



BACK TO SCHOOL

LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS

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LIND-RITZVILLE COOPERATIVE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT

DR. MIRANDA BACHA



Dear Students, Families, Faculty, and Staff,

It is an honor to introduce myself as your new Superintendent. I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome I have received and am excited to join a district with such dedicated staff, supportive families, and proud traditions.

Together, our goal is to ensure every student is known, valued, challenged, and prepared for a successful future. Our schools are the heart of this community, places where lifelong relationships are built and values like integrity, kindness, and respect are lived out daily.

Strong schools rely on trust, open communication, and collaboration. My promise is to listen, remain approachable, and always place our students at the center of every decision.

We remain committed to providing safe, welcoming schools where students are challenged academically, supported emotionally, and encouraged to explore their interests through academics, athletics, fine arts, career and technical education, and extracurricular activities.

In the coming months, I look forward to getting to know students, staff, and families. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your families and this community. I am excited about what we can accomplish together and look forward to a wonderful school year filled with learning, growth, and success for every student.

Dr. Miranda Bacha
Superintendent
Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

DISTRICT UPDATES 2026-27

4-DAY SCHOOL WEEK INFORMATION

As you know, LRCS will shift to a four-day school week for the 2026–27 school year. Below are important dates and additional details regarding Academic Intervention Fridays. Building-specific schedules can be found on the individual building pages in this booklet.

School Day Hours: 8:20 AM – 3:40 PM
(Monday - Thursday)

Please note that all students will attend school on the following Fridays:

August 21: All students in grades 1–12
August 28: All students in grades TK–12
June 4, 2027: All students

ACADEMIC INTERVENTION FRIDAYS

What are Academic Intervention Fridays? One Friday a month, we offer intervention opportunities to help students stay on track with their learning. During these sessions, students can get academic assistance, complete missing work, and make up assessments or projects.

How will I know if my student should attend? Our teaching staff recommends students based on their grades, attendance, and missing assignments. On the Monday afternoon before an Academic Friday, families and students will be notified by the building principal if attendance is recommended.

What will a Friday session look like?

Students will attend school from 8:15 - 11:30 AM. Both breakfast and lunch will be served and transportation may be provided. Teachers and paraeducators will be on hand to provide direct support.

QUICK & EASY ONLINE STUDENT UPDATES!

To save you time (and save some trees), we are moving away from traditional paper forms!

This year, we are using Skyward Family Access to complete all student information updates online.

If you are listed as your child's primary guardian, please take a quick moment to log into Family Access and complete these updates for each student you have enrolled in the district.

HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR UPDATE:

Log into your Skyward Family Access account.

Scroll down to your student's name.

Look for the green tile labeled: 2026-27 Student Update.

Taking care of this now ensures we have the most accurate emergency contact and health information for your child before the school year kicks off.

DISTRICT EVENTS

Want to know what events are coming up in the district?

Click on the "LRCS Calendar" icon on the district homepage at www.lrschools.org.

DISTRICT UPDATES 2026-27

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

We are so excited to welcome new families to our district. Enrolling your child is quick and easy—just follow these simple steps to get started: Head over to our district website at lrschools.org.

Click on the “Student Registration” tab located right at the top of the homepage.

Under that tab, you will find everything you need, including links to our quick online registration system as well as printable forms if you prefer to fill them out by hand.

Please don’t hesitate to reach out directly to your child’s specific school office—they are more than happy to walk you through the process and help you get ready for the upcoming school year!

FOOD SERVICE UPDATES

Meals will continue to be FREE for all LRCS students this school year. To help us keep it that way, we need every family to fill out a school meal application. Even though meals are free, these applications are directly tied to our school funding. They ensure we receive vital support for essential student programs like Title 1 and LAP (Learning Assistance Program).

We also encourage all families to submit both the meal application and a Consent to Share form. Doing this opens the door to extra benefits for your student, including:

- Waived ASB participation fees
- Discounted Assurance Chromebook insurance
- Summer EBT benefits

Look out for these forms in your student’s backpack on the first day of school! They will also be easily accessible on our district website.

A FEW QUICK NOTES:

Got Milk? If your student wants to purchase milk on its own (without a full school meal), it isn’t covered by the free meal program and will cost 50¢.

If you have any negative meal balances left over from previous school years, please make sure those are paid in full as we kick off the new year. Thank you so much for partnering with us to keep our students fueled and our programs funded!

KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST LRCS NEWS

Get monthly LRCS newsletters and information about district events sent straight to your inbox! Sign up on our website (under the Community tab) or email districtnews@lrschools.org with your name and email address. Each adult household member is welcome to sign up.

If you have a student enrolled in LRCS, you are already receiving emails via ParentSquare. Please contact your child’s school if you are not receiving these updates. District newsletters and a calendar of events are also shared on our district website at lrschools.org.

SCHOOL NURSE NEWS



At LRCS we value the health and fitness of all our students and staff. Our school health program aims to assure students are healthy, safe and ready to learn, while connecting students and their families to health resources in the community.

+ EMERGENCIES

It is IMPERATIVE that parents/guardians make certain the school office has up-to-date information on where parents/guardians or a designated emergency contact may be reached throughout the day in case of emergencies. Please notify the school any time a home, cell or work phone number changes for you or your emergency contacts.

+ TDAP

If your student is entering 7th grade, they are likely due for another TDAP (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine. Please review your child's immunization records prior to the start of school.

+ IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are required for all students enrolling in public school. Immunization requirements vary depending on age and grade level. Contact your child's healthcare provider or the school nurse if you have questions regarding your child's immunization status.

+ EMERGENCY HEALTH PLANS

Students with a life threatening condition are required by law to have their doctor's orders prior to starting school or sports.

+ MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Parents/guardians are encouraged to administer medication at home whenever possible. If it is necessary to administer medication (prescription or non-prescription) during school hours, a medication administration permission form must be completed by a licensed healthcare provider and signed by both provider and parent. Medications must be in original labeled containers and transported to school by an adult. **This form must be completed prior to the administration of any medication at school.**

Please check out the "Notes from the Nurse" page on the LRCS website for forms, guides and other useful information.

QUESTIONS?

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LIND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL
DON WALKER

DEAN OF STUDENTS
SHAUNA SANGER



Welcome Back!

I hope your summer has been filled with rest, relaxation, and wonderful memories with the people who matter most. As we head into the 2026–2027 school year, I am incredibly excited to connect with all of you in a new capacity.

While I am entering my fifth year serving our wonderful districts, I am deeply honored to step into the role of principal for Lind Elementary School alongside my continued leadership at Lind-Ritzville Middle School.

To ensure that LES continues to thrive, maintain its incredible culture, and build upon the strong foundation already in place, I am thrilled to share our leadership plan. This year, I will be working side by side with a familiar face. Shauna Sanger, a long time and dedicated LES teacher, is stepping into the role of Dean of Students.

Shauna knows our students, families, and the heart of this school. Together, we will work hand in hand to keep Lind Elementary running seamlessly. Shauna will oversee the daily on the ground operations and student support at the LES building, while I will manage daily operations at LRMS. We will collaborate daily to provide cohesive leadership for both schools.

Our collective focus remains steadfast on relationships, consistency, and student success. We are fully committed to fostering a safe, welcoming, and motivating environment where every student feels valued.

I couldn't be more excited to embark on this next chapter with you all. Please never hesitate to reach out. My door is always open.

BEST,

Don Walker

Principal, Lind Elementary School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 10 - LES Office Opens
Aug 20 - First Day of School
Grades 1-12
Aug 20-21 - WaKIDS Testing
TK & Kindergarten
Aug 21 - Friday School Day
All Students in Grades 1-12
Aug 25 - First Day of School
TK & Kindergarten
Aug 28 - Friday School Day
All Students in Grades TK -12
Aug 31 - First Day of Preschool
Sept 7 - Labor Day (No School)
Sept 8-10 - LES Safety Week
Sept 10 - LES Picture Day
Sept 14 - Grandparents Day
Sept 25 - Academic Intervention Day

NEW STAFF INFO

Leacadia Bren: A familiar face to many of our students; Leacadia has been a wonderful asset to our building as a substitute and long-term substitute. She is thrilled to officially join the LES team full-time this year!

Kendyl Dodge: Joining us from Rosalia, Kendyl comes with a wealth of experience in small-group student support. We are so excited to welcome her to our school family as our new Title/LAP specialist!

Mercedes Miller: Mercedes is another familiar face to our students. Last year, she was a long term substitute at both LES and RGS. She is also currently one of our middle school softball coaches. We are very excited to welcome her full-time to the Bulldogs family!

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:55 a.m. - Students may be dropped off

8:00 a.m. - Building doors open for students

8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. - Breakfast or before school recess

8:20 a.m. School begins

12:45 p.m. - Preschool dismissal (Monday-Thursday)

3:40 p.m. - Student dismissal (Monday-Thursday)

NOTE: Please do not drop off students before 7:55 a.m. as there is no adult supervision.

Academic Fridays - Students attend by invitation based on academic need.

Info on attending will go out each Monday before an academic Friday.



STAFF UPDATES

Dean of Students: Shauna Sanger
Paraprofessional - LeaCadia Bren
TK/Kinder Teacher - Laurinda Ritz
Title/LAP Teacher - Kendyl Dodge
1st/2nd Grade Teacher - Mercedes Miller

GO BULLDOGS!

RITZVILLE GRADE SCHOOL INTERIM PRINCIPAL CINDY DESKA FAUGHT



Welcome to the 2026-27 School Year, RGS Families!

We hope you have all had a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with sunshine, rest, and memory-making. As the weeks of summer wind down, the familiar excitement of a brand-new school year is starting to buzz through the hallways of Ritzville Grade School. We are thrilled to welcome our returning students back and extend a warm greeting to the new families joining our community.

Our teachers, paraeducators, and custodial staff have been busy preparing classrooms and getting the building ready for an incredible year of learning and growth.

As we prepare to head into the 2026–27 school year, we want to provide an update regarding our building leadership. Cindy Deska Faught, a former principal of Lind Elementary and Ritzville Grade School, will be returning to serve as the Interim Principal at RGS. Mrs. Deska Faught brings tremendous expertise to the field, and we are happy to have her leading RGS again.

Thank you for your continued partnership, patience, and support of our students and staff. Together, we are going to make the 2026–27 school year an exceptional one!

Cindy Deska Faught
Interim Principal, Ritzville Grade School



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 10 – RGS Office Opens
Aug 20 – First Day of School
Grades 1-12
Aug 20-21 – WaKIDS Testing
TK & Kindergarten
Aug 21 – Friday School Day
All Students in Grades 1-12
Aug 25 – First Day of School
TK & Kindergarten
Aug 28 – Friday School Day
All Students in Grades TK-12
Aug 31 – First Day of Preschool
Sept 7 – Labor Day (No School)
Sept 8-10 – RGS Safety Week
Sept 15 – RGS Picture Day
Sept 25 – Academic
Intervention Day



STAFF UPDATES

Blended Learning Program - Kayla Greer will serve as our new full-time Special Education Paraeducator in the Blended Learning classroom.

TK & ECEAP Preschool - Chelsie LaVigueur will teach our full day TK and ECEAP Preschool program.

2nd Grade - Ellie King will be teaching Second Grade.

BUILDING SCHEDULE

7:55 a.m. – Students may be dropped off

8:00 a.m. – Building doors open for students

8:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m. – Breakfast or before school recess

8:20 a.m. – School begins

3:35 p.m. – TK and Preschool dismissal time (Monday-Thursday)

3:40 p.m. – Student Dismissal (Monday-Thursday)

NOTE: Please do not drop off students before 7:55 a.m. as there is no adult supervision.

Academic Fridays - Students attend by invitation based on academic need. Info on attending will go out each Monday before an academic Friday.



We are excited for another great year and look forward to partnering with families to provide the best possible educational experience for every student.

GO BRONCOS!

LIND-RITZVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DON WALKER



Welcome Back!

Dear Bulldogs!

I want to welcome everyone back with open arms as we begin this new school year. This will be my 5th year as the proud principal of LRMS. I hope you found time this summer to enjoy your passions, spend time with family, and relax. As we begin a new school year, we are excited to welcome our students and families back to LRMS. We remain focused on growth through our theme: **L**eading by example, being **R**elentlessly **M**otivated, which leads to **S**uccess with Lind-Ritzville GRIT!

At LRMS, we continue to build on our commitment to mastery-based learning. Our goal is to bring absolute clarity to our students' education. Through the targeted use of rubrics and proficiency scales, every student should know exactly what they have mastered and why they achieved their grade. In addition, we are sharpening our focus on classroom engagement, ensuring high rigor through relatable, hands-on projects and activities.

This dedication to personal growth extends well beyond core subjects. We deeply value student voice, using their input to help shape our elective opportunities. This year, we are thrilled to introduce new courses in debate and mythology, alongside the return of popular favorites like floral design and environmental science.

A strong school community thrives on open communication and partnership. If you ever have questions, concerns, or simply want to visit, please know that my door is always open. Together, let's make this an incredible and inspiring school year for our kids.

SINCERELY,

Don Walker

Principal, Lind-Ritzville Middle School

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LRMS BUILDING SCHEDULE

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Period 1: 8:20 AM - 9:15 AM
Period 2: 9:19 AM - 10:14 AM
Period 3: 10:18 AM - 11:13 AM
Period 4: 11:17 AM - 12:12 PM
Lunch: 12:12 PM - 12:43 PM
Period 5: 12:47 PM - 1:42 PM
Period 6: 1:46 PM - 2:41 PM
Period 7: 2:45 PM - 3:40 PM

BULLDOG SCHEDULE

Last School Day of Each Week

Period 1: 8:20 AM - 9:11 AM
Period 2: 9:15 AM - 10:06 AM
Period 3: 10:10 AM - 11:01 AM
Period 4: 11:05 AM - 11:56 AM

Bulldog Period: 12:00 PM - 12:25 PM

Lunch: 12:25 PM - 12:55 PM
Period 5: 12:59 PM - 1:50 PM
Period 6: 1:54 PM - 2:45 PM
Period 7: 2:49 PM - 3:40 PM



IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 17 - LRMS Open House, 6-7pm
Aug 20 - First Day of School!
Aug 21 - Regular School Day
Aug 24 - First Day of MS Sports Practices
Aug 25 - School Pictures
Aug 28 - Regular School Day
Sept 1 - LRMS Parent Night, 6pm
Academic and Policy Information
Camp Wooten Meeting
Individual Sports Meeting
Sept 7 - No School - Labor Day
Sept 8-10 - Safety Drill Week
Sept 21-24 - Homecoming Week
6th Graders-Camp Wooten
Sept 23 - Toothsavers Dentist



NEW STAFF MEMBER

We have the same great team, now with an awesome new addition! While 100% of our staff is returning this year, we are thrilled to grow our family by welcoming Brenna-Leigh Kiefer as our newest paraprofessional at LRMS.

Brenna-Leigh has a gift for connecting with kids and brings extensive experience working with students with autism. She will be making an impact all over the building, from working with our special education students to adding additional support in our math classes.

We have a stellar crew here at LRMS, and Brenna-Leigh just made it even better. Let's show her what LRMS pride is all about!

GO BULLDOGS!

LIND-RITZVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL KEVIN TERRIS



Welcome Back!

We are excited to welcome you to the 2026-27 school year! At Lind-Ritzville High School, our mission remains strong – to prepare every student for lifelong learning, fulfilling careers, and engaged citizenship. The LRHS staff and I are ready to partner with you for another great year.

This Fall, we're proud to welcome Katheran Gingrich back to Lind-Ritzville High School as our new English Language Arts and Social Studies teachers. Ms. Gingrich is a graduate of Lind-Ritzville High School, and comes to us from the Forks School District.

We also have exciting additions to our course offerings. Mr. Maldonado will be offering a Spanish Cultures course elective. We have strengthened our science opportunities by adding Biology 101 through Central Washington University. We have also modified our computer science course so that in addition to coding, students will learn gaming and gaming strategies.

Together with our new ASB officers, we are committed to making this year one of strong student engagement and meaningful involvement. Our ASB has selected "Wear Kindness" as next year's theme, reflecting our shared commitment to creating a welcoming, respectful, and supportive school community. We will carry forward the traditions that make LRHS special – spirit weeks, homecoming, and academic celebrations – while also creating new experiences for our students.

We're also continuing our Link Crew program, ensuring that every first-year student is connected with a peer mentor who can guide them through their transition into high school.

Let's make this year one of connection, growth, and opportunity—for every student.

SINCERELY,

Kevin Terris

Principal, Lind-Ritzville High School

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LRHS BUILDING SCHEDULE

MONDAY - THURSDAY

Period 1: 8:20 AM - 9:15 AM
Period 2: 9:19 AM - 10:14 AM
Period 3: 10:18 AM - 11:13 AM
Period 4: 11:17 AM - 12:12 PM
Lunch: 12:12 PM - 12:43 PM
Period 5: 12:47 PM - 1:42 PM
Period 6: 1:46 PM - 2:41 PM
Period 7: 2:45 PM - 3:40 PM



IMPORTANT DATES

August 19 – First Day of Football & Cheer
August 20– First Day of School
Aug 21 – Friday School Day (All Students)
Aug 24 – First Day of Volleyball & XC
August 25 – Picture Day
Aug 28 – Friday School Day (All Students)
September 4 – No School
September 9 – Freshman Parent Night
September 21-26 – Homecoming

GO BRONCOS!



COMMUNITY & SCHOOL VOLUNTEER HOURS REQUIREMENT

At LRHS, we believe giving back is an important part of being a Bronco!

Students will complete 10 hours of community and/or school service during their high school years.

These hours can be completed by volunteering with school organizations or community groups, and we strongly encourage students to support non-profit organizations whenever possible.

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A LIST OF ALL LRCS
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FOUND ON THE LRCS
DISTRICT WEBSITE BY
CLICKING ON THE "STAFF
DIRECTORY" BUTTON.



Links can be found on the
LRCS District website at
www.lrschools.org

2026-2027 School Calendar



SCHOOL DAY 8:20AM - 3:40PM

August 2026						
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	First & Last Day of School
	No School
	Staff PD (No Students)
	Academic Intervention Days
	Conferences (Early Release)
	School Day (All Students)
	Snow Make-Up Days (if needed)
	Early Release
	LRHS Graduation

August	
Aug 17	Teacher/Building Prep Day
Aug 18	ALL LRCS Staff Training Day
Aug 19	Teacher & Para Training Day
Aug 20	1st Day of School (Grades 1-12)
Aug 21	School Day (All Students Grades 1-12)
Aug 25	1st Day TK & Kindergarten
Aug 28	School Day (All Students Grades TK-12)
September	
Sept 7	Labor Day (NO SCHOOL)
Sept 18	Staff PD (No Students)
Sept 25	Academic Intervention Day

October	
Oct 9	Staff PD (No Students)
Oct 21 & 22	Early Release - Conferences (12:40PM)
Oct 30	Academic Intervention Day

November	
Nov 6	Staff PD (No Students)
Nov 11	Veteran's Day (NO SCHOOL)
Nov 20	Academic Intervention Day
Nov 25	Early Release (12:40PM)
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Break

December	
Dec 4	Staff PD (No Students)
Dec 11	Academic Intervention Day
12/21-1/1	Winter Break

January	
Jan 4	Back to School!
Jan 8	Academic Intervention Day
Jan 15	Staff PD (No Students)
Jan 18	MLK Day (NO SCHOOL)
Jan 19	End of Semester 1

February	
Feb 15	President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
Feb 19	Staff PD (No Students)
Feb 26	Academic Intervention Day

March	
Mar 19	Staff PD (No Students)
Mar 26	Academic Intervention Day
Mar 31	Early Release - Conferences

April	
Apr 1	Early Release - Conferences
Apr 5-9	Spring Break
Apr 16	Staff PD (No Students)
Apr 23	Academic Intervention Day
Apr 30	Snow Make-Up Day (If Needed)

May	
May 7	Staff PD (No Students)
May 14	Snow Make-Up Day (If Needed)
May 21	Academic Intervention Day
May 31	Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)

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June	
June 4	School Day (All Students)
June 5	LRHS Graduation
June 10	Last Day (Early Release)
June 11	Staff PD (No Students)

154 School Days*
 *Does not include Academic Intervention Days
 3/23/26 Board Approved / Updated 6/24/26

LIND AND RITZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS

Meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

School board meetings in the even months are held at Ritzville in the Lind-Ritzville High School Collaboration Room. In the odd months, the meeting is held at Lind in the Collaboration Room at the Lind-Ritzville Middle School.

For more information, please visit the "School Board" tab at www.lrschools.org

2026-27 LRCS IMPORTANT DATES

(Dates/Times Subject to Change)

AUGUST

August 17 - LES/LRMS Open House / 6 - 7 PM
August 18 - RGS & LRHS Open House / 6 - 7 PM
August 18 - Fall Sport Preseason Meeting - 6:30 PM / Gilson
August 20 - First Day of School (1st - 12th grade)
August 20-21 - WaKids Testing
August 21 - Regular School Day (All Students: 1st-12th grades)
August 24 - School Board Meeting / LRHS / 6:30PM
August 25 - First Day Kindergarten & Transitional Kindergarten
August 25 - LRMS & LRHS Picture Day
August 28 - Regular School Day (All Students TK-12th grades)
August 31 - First Day Preschool (LES & RGS)

SEPTEMBER

September 1 - LRMS Parent Night & Sport Meeting / 6 PM
September 7 - NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
September 8-10 - Safety Week
September 9 - LRHS Freshman Parent Night / 6PM
September 10 - LES Picture Day
September 15 - LES Grandparents Day
September 15 - RGS Picture Day
September 18 - Staff PD (no students)
September 21-24 - LRHS Homecoming Week
September 21-24 - Camp Wooten / LRMS 6th Grade
September 23 - LES & LRMS Toothsavers
September 25 - Academic Intervention Day
September 26 - HS Homecoming Dance
September 28 - School Board Meeting / LRMS / 6:30 PM

OCTOBER

October 8 - RGS Donuts with Dudes
October 8 - LRHS Career Showcase / Gilson Gym
October 9 - Staff PD (no students)
October 9 - Little Cheer Performance at HS Football Game
October 13 - LRMS & LRHS Picture Retakes
October 15 - HS FBLA Fall Leadership Conference
October 15 - HS Volleyball Senior Night
October 21-22 - Fall Conferences - Early Release / 12:40 PM
October 21-24 - FFA Nationals (Indianapolis, IN)
October 23 - HS Football Senior Night
October 26 - School Board Meeting / LRHS / 6:30PM
October 28 - LES Picture Retakes

NOVEMBER

November 6 - Staff PD (no students)
November 10 - Veterans Day Assembly (10AM Lind/1PM Ritzville)
November 11 - NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
November 16 - HS Winter Sports Starts
November 20 - Academic Intervention Day
November 23 - School Board / LRMS / 6:30 PM
November 25 - Early Release / 12:40 PM
November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)

DECEMBER

December 3 - LES TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert / LRMS Gym / 6:00 PM
December 7-10 - RGS Food Drive for Ritzville Food Pantry
December 9 - Winter Band Concert (6 -12 Grade) / Gilson Gym / 6:30 PM
December 17 - RGS TK-4 Music & 5th Band Winter Concert / Gilson Gym / 6:00 PM
December 17 - School Board / LRHS / 5:00 PM
December 21-January 1 - Winter Break

JANUARY

January 4 - Back to School!
January 8 - Academic Intervention Day
January 18 - NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)
January 19 - End of 1st Semester
January 25 - School Board / LRMS / 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY

February 15 - NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day)
February 22 - School Board / LRHS / 6:30 PM
February 26 - Academic Intervention Day

MARCH

March 1 - HS Spring Sports Starts
March 10 - RGS Family Night
March 15 - 19 - Missoula Children's Theater
March 22 - School Board / LRMS / 6:30 PM
March 26 - Academic Intervention Day
March 31 - Spring Conferences / Early Release / 12:40 PM

APRIL

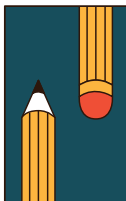
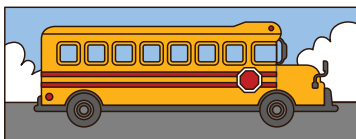
April 1 - Spring Conferences / Early Release / 12:40 PM
April 5-9 - Spring Break
April 24 - Undeberg Track Invite / Ritzville
April 26 - School Board / LRHS / 6:30 PM
April 28 - RGS TK-4 Music Concert / Gilson Gym / 6:00PM
April 30 - Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)

MAY

May 5 - LES TK-4 Music Concert / LRMS Gym / 6:00 PM
May 6 - RGS Donuts w/Darlings
May 12 - LES Pastries with Parents
May 14 - Snow Make-Up Day (if needed)
May 20 - RGS Toothsavers
May 24 - School Board / LRMS / 6:30 PM
May 26 - 5th-12th Grade Band Concert / LRMS Gym / 6 PM
May 31 - NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)

JUNE

June 4 - Regular School Day (All Students)
June 4 - RGS Field Day
June 6 - LRHS Graduation / Gilson Gym / 2:00PM
June 10 - 8th Grade Promotion / LRMS Gym / 2:00PM
June 10 - Last Day of School (Full Day)
June 28 - School Board / LRHS / 6:30 PM



Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

2026-2027 School Year

Welcome to the 2026-27 school year! Our Transportation Department is so excited to welcome your kids back and provide them with the safest, best ride possible. Because our district covers a large area with unique terrain, routing can sometimes be challenging—which is why your child's safety and security are always our absolute top priorities.

Please take a moment to double-check the routes and addresses listed on the following pages for pick-up times. In-town stops are listed for both Lind and Ritzville.

Please note: there will be several route changes that will occur between now and the start of school.

Please contact the Transportation Department at 509-659-0820 if:

1. You do not see your address listed or
2. If your address is listed, but you will no longer need transportation services for the 2026-27 school year

Changes to pick-up or drop off:

To help keep our routes and timing consistent for everyone, we will be limiting changes to pick-up or drop-off locations unless your family has recently moved. If an emergency comes up, please reach out to our Transportation Supervisor right away to discuss a possible change in routes.

Assigned seats:

Assigned seats are a great way to keep the daily ride smooth, consistent, and safe. It also helps our drivers manage the bus and get to know the students better! Because of this, students will need to stay in their assigned seats throughout the year.

After school:

Students should plan to ride their regular bus home after school unless they are participating in sports (for athletes, there will be a daily practice shuttle). If your student is staying after school and needs to ride the practice shuttle, please coordinate with the building principal ahead of time. Students will just need a signed permission slip from a school administrator to ride the practice shuttle.

Transportation on game days (home games):

We will be utilizing the same policy as last year: Middle and high school students may stay after school to watch and support our middle school and high school athletic teams. The shuttle will leave exactly **fifteen-minutes** after each home game. It is the students responsibility to be on time for the shuttle. The shuttle will either take middle school students back to Ritzville or high school students back to Lind.

An important note for families: Our districts aren't able to supervise or be responsible for students during the gap between the end of the school day and the end of the athletic event. We rely on you to know where your students are and what their plans are during that window. Our district provides regular game supervision and a shuttle ride back to their home district.

Communication between our Transportation Department, parents, and students is the secret to a smooth school year.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

Lynn Sackmann, Transportation Supervisor
509-659-0820 lsackmann@lrschools.org



2026-2027 BUS ROUTES

Route 1 To Lind Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
3151 E Laney Bro Rd	6:20 a.m.
24520 E Weber Rd	6:25 a.m.
2050 N Seivers Rd	Calls
1869 N Seivers Rd	6:38 a.m.
719 East Arlt Rd	6:50 a.m.
29 E Weber Rd	7:10 a.m.
529 E Urquhart Rd	7:20 a.m.
955 N Wahl Rd	7:25 a.m.
718 E Gering Rd	7:30 a.m.
1075 E Franz Rd	7:40 a.m.
1191 Timm Ln	Calls
1249 E Sackmann Rd	7:50 a.m.
687 N Longmeier Rd	Calls

Route 2 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
3151 E Laney Bro Rd	7:02 a.m.
24520 E Weber Rd	7:08 a.m.
2228 N Thiel Rd	7:16 a.m.
2154 N Bauer Rd	7:20 a.m.
2050 N Seivers Rd	7:30 a.m.
947 E Tokio Road	7:31 a.m.
839 E Seidl Rd	7:38 a.m.
1869 N Seivers Rd	7:41 a.m.
1408 N Longmeier Rd	Calls
1308 E Weber Rd	7:55 a.m.
205 E Olive	8:00 a.m.
802 S Jefferson	8:08 a.m.

2026-2027 BUS ROUTES

Route 3 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
Big B Truck Stop	6:45 a.m.
2300 N Klein Rd	7:00 a.m.
1803 E Tokio Rd	7:10 a.m.
2155 E Danekas Road.	7:16 a.m.
2149 E Seidl Rd	7:20 a.m.
1652 E Schoessler	7:40 a.m.
Alder Ave & Chelan St	7:47 a.m.
506 E Peach	7:48 a.m.
416 E Birch	7:49 a.m.
301 Birch	7:50 a.m.
310 N Columbia	7:55 a.m.
206 W Birch Ave	7:57 a.m.
406 W Broadway	7:59 a.m.
506 W Broadway	8:00 a.m.
New Hope	8:01 a.m.
607 W Main	8:02 a.m.

Route 4 To Lind Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
Big B Truck Stop	6:45 a.m.
2155 E Danekas Road.	6:50 a.m.
2149 E Seidl Rd	6:56 a.m.
1577 N Bauman Rd	7:05 a.m.
701 E Olive	7:06 a.m.
Alder Ave & Chelan St	7:08 a.m.
309 E Birch	7:10 a.m.
310 N Columbia	7:11 a.m.
1007 N Pine	7:12 a.m.
1003 N Hickory	7:17 a.m.
New Hope	7:22 a.m.
108 E Broadway	7:25 a.m.
High School Pickup	7:45 a.m.

Route 5 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
1519 E Gillis Rd	6:28 a.m.
160 N Bauman Rd	6:48 a.m.
2946 E Ralston-Benge Rd	7:10 a.m.
396 N Klein Rd	7:30 a.m.
1739 E Roloff Rd	7:40 a.m.
678 N Kramer	7:45 a.m.

Route 6 To Lind Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
1308 E Weber Rd	6:35 a.m.
1250 N Bauer Rd	6:50 a.m.
1129 N Newland Rd	6:55 a.m.
2365 E Neergaard	7:05 a.m.
2370 E Wellsandt Rd	7:10 a.m.
2089 E Heinemann Rd	7:20 a.m.
1103 N Klein Rd	Scheduled
1891 E Wellsandt Rd	7:30 a.m.
1850 E Wellsandt Rd	7:32 a.m.
High School	7:42 a.m.

Route 7 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
529 E Urquhart Rd	7:13 a.m.
955 N Wahl Rd	7:18 a.m.
718 E Gering Rd	7:25 a.m.
1249 E Sackmann Rd	7:40 a.m.
1075 E Franz	7:46 a.m.
1083 N Paha-Packard Rd	7:51 a.m.
1250 N Bauer Rd	7:57 a.m.
1157 N Newland Rd	8:04 a.m.
1179 N Newland Rd	8:06 a.m.
1239 N Newland Rd	8:08 a.m.

Route 8 To Lind Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
3rd & Cherry (Hatton)	6:20 a.m.
2nd & Bronson (Hatton)	6:25 a.m.
Bronson & 3rd (Hatton)	6:30 a.m.
Bronson & 4th (Hatton)	6:32 a.m.
Bronson&HamptonRd(Hatton)	6:35a.m.
797 E Hampton Lane	6:50 a.m.
301 E Hampton Rd	7:05 a.m.
350 W Cunningham Rd	7:20 a.m.
198 E Phillips Rd A	7:40 a.m.
12 S VanMarter Rd	7:50 a.m.
1st & Lucher	7:55 a.m.

QUESTIONS?

Contact our Transportation Department
Supervisor Lynn Sackmann at
lsackmann@lrschools.org



Welcome
BACK!

2026-2027 BUS ROUTES

Route 9 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
797 E Hampton Lane	6:20 a.m.
Bronson & 2nd (Hatton)	6:40 a.m.
3rd & Cherry (Hatton)	6:42 a.m.
Bronson & 4th (Hatton)	6:45 a.m.
Bronson&HamptonRd(Hatton)	6:46a.m.
350 W Cunningham Rd	7:00 a.m.
292 S Damon	7:05 a.m.
198 E Phillips Rd B	7:15 a.m.
71 N Lind-Warden Rd	7:35 a.m.
107 W 1st Street (Hwy 21)	7:44 a.m.
12 S VanMarter Rd	7:47 a.m.
Middle School Gym Pickup	7:50 a.m.

Route 10 To Lind Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
20029 Road 1 SE	7:07 a.m.
2512 Rd U SE	7:17 a.m.
888 N Deal Rd	7:30 a.m.
553 W Roloff RD	7:40 a.m.
11 Roloff Rd	7:49 a.m.
107 W 1st Street (Hwy 21)	8:00 a.m.

Route 11 To Lind Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
2946 E Ralston-Benge Rd	7:00 a.m.
104 S Dewald Rd	7:40 a.m.
1205 E Lind Ralston Rd	7:55 a.m.
1044 E Lind-Ralston Rd	8:00 a.m.
407 N Wahl Rd	8:05 a.m.
816 E 3rd	8:07 a.m.

Route 12 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
3251 Mullen Trail Lane	7:05 a.m.
997 N Durry Rd	Calls
941 N Durry Rd	Schedules
2370 E Wellsandt Rd	Calls
1241 N Klein Rd	7:45 a.m.
Klein Rd & Harder Rd	7:50 a.m.
1850 E Wellsandt Rd	8:05 a.m.

Route 13 To Ritzville Schools

Address	Pick-Up Time
Marks Café 840 U Rd SE	7:00 a.m.
1139 W Weber Rd	7:15 a.m.
1547 N Batum Rd	7:35 a.m.
1378 N Damon Rd	7:40 a.m.
29 E Weber Rd	7:45 a.m.

It's GREAT TO BE A BRONCO & A BULLDOG!

Dustan Arlt - Athletic Director

Welcome back for the 2026-27 school year! I am excited to have the opportunity to continue to be the Athletic Director for our athletic combine for a fifth year. This will be my 23rd year as a teacher and coach in our districts. It was great to see many Bronco athletes compete and place at State Volleyball, Wrestling, Track, and Golf this past school year.

I am looking forward to an exciting and successful year for athletics. It is my goal to help your son/daughter create lifelong friends and memories while being a part of successful programs playing for the Broncos & Bulldogs.

Participating in athletics teaches our student-athletes many valuable life lessons to help prepare them for the real world after high school. All of us working together as a team, supporting all of our student-athletes and coaches in a positive way, and demonstrating proper sportsmanship is crucial in helping our student-athletes have the best experience they can while playing sports for the Broncos & Bulldogs.

The fall sports season is just around the corner. All HS and MS athletes in our Athletic Combine and their parents need to complete athletic paperwork online. This must be done through FinalForms before being allowed to practice.

To sign up for FinalForms go to the following website:
<https://lindritzville-wa.finalforms.com>

Here is some other important information:

I highly encourage you to become part of my athletic email list. I send important information out through emails including weekly schedules, practice schedules, leave times, changes to schedules, etc. If you wish to be a part of this list, please send a request to me at darlt@lrschools.org.

Get access to the latest HS and MS practice and game schedules on our school webpage: www.lrschools.org > Click on "Athletics"

Important August Dates:

August 18: Fall Sports Preseason Meeting at Gilson Gym

6:30 PM - MS & HS athletes can turn in physicals, pay fees, and purchase season passes.

7:00 PM - AD Message / HS FB / HS VB / HS XC parent meetings.

August 19: First Day of HS Football & Cheer Practice

August 24: First Day of HS Volleyball & HS Cross Country Practice

August 24: First Day of MS Volleyball, MS Football and MS Cross Country Practice

BRONCOS HS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 18	First Day of Practice		
Aug. 29	Jamboree	Ritzville	12:00 PM
Sept. 4	Kettle Falls	Kettle Falls	7:00 PM
Sept. 11	Newport	Ritzville	7:00 PM
Sept. 18	Colfax	Colfax	7:00 PM
Sept. 25	Asotin	Ritzville	7:00 PM
Oct. 2	Liberty	Liberty	7:00 PM
Oct. 9	Freeman	Ritzville	7:00 PM
Oct. 16	Brewster	Brewster	7:00 PM
Oct. 23	Reardan	Ritzville	7:00 PM
Oct. 30	NWC	West Valley HS	7:00 PM
Nov. 6 or 7	Crossover/Playoffs		

Head Coach- Brenden Bermea

Asst. Coaches - Jason Hilzer, Keary Redburn, Dallas Killian

BULLDOGS MS FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 24	First day of practice		
Sept. 17	Asotin	Lind	4:00 PM
Sept. 24	Liberty	Liberty	4:00 PM
Oct. 1	Davenport	Davenport	4:00 PM
Oct. 8	Northwest Christian	Lind	4:00 PM
Oct. 15	Reardan	Ritzville	5:30 PM
Oct. 19	Colfax	Colfax	4:00 PM

Head Coach - Alan Field

Asst. Coach - Tyson Kimble

BRONCOS MS/HS CROSS COUNTRY

Date	Host/Meet	Location	Time
Aug. 24	First Day of Practice	Ritzville	
Sept. 9	Jamboree	Valley Christian	3:00 PM
Sept. 12	Highlander Invite	Shadle Park	8:30 AM
Sept. 19	Les MacDowell Invite	LC State	
Sept. 22	South League Meet	Ritzville	4:00 PM
Sept. 26	TBD		
Sept. 29	South League Meet	Freeman	4:00 PM
Oct. 3	TBD		
Oct. 6	League Meet	Davenport	3:00 PM
Oct. 10	Max Jensen Invite	Richland	9:30 AM
Oct. 17	NE 2B League Championship	Chewelah	10 AM
Oct. 24	NE 2B JV Meet	Liberty	10 AM
Oct. 31	District 6 Regionals	Reardan	

Head Coach - Ember Murphy

ALL SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LADY BRONCOS HS VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 24	VB Practice Begins		
Sept. 8	Davenport	Davenport	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Sept. 10	Reardan	Ritzville	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Sept. 12	Freeman Tournament	Freeman	AM start
Sept. 15	ACH	Coulee City	5:00 JV/6:30 Varsity
Sept. 17	Newport	Ritzville	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Sept. 22	Asotin	Ritzville	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Sept. 24	Liberty	Liberty	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Sept. 26	Tonasket	Ritzville	1:00 C/2:30 JV/4:00 V
Sept. 29	Colfax	Colfax	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 1	Freeman	Ritzville	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 3	Liberty Tournament	Liberty	AM start
Oct. 6	UCA	Ritzville	5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 8	Asotin	Asotin	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 13	Liberty	Ritzville	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 15	Colfax	Ritzville	4:00C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 17	Tri-Cities Prep	Tri-Cities	
Oct. 20	UCA	UCA	5:00 JV/6:30 V
Oct. 27	Freeman	Freeman	5:15 C/5:15 JV/6:45 V
Oct. 30 / Nov. 1	District- Play-in games		
Nov. 3	Districts		
Nov. 5	Districts	Cheney HS	
Nov. 11-12	State Volleyball	Yakima	

Head Coach - Cari Galbreath

Asst. Coaches - Janet Bennett, Shannon Hughes

BULLDOGS MS VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 24	First day of Practice		
Sept. 9	Davenport	Lind	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Sept. 14	Reardan	Reardan	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Sept. 16	NWC	Lind	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Sept. 21	Liberty	Liberty	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Sept. 23	Kettle Falls	Lind	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Sept. 28	Chewelah	Chewelah	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Sept. 30	St. George's	St. George's	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Oct. 5	Reardan	Lind	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Oct. 7	Liberty	Lind	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A
Oct. 12	Davenport	Davenport	4:00 C/5:15 B/6:15 A

Head Coach: Angalina Vallone

Assistant Coaches: Kendyl Dodge, Renee Arlt

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LIND-RITZVILLE ACADEMY

*Options for student learning at Lind-Ritzville Academy
Alternative Learning Experience (ALE)*

LR ACADEMY ONLINE K-12

Online courses provided through Edmentum in both
asynchronous/pre-recorded digital lessons or
synchronous/in-real-time formats

- Hybrid: both online and on-campus learning options
- On-site teacher support
- Single course, core, elective, AP, and World Language classes
- Credit-retrieval for high school students

LR ACADEMY CONNECTS K-12

Home School Parent-Partnership

Tailored Parent-Partnered Education

- Parents are the primary educator for at-home learning
- School District provides:
 - Curriculum
 - Learning Support
 - Onsite workshops (art, technology, etc.)
 - Experiential learning to include field trips and outdoor learning

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to meet your wants and needs.

Paul McAnally, Coordinator

pmcanally@lrschools.org

509-666-9059

Lind and Ritzville School Districts Public Notifications

USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS PROHIBITED

Current school laws of the State of Washington and the Lind & Ritzville Cooperative policies prohibit the use of tobacco in any form on school district property. The Board of Directors and your school staff realize that this will be an inconvenience for some patrons. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

DRUG & ALCOHOL USE AND ABUSE PROGRAM

Policy:

Any student possession, use, transmission or distribution of substances classified as illegal drugs or alcohol will not be permitted nor condoned.

Rationale:

Student use of alcohol and other mind-altering drugs is illegal and interferes with the learning process. These drugs are capable of producing the organic disease of substance abuse and chemical dependency.

The School Boards recognize that the presence of alcohol and other drugs in our society poses a difficult problem to pupils, their parents/guardians and the schools. The Boards strongly urge abstinence from alcohol and other drugs on the part of students in order that their development can reach full intellectual, emotional, social and physical potential.

To assist students in dealing with decisions relating to drugs and/or alcohol, the Boards are committed to the development of a program which emphasizes:

Prevention—Focus on classroom instruction, guidance services and school climate.

Intervention—Identify students involved with drug/alcohol use and abuse and initiate activities toward elimination of such use/abuse. Involve school resources, parents and community inpatient or outpatient services.

Aftercare Support—Facilitate the re-entry of students to school or other appropriate educational programs following inpatient or outpatient treatment.

Necessary Corrective Action—Enforce prohibitions against student possession, transmission or use of illegal drugs or alcohol. Apply suitable school-related disciplinary measures, supplemental to law enforcement action.

Student and Parent/Guardian—The primary obligation to seek assistance rests with the student and his/her parent or guardian.

The Boards shall seek the support, cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies through the Community Substance Abuse Committee. Such committee shall include membership from instructional staff, students, parents, state and local government law enforcement personnel, and the

county coordinator of alcohol and drug treatment or a representative of other treatment service providers.

School staff shall work with students, the home and community to develop and implement a comprehensive program of prevention and intervention.

Procedure:

Necessary corrective action—

Any student, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity, who sells or distributes drugs or any substance to any other person shall be reported to a law enforcement agency and shall be recommended for long-term suspension or expulsion.

Any student, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity, who possesses, uses, consumes or exhibits the effect of having consumed or used alcohol, drugs, narcotics or other mood-altering substances not consumed or taken at the direction of a physician, shall be recommended for a long-term suspension of a minimum of 10 consecutive school days. The student and/or parent/guardian may, in lieu of suspension, request that the student participate in and agree to an alternative program developed by the Student Assistance Committee of each respective school.

Any costs of participation in any said programs shall be borne by the student and/or his or her parent or guardian.

Failure to comply with and adhere to all the requirements of the program and/or services shall result in a recommended suspension of a minimum of ten consecutive school days.

Legal Reference:

RCW 28A.170 Substance Abuse Awareness Program

Policy Reference:

3200 Student Rights and Responsibilities

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cooperative policies and procedures concerning student rights and responsibilities (behavior, attendance, discipline, etc.) are published in the Student Handbooks and are available in each school office.

HOMESCHOOLING DECLARATION REQUIRED

In compliance with state law, parents providing home-based instruction to their children must file a statement with their local school district to that effect by Sept. 15, or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter or semester. Parents can find this form on the District website (Irschools.org) or may request this form from the District Offices. Please contact the District Offices with questions: Lind 509-677-3499 or Ritzville 509-659-1660.

NONRESIDENT STUDENTS & CHOICE TRANSFERS

The "Choice Transfer" process allows students in the state of Washington to attend a public school outside of their resident school district boundaries. This process requires an agreement between both the resident and nonresident districts, which must be renewed annually for each student.

Additional information can be found under the Parent & Student Information tab at lrschools.org. Policy Reference: 3141 Nonresident Students.

FIREARMS OR DANGEROUS WEAPONS PROHIBITED

It is a violation of Cooperative policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation, or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school activities. Reference policy 4210.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS

Parents are invited to call their school principal in order to participate on the school improvement team. School improvement teams guide the work of improving learning at the school.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Parents may request to know the qualifications of their child's teachers and/or paraprofessionals. Call Tina Schuler in Lind at 677-3499. Teacher qualifications are also listed on the OSPI website report card: <http://www.ospi.k12.wa.us>.

SCHOOL LEVEL REPORT CARDS

The school report card will be available this fall and will include the most current student achievement data. Parents may also visit the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website <http://www.ospi.k12.wa.us/>, click on Data & Reporting, click on School Report Cards, then click on Lind or Ritzville School District and search. To obtain a paper copy please contact Lind or Ritzville District offices (509) 677-3499 or (509) 659-1660.

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

On occasion the Lind & Ritzville School Districts need to use chemical sprays in order to manage vegetation and insect pests. Chemical sprays are only one method in the Integrated Pest Management program (IPM) to help control vegetation and insect pests. There is no fixed schedule for IPM treatments, which can range from monitoring to baiting and trapping to spraying. Chemical controls are used only when needed and in the least toxic formulation required.

The goal of IPM is to protect human health and reduce loss from pest damage, environmental pollution, human exposure to pesticides and the cost of pest control. Spraying is done when and where monitoring has indicated that vegetation or a pest will cause unacceptable economic, aesthetic or medical injury.

If the Districts deem it is necessary to use chemical sprays to manage vegetation and insect pests, the following guidelines are followed:

- Whenever practical, treatments will be at times when school is not in session.
- When it is necessary to apply herbicides when school is in session, the areas will be clearly marked and isolated from the school population. Pesticides used in the Districts must be pre-approved by the Maintenance Director.
- Records of applications will be on file at the Maintenance Department.
- Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) information for approved materials can be obtained using the MSDS toll-free telephone number (800-451-8346).
- All persons who apply approved pesticides/herbicides will be licensed.
- Notification and posting of pesticide/herbicide treatments will be made in accordance with the applicable state law (RCW 17.21.415).

Though spray applications are primarily conducted when school is not in session and the area is posted, some might want prior notification of applications at their school. If you would like to be placed on a list to receive prior notification at your school, please contact Zach Gardner in Ritzville at 659-1660.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Lind-Ritzville Cooperative complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of trained dog guide or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools Title IX RCW 28A.640 Officer, Don Walker, 209 E Wellsandt Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169 or 509-659-1660. Section 504/ADA Coordinator: Mr. Don Walker, Principal, 209 E Wellsandt Ave, Ritzville WA 99169, Phone: 509-659-1660.

To view the full USDA Nondiscrimination Statement, please go to the Food Service tab on the district website.

ADA NOTICE

To be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Districts wish to announce the following:

- Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in programs and/or meetings held in the District should contact the Administration Office in Ritzville at 659-1660 and in Lind at 677-3499 no later than three (3) days prior to the program/meeting so the modification can be made.

Lind and Ritzville School Districts Public Notifications

STUDENT RECORDS AND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Pursuant To the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, it is policy of the Lind-Ritzville Cooperative Schools to annually notify parents, guardians or adult-age students (18 years of age or older) that they have the right of access to student records, to request corrections of or amendments to such records, and to appeal any refusal of a request to change or amend such records.

Student records will not be released without the consent of the student's parent/guardian or that of the adult-age student, except as provided by law or District policy. Specifically, directory information and requests for records from schools where students have transferred will be released by the District without written consent. An example of a non-profit entity that requests such information is the United States Military. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications, as well. If you **do not** want any information released to **any and all** such non-profit organizations, or if you do not wish to have your child appear in a photograph, videotape, film or slide, please notify your child's school in writing. Inquiries regarding compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be directed to Dr. Miranda Bacha, 209 East Wellsandt Avenue, Ritzville WA 99169 or by calling 659-1660. In Lind please contact Dr. Miranda Bacha, PO Box 340, Lind WA 99341 or by calling 677-3499.

CHILDHOOD NOTIFICATION

The cooperative schools provide many programs for the children of our schools at no cost to you. The schools offer special programs such as speech therapy, physical and occupational therapy, Title/LAP and special education academic programs, and preschool ECEAP classes to children three years and older.

Developmental screenings and/or comprehensive assessments for children who are suspected of having a disability which could adversely affect their educational development are available at no cost to you. These services are available for persons between the ages of birth through 21 years of age. Appointments or further information can be obtained by contacting the school or district office Ritzville 659-1660/Lind 677-3499.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Those interested in attending a meeting and/or reviewing the IDEA application and related surveys and reports may call Kris Robbins in Ritzville at 659-1660 for specific information. Please call no later than October 15.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

Students who become homeless may receive assistance to remain at their school and receive other assistance. Please contact the School Counselor, Homeless Liaison in Ritzville at 659-1720 or in Lind at 677-3499.

NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

For Elementary and Secondary Institutions

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

They are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.* Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the Lind or Ritzville School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA-A authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or

grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility.

4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20202-4605

*State Law Qualification: Although FERPA allows 45 days to honor a request, the state policy records law requires an appropriate response to a “public records” request within five business days. RCW 42.17.320

GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

Washington law defines a life-threatening condition as “a health condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day, if a medication or treatment order and a nursing plan are not in place.” Children with life-threatening conditions such as severe bee sting or food allergies, severe asthmas, unstable diabetes, severe seizures, etc., are required to have a medication or treatment order and nursing plan in place before they start school. The medication or treatment order must be from the child’s licensed health care provider.

If a medication or treatment order is not provided, the chief administrator of the school is required to exclude the child until such order has been provided. Our exclusion procedures are in accordance with the rules (WACs) of the State Board of Education.

It is vital to your child’s safety during the school day that if your child has a life-threatening health condition that may require medical services to be performed at school, you immediately notify your school’s principal or school nurse. The necessary forms will be provided and a time will be arranged for you to meet with your child’s school nurse.

Please call the school nurse at 677-3481 (Lind) or 659-0232 (Ritzville) if you have any questions or would like further clarification.

DRUG DOG SEARCHES

In an effort to keep schools free of drugs, the Districts may use specifically trained non-aggressive dogs to sniff out and alert the dog’s handler to the presence of substances prohibited by law. The dogs may sniff

the air around lockers, desks, bags, items or vehicles on District property or at District sponsored events only when there are no students or employees present. Only the trained dog’s handler will determine what constitutes an alert by the dog.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES-FEDERAL PROGRAMS

To find information on how to file a Citizen Complaint against OSPI, go to the OSPI website at <http://www.k12.wa.us>. Do a search for Citizen Complaint Against OSPI or phone 360-725-6100.

NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

The board recognizes that a healthy school environment prepares students for college, careers, and successful futures. Students who eat well-balanced meals and engage in regular exercise are more likely to learn in the classroom. The board supports the District’s increased emphasis on nutrition, health and physical education, and physical activity at all grade levels to enhance the well-being of the District’s students. Therefore, it is the policy of the Board of Directors to provide students with access to nutritious food; emphasize health education and physical education; and provide students with opportunities for physical activity.

WELLNESS POLICY

The District, through a wellness committee, will develop and implement a comprehensive wellness policy in compliance with state and federal requirements for districts participating in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

The District will notify families and the public, on annual basis, of the availability of the wellness policy/procedure and provide information that would enable interested households to obtain more details. The District is encouraged to provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment.

TRIENNIAL PROGRESS ASSESSMENTS

At least once every three years, the District will evaluate its compliance with the wellness policy/procedure. The Triennial assessment will consider:

- The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the District are in compliance with the wellness policy/procedure.
- The extent to which progress has been made in attaining the goals of the District’s wellness policy.

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STUDENTS AND TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES

Board Policy 3245 - Students and Telecommunication Devices states, in part:

- Students will not send, share, view, or possess pictures, text messages, emails, or other material depicting sexually explicit conduct (as defined in RCW 9.68A.011) in electronic or any other form on a cell phone or other electronic device while on school grounds, at school-sponsored events, or on school buses/vehicles provided by the district. Students who violate this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

To view the complete policy and procedure, please visit the Policies & Procedures section under the School Board tab on the district website at Irschools.org.

NUTRITION AND FOOD SERVICES PROGRAM

MEAL APPLICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOOL MEALS

As a sponsor of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The District will provide free and reduced- priced breakfast and lunches to students who qualify in accordance with the programs. The District will distribute the Letter to Households and Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications to all households at the beginning of each school year. The district will protect the identity of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals in accordance with USDA guidelines for confidentiality and disclosure of students' eligibility for such meals.

MEAL PATTERNS AND MENU PLANNING

The District will follow the USDA meal patterns for the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and Smart snacks in School standards for all food and beverages sold to students on school campus during the school day.

MEAL TIMES

The District will set meal times to allow breakfast to be served as close to the start of the school day as possible and lunch to be served between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The length of the meal period will allow enough time for students to be served and eat a complete meal as well as take care of personal hygiene

FOOD SAFETY PLAN

The District will establish a Food Safety Plan based on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points. Because of the potential liability of the District, the food services program will not accept donations of food other than as provided in this policy without board approval. Should the board approve a food donation, the

Superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of the school lunch menu.

MEAL PRICING

The Board of Directors shall determine paid meal prices annually and for the National School Lunch Program and follow Paid Lunch Equity regulations. Adult meal prices shall be set to allow teachers, administrators, and parents/ guardians to demonstrate their support for school meal programs by occasionally eating with students paying the full meal price plus the value of federal reimbursement for paid meals and the USDA Food Value.

USDA FOODS

The District will use full entitlement of USDA Foods made available under the Federal Food Distribution Program for school meal programs.

NON-PROFIT SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE ACCOUNT

The District will maintain a non-profit school food service account. All revenues shall be used solely for the school meal programs and to improve the quality of the food service program for the students being served. Food sold a la carte and food sold to other school entities will be priced to recover at a minimum food costs.

MEAL CHARGE POLICY

In order to allow students to receive nutritious meals, prevent over-identification of students with insufficient funds to pay for school meals, and maintain the financial integrity of the nonprofit school nutrition program, the District will establish a written meal charge process for students eligible for reduced price meals and students not eligible for meals. The meal charge policy will be communicated to households each year so that school district employees, families and students have a shared understanding of expectations regarding meal charges,

UNPAID MEAL CHARGES

The District's Meal Charge Policy will address unpaid meal charges. Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal, even if they have accrued a negative balance from previous purchases. Students with outstanding meal charge debt will be allowed to purchase a meal if the student pays for the meal when it is received.

The District will make reasonable, discrete efforts to notify families when meal account balances are low through use of email, letters, and automated calling

systems. Families will be notified once the balance reaches \$5.00.

Reasonable efforts are made to collect delinquent funds.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

The District's K-12 health and physical education programs will be aligned with the Washington State Health and Physical Education K-12 Learning Standards and will include, but not be limited to, the development of knowledge and skills to be physically active, to eat nutritiously, to access reliable health information and services, to communicate effectively, and to set health-enhancing goals.

The District will ensure that the following requirements are met:

- All students in grades one through eight receive an average of one hundred instructional minutes per week of physical education per year.
- All high school students are required to complete a minimum of three semesters (1.5 credits) of physical education and one semester (.5 credit) of health education.
- The district will offer a one-credit course or its equivalent in physical education for each grade in the high school program (grades 9-12).
- All students have equal and equitable opportunities for health and physical education.
- All students, from kindergarten through grade 12, will participate in a quality, standards-based health and physical education program.
- OSPI- developed assessments or other strategies will be used in health and physical education.

Additionally, School districts must conduct an annual review of their PE programs. The review must consist of numerous provisions, including:

- The number of Individual students completing a PE class during the school year;
- The average number of minutes per week of PE received by students in grades 1 through 8, expressed in appropriate reporting ranges;
- The number of students granted waivers from PE requirements;
- An indication of whether all PE classes are taught by instructors who possess a valid health

and fitness endorsement;

- The PE class sizes, expressed in appropriate reporting ranges;
- An indication of whether, as a matter of policy or procedure, the district routinely modifies and adapts its PE curriculum for students with disabilities; and
- An indication of whether the district routinely excludes students from PE classes for disciplinary reasons.

As a best practice and subject to available funding, the District will strive to ensure:

- Students will be moderately to vigorously active for at least 50% of class time during most or all physical education class sessions.
- All schools will have certificated physical education teachers providing instruction.
- All schools will have appropriate class sizes, facilities, equipment, and supplies needed to deliver quality health and physical education consistent with state standards.
- All physical education teachers will be encouraged to participate in professional development in physical education at least once a year.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Physical education class is not to be used or withheld as punishment for any reason. All schools, as a best practice and subject to available funding, will participate in a multi-component approach by which schools use all opportunities for students to be physically active, such as the Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program (CSPAP) recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and will provide the following:

- Quality physical education;
- Physical activity during the school day (brain boosters/energizers);
- Physical activity before and after school;
- Recess (which will not be used or withheld as punishment for any reason);
- Family and community engagement;
- Staff wellness and health promotion;
- Active transportation; and school district facilities.

If you need this information in another language, please contact the Lind or Ritzville District Office.



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