

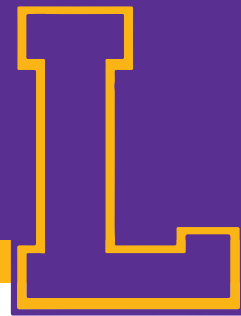


LAKEWOOD CITY SCHOOLS

QUALITY PROFILE

2026

VISION OF A LAKEWOOD RANGER



The Vision of a Lakewood Ranger has been the guiding principle of the Lakewood City Schools for the past six years.

Our vision is that, upon graduation, students leave Lakewood prepared to navigate a complex world, grounded in the competencies of creative and critical thinking, communication, collaboration, growth mindset, global awareness and citizenship, and empathy.

The Vision also includes the moral imperative that our educators use the lens of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, and social-emotional learning when working to make our Vision a reality for each student. In addition to developing students who are skilled at the competencies, our staff members model these competencies every day as a part of our Vision of a Lakewood Educator.



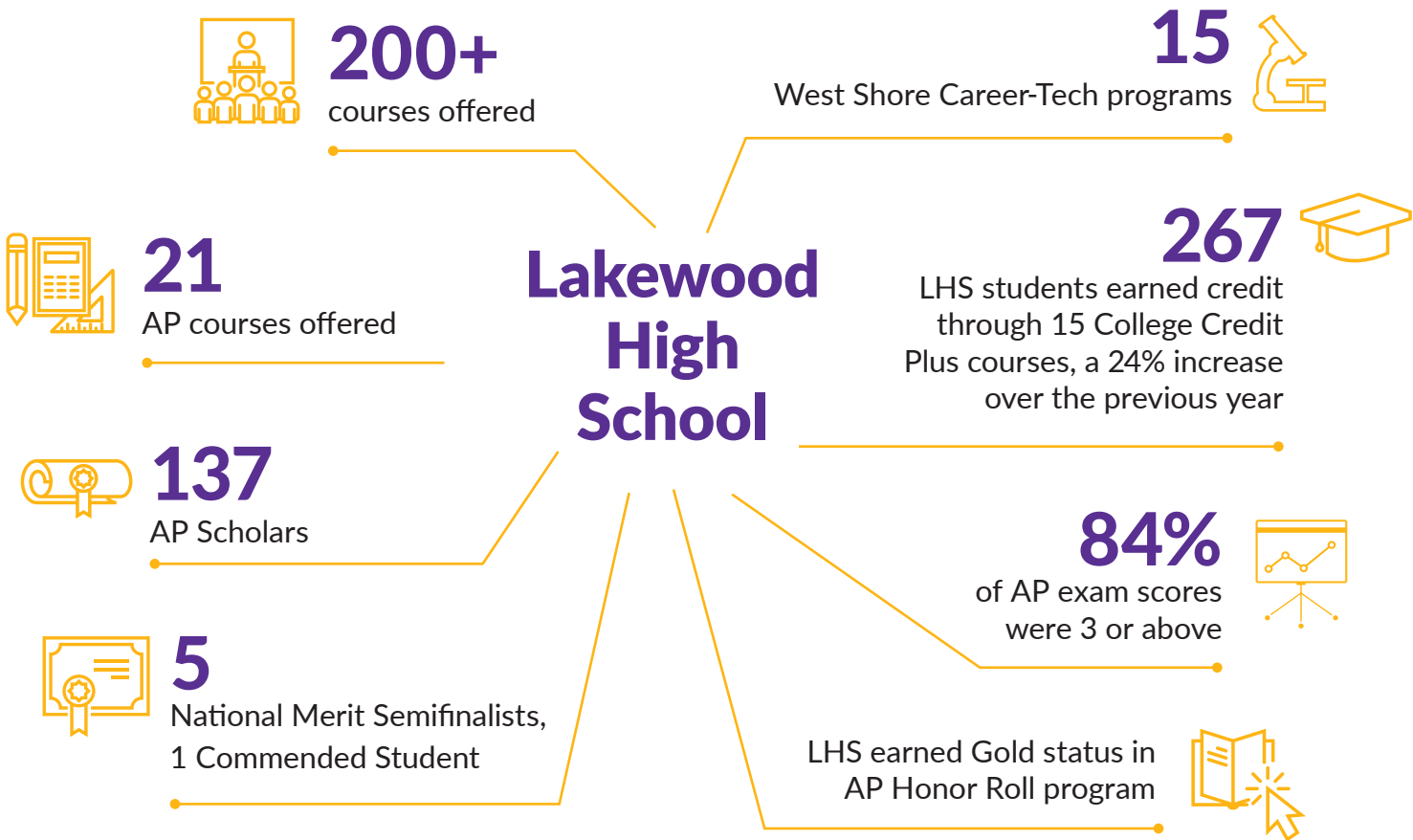


At Lakewood City Schools, we are committed to providing an educational experience that reflects both academic excellence and the whole-child focus.

This commitment is made possible through the dedication of our educators, the leadership of our administrators and Board of Education, and the strong partnership we share with our families.

Our schools offer a rich and expanding range of opportunities designed to meet students where they are and help them thrive—from early learning through graduation and beyond.

With pathways that include K-12 STEM learning, College Credit Plus, Advanced Placement, gifted and special education services, career-technical education, alternative and online programs, and expanded college and career/workforce readiness opportunities, we ensure every student has access to a learning experience that fits their goals and strengths. Above all, we prepare our students not only for academic success, but to be engaged, adaptable, and contributing members of their communities and the wider world.



WEST SHORE CAREER-TECHNICAL DISTRICT



Career-technical education is playing an ever-growing role in our District's effort to produce career and college-ready graduates.

The West Shore Career-Technical District, housed at Lakewood High School, offers comprehensive career training opportunities to our students via its 15 hands-on programs that equip students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience required to thrive in today's competitive job market. Our students have the opportunity to earn industry credentials and college credits, providing them with a head start in their post-secondary journey.



Rocky River
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

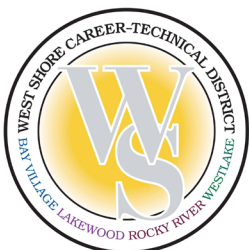


WESTLAKE
City Schools

Through strategic partnerships with local businesses and organizations, our students gain real-world experience, develop professional networks, and enhance their technical and employability skills through work-based learning opportunities.



West Shore Career-Tech, a consortium of Lakewood, Bay Village, Rocky River, and Westlake high schools, earned its second straight
5-Star rating
on the 2025-2026 Ohio State Report Card



NEW THIS YEAR

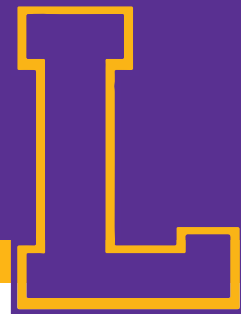


Our new micro electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) and welding programs are the latest programs that offer our West Shore students the opportunity to learn in-demand employment skills with expert teachers and cutting-edge technology. They are the perfect launchpad to land well-paying jobs or continue on to post-secondary education.



WATCH THE VIDEO!
<http://bit.ly/4r2W4hS>

ELEMENTARY HOUSE SYSTEM



In 2020, Roosevelt Elementary implemented the Ron C. Clark House System, similar to the concept in the Harry Potter series, to help the school nurture and build a better sense of community and belonging among each other and to build on their culture of school pride, empathy and inclusion.

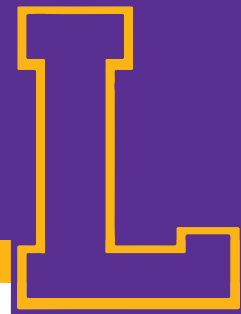
The program has been so successful at Roosevelt in building camaraderie and a sense of belonging that the remaining six elementary schools have now duplicated it in their buildings.

The houses are comprised of all grade levels and include staff as well. Creative and innovative sorting assemblies at the beginning of the school year reveal who belongs to which house. The houses meet regularly throughout the school year to collaborate on activities and projects. Friendly competition is a big part of the house concept as the houses vie for points that can be used to buy prizes in the school's PBIS* store. At the end of the year, a house champion is declared. Teachers can award points for kindness, academics, service, character, school spirit and just generally going above and beyond. The impact is being felt by the students, they report school being more enjoyable, fun, spirited, and more conducive to making friends!

*Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Our play-based Early Childhood Education Program has been a successful part of our community since 1990.

We know children are more successful in school when they have a strong early educational foundation in the first 2,000 days of a child's life.

OPTIONS

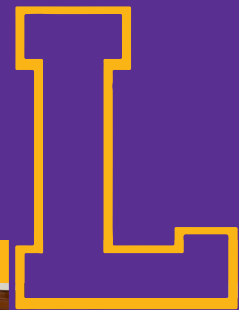
- Offerings for students ages 4-5 include full-day classes, with and without before and after-school care.
- Families with children 3-5 may choose a half-day class.

**COMING
IN 2027**

All preschool programs will be housed in the new **Lincoln Early Learning Center**



STUDENT WELL-BEING



The District's support for students' social-emotional health is extensive:

Special Education and Related Services provided to identified students (17%)

Continuum of specially designed instruction and related services tailored to student needs

Educators for English learners/emerging bilingual students at each building

After-school mentoring program for English learners

Student Support Teams provide academic and non-academic intervention and attendance support



Elementary student wellness specialists to teach/support social-emotional skills

School counselors, psychologists, family resource coordinators and social worker on staff

Team with community mental health providers to provide family support, individual, and group counseling, and child psychiatry services

Partnerships with Bellefaire JCB and OhioGuidestone for individual and group counseling

Cleveland Clinic physical on-site and mobile services

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework in place in each building

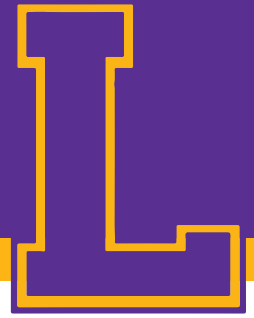
Community partner collaborations to access support for families to meet basic needs

Student self-report universal screenings multiple times per year

Trauma-informed, individualized support for students with intensive school engagement needs



STUDENT ACTIVITIES/ LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



55
high school
clubs



20 (approx.)
middle school clubs
(per school)



34
varsity teams



11
middle school
teams



H2O Youth Volunteer
organization in partnership
with City of Lakewood



Superintendent
Student Advisory
Committee



**Student
Athlete**
Leadership Team



Ron C. Clark
House System leaders



**District
Leadership Team**
student representatives



The fine arts are one of the foundations of the Lakewood City Schools' legacy of excellence.

Our students continue annually to earn local, regional, state and sometimes national recognition in music, visual arts and theater. Both our music and art programs begin in elementary school with weekly classes starting in preschool.

Our community's support is reflected in our district having earned the designation of Best Communities for Music Education by the National Music Merchants Association going on nine straight years.

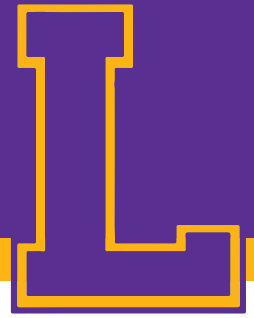
Partnerships with professional groups such as Beck Center for the Arts and the Cleveland Orchestra offer our students extraordinary opportunities to grow artistically.



Lakewood High Barnstormers' production of *Les Misérables* won a Dazzle Award for Best High School Musical in May!



FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

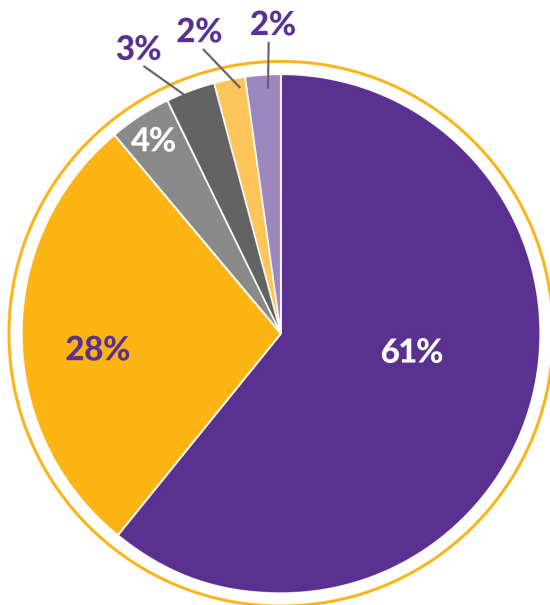


An investment in education is one for the future of our community, and we deliver a high return. Lakewood City Schools provides an exceptional value for our community by being efficient and financially responsible while maintaining the expected academic excellence. In order to achieve cost savings, the District participates in several consortium purchasing programs for goods and services to keep costs down. We have received the Auditor of the State Award for Financial Reporting for 10 straight years. Forecasts are available in August and February on the Treasurer's Department page of our website.

The chart below outlines the sources for the District's revenue and expenses:

Our Revenues and Resources Fiscal Year 2025

Where the General Money Fund Comes From



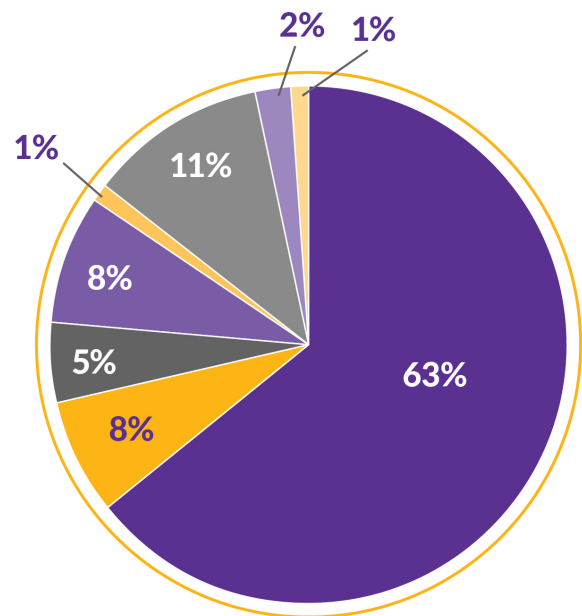
- Local Taxes - 61%
- State Revenue - 28%
- Investment Income - 4%
- Tuition & Fees - 3%
- Recreation fees and Tuition - 2%
- Miscellaneous - 2%

Federal revenue is less than 1%

Total Revenue & Resources: \$86,272,968

Our Expenditures and Services Fiscal Year 2025

Where the Money Goes



- Instruction - 63%
- Pupil Support - 8%
- Instructional Support - 5%
- Board & Administration - 8%
- Business Support - 1%
- Plant Operations - 11%
- Recreation - 2%
- Extracurricular - 1%

Civic, Central and Transportation support are less than 1%

Total Expenditures & Services: \$88,250,974

Revenue & Resources Over Expenditures & Services: **-\$1,978,006**

FACILITIES



The Lakewood City Schools Operations Department maintains the highest standards when it comes to maintaining and upgrading our 10 school buildings and administration buildings.

In 2025, the District sold its remaining building that had not undergone rebuilding or renovations under the District's Facilities Master plan. With the sale of Franklin School, which housed Franklin School of Opportunity, all Lakewood City Schools students have modern, updated, and operationally efficient buildings, giving our students top-tier learning environments.

HIGHLIGHTS

FSO "school-within-a-school" built at LHS

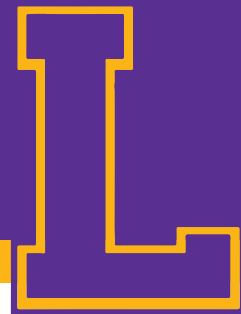
New LHS administration offices

Welding and micro electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) lab at LHS

LHS track resurfacing



PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Our Lakewood Schools families and community members support us in many concrete and intangible ways.

Parent & Community Involvement Highlights:

Tens of thousands of dollars donated by PTOs/PTAs, music and athletic booster groups

Teaching grants, scholarships and enrichment opportunities for students provided by Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation

Composting services partnership with Rust Belt Riders

Hundreds of thousands in grants from local nonprofits to our health care partners that support our students' wellness

Partnership with the City of Lakewood's Help to Others (H2O) youth service organization to engage our students in community service

Middle school students welcomed by local business owners to interview them for a capstone math project

New teacher luncheon hosted by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce each August





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