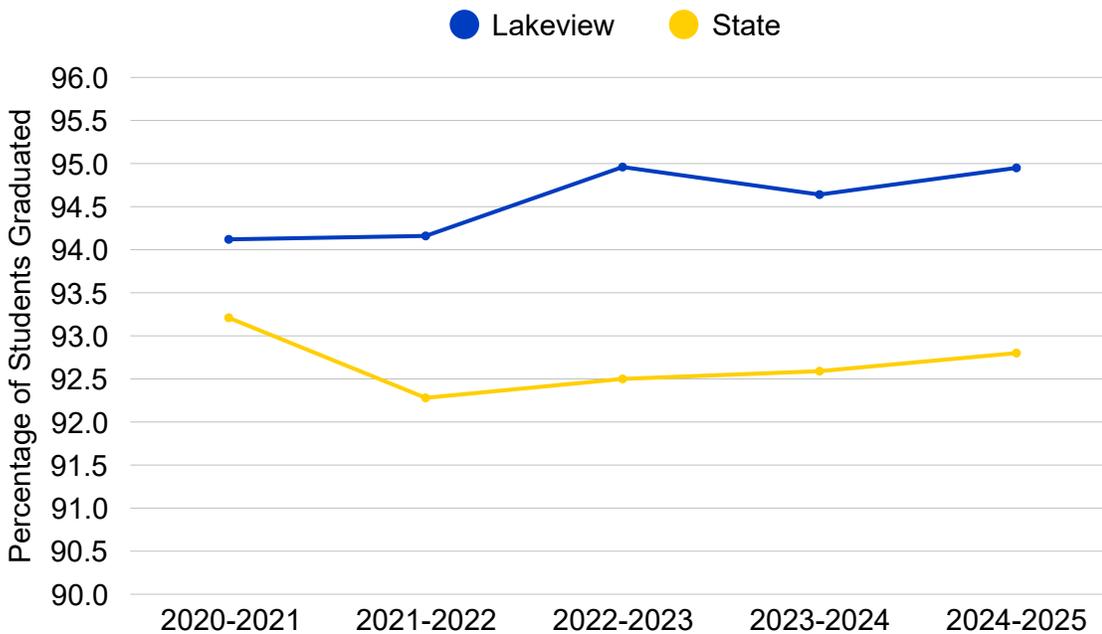
● Lakeview ● State



Strong Attendance, Strong Results

Lakeview students have maintained attendance rates above the state average, over the past five years. This consistency speaks to strong family engagement, dedicated staff, and a school community that values showing up and staying connected.

Attendance Rates



Our Students



Lakeview Community Schools serves a diverse student population that reflects the broader Nebraska community. Our enrollment includes students from a range of backgrounds and learning needs, including those receiving free or reduced lunch, English language learners, and students supported through special education services. Each student contributes to the unique strengths that make our schools thrive.

	Characteristics (2024-2025)	State	Lakeview
	Free/Reduced Lunch	50.43%	33.08%
	English Language Learners	10.34%	8.96%
	Special Education	17.07%	14.32%
	Enrollment	330,136	1,047

2024-2025 Financial Picture

Financial Receipts for the <u>2023-2024</u> school year	Receipts	Percent
County	\$77,094	0.5%
Federal	\$713,869	4.6%
Local	\$6,670,175	43.1%
State	\$8,023,731	51.8%
Total	\$15,484,869	-----

Financial Expenditures for the <u>2024-2025</u> school year	Expenditures	Percent
Regular Instructional Programs	\$6,528,774	45.2%
Limited English Proficiency Programs	\$455,702	3.2%
Poverty Programs	\$353,190	2.4%
Early Childhood Education Programs	\$115,901	0.8%
Special Education Instructional Programs	\$1,510,493	10.4%
Summer School	\$24,945	0.2%
Support Services - Students	\$646,739	4.5%
Support Services - General Administration	\$281,701	1.9%
Support Services - Instruction	\$423,974	2.9%
Central Services	\$252,546	1.8%
Office of Principal	\$955,838	6.6%
Maintenance and Operation of Building and Site	\$2,117,409	14.7%
Support Services - Regular Pupil Transportation	\$194,046	1.3%
School Age & Preschool Special Education Pupil Transportation	\$57,163	0.4%
Federal Programs	\$408,094	2.8%
State Categorical Programs	\$128,101	0.9%
Total	\$14,454,616	-----

Graduate ACT Scores

The chart below shows Lakeview’s ACT scores for the last six graduating classes. Students may take the test at any grade level but the students last score is the score used for school composite averages. Beginning in 2017, all junior students began taking the ACT due to the change in state statute.

ACT Scores	National	State	Lakeview
2018-2019	20.8	20.0	19.5
2019-2020	20.6	19.9	19.0
2020-2021	20.3	20.0	18.6
2021-2022	19.8	19.4	19.6
2022-2023	19.5	19.2	19.3
2023-2024	19.4	19.1	19.3
2024-2025	19.4	19.2	18.7



Junior Class ACT Scores

In the spring of 2025 all 11th grade students in Nebraska were required to take the ACT. The graph on the left shows the percentage of Lakeview juniors compared to Nebraska juniors who met ACT Benchmark. The graph on the right shows the percentage of Lakeview juniors compared to Nebraska juniors who were proficient on the statewide ACT assessment.

Percentage of Students who Met ACT Benchmark

% of Lakeview Jrs. compared to NE Jrs. who met the ACT Benchmark on the Spring 2025 ACT

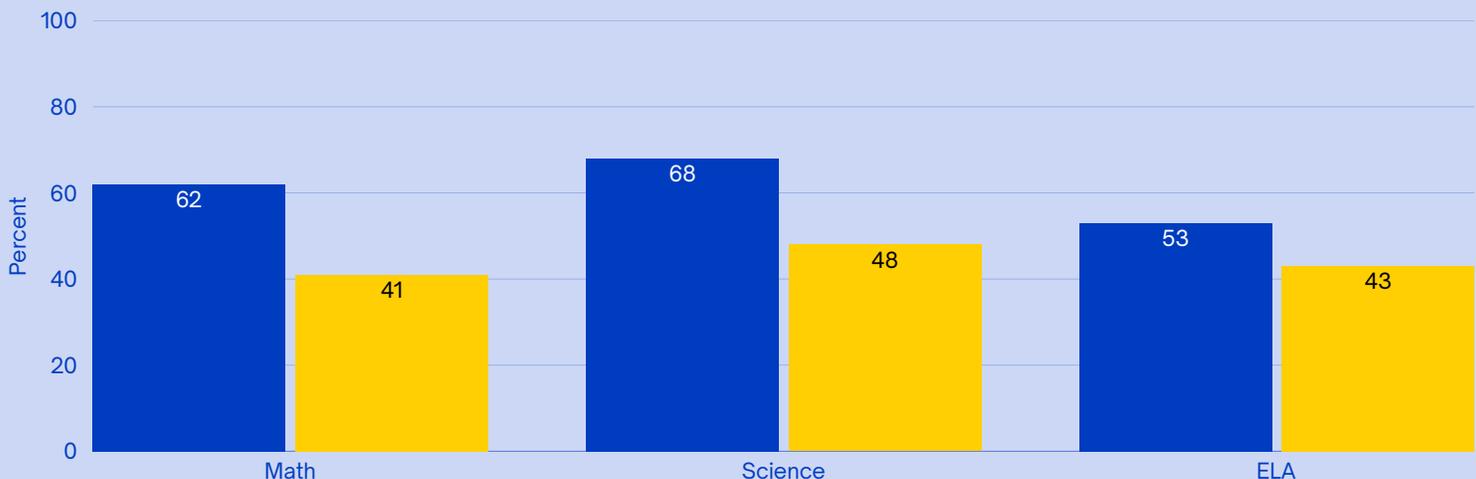
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Proficiency on 2025 Statewide ACT Assessment

% of Lakeview Jrs. compared to NE Jrs. who were proficient on the Spring 2025 NSCAS ACT

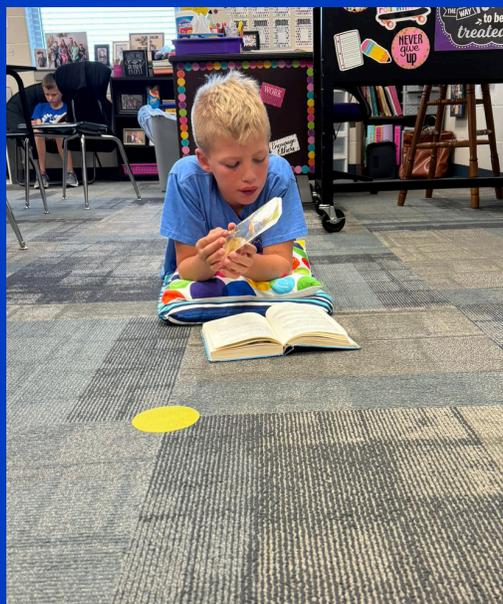
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NWEA - MAP Growth

Nebraska school districts chose one national standardized test to measure their students' performance and growth. Results show the average Winter RIT scores in each grade on the NWEA-MAP Growth Assessment over the last three years.

Northwest Evaluation Association or NWEA Average Winter MAP RIT Scores							
	Math				Reading		
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025		2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Kindergarten	157.1	161.5	163.3		153.6	156.5	156.5
Grade 1	172.4	176.3	180.2		169.9	171.1	173.8
Grade 2	185.7	185.1	187.1		187.0	184.6	187.1
Grade 3	202.9	200.6	201.7		199.2	200.4	197.3
Grade 4	215.0	208.4	214.3		207.0	205.9	206.8
Grade 5	217.9	217.7	217		208.9	212.1	209.7
Grade 6	224.0	223.4	225.6		216.1	214.4	217.6
Grade 7	225.1	228.1	226.4		217.5	219.1	217.3
Grade 8	233.3	230.1	231.8		223.2	219.4	218.2



Nebraska's Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) Results

NSCAS-ELA — This chart shows the average scale scores and the percentage of students that scored “On Track” or “Advanced” on the NSCAS ELA test between Lakeview students and the state.

2024-2025 District Average English Language Arts (ELA) Scale Scores				
	State Average Scale Score	District Average Scale Score	State Percent “On Track” or “Advanced”	District Percent “On Track” or “Advanced”
Grade 3	2458	2464	57%	57%
Grade 4	2489	2509	60%	76%
Grade 5	2503	2513	56%	63%
Grade 6	2518	2538	59%	67%
Grade 7	2527	2525	58%	62%
Grade 8	2545	2548	63%	57%

NSCAS-SCIENCE — This chart shows the average scale scores and the percentage of students that scored “On Track” or “Advanced” on the NSCAS Science test between Lakeview students and the state.

2024-2025 District Average Science Scale Scores				
	State Average Scale Score	District Average Scale Score	State Percent “On Track” or “Advanced”	District Percent “On Track” or “Advanced”
Grade 5	3124	3122	83%	88%
Grade 8	3120	3125	76%	84%

NSCAS-MATH — This chart shows the average scale scores and the percentage of students that scored “On Track” or “Advanced” on the NSCAS Math test between Lakeview students and the state.

2024-2025 District Average Math Scale Scores				
	State Average Scale Score	District Average Scale Score	State Percent “On Track” or “Advanced”	District Percent “On Track” or “Advanced”
Grade 3	1188	1195	60%	64%
Grade 4	1218	1251	61%	76%
Grade 5	1236	1252	59%	63%
Grade 6	1237	1264	56%	69%
Grade 7	1243	1242	55%	53%
Grade 8	1252	1262	57%	66%

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