

GENERAL INFORMATION

Community

Lower Dauphin High School is a public school serving a rural-suburban community located in Dauphin County approximately nine miles east of Harrisburg.

The district offers excellent cultural, educational and recreational opportunities with its geographical proximity to Harrisburg and Hershey and its accessibility to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

A total population of about 25,600 reside in the townships of Conewago, East Hanover, Londonderry, and South Hanover, and the borough of Hummelstown. This comprises an area of approximately 90 square miles.

Lower Dauphin participates with other school districts in Dauphin County Technical School and is a sponsoring district of Harrisburg Area Community College.

Faculty

The high school faculty is composed of 125 professionals, the majority of whom hold a Master's degree. The teacher student ratio is 1:14.

Academic Program

The Lower Dauphin High School curriculum offers five ability levels in the four major disciplines: English, mathematics, science, social studies and four foreign languages. The five levels are designated as Career Prep (CRP), Tech Prep (TP), College Prep (CP), Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP). The Lower Dauphin High School schedules a four-quarter academic year

Advanced Placement Program

AP courses are available in Art History, Government & Politics, English, Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, US History, European History, Spanish, Environmental Science, Psychology, Statistics, Computer Science, World History and Physics. We offer 18 AP classes and many have a grade or pre-requisite requirement.

Elective Offerings

Art, Business, Computer Science, Family and Consumer Science, Foreign Language, Technology Education and Music.

Specialty Programs

- Internships - program where students can experience a career field in our community
- Co-Op/ Work Experience
- Independent Study - students can engage in developing a skill, special project or research with a teacher advisor
- Alternative Education Program (tutoring, counseling)
- Student Assistance Program (chemical dependency and mental health resources)
- Health Career Exploration Program (HCEP) - a competitive program requiring an interview and acceptance
- CAOLA (cyber school option for LD students)
- Dual Enrollment (11th and 12th gr) with Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) and other local colleges and universities

Extra Curricular Activities

- Music (choral groups, band, jazz band, orchestra)
- National Honor Society and Honors Societies in Art, Spanish, French, German, Latin, Science, English, Math
- Special interests clubs such as (but not limited to): Gay Straight Alliance, Diversity Club, Quiz Bowl Team, Chess Club, Young Democrats, Young Republicans, Thespian Society, MiniTHON, Future Educators, Future Nurses, etc.
- Co-Curricular: School Newspaper and Yearbook
- Student Council and Class Council
- Theater: fall play, spring musical and Dramapalooza
- Interscholastic Athletics for Females: Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Swimming, Lacrosse
- Interscholastic Athletics for Males: Basketball, Baseball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, Track & Field, Wrestling, Volleyball, Swimming, Lacrosse; Club Sport Program: Ice Hockey

Class Ranking

Class rank is determined by arranging all students in order of their weighted grade point average. This average is based upon the total percentage points earned in weighted academic classes divided by the credit value of weighted academic courses taken. The weighted average is included on the transcript as a reference point. A weighting factor is used in class rank computation. All courses ranked as Career Prep shall be accorded the actual grade average. Courses ranked as Tech Prep shall receive 2.5 additional percentage points to the

grade average. Courses ranked as college preparatory shall receive an additional 5 percentage points to the grade average. Courses ranked as honors shall receive an additional 10 percentage points to the grade average. Courses ranked as Advanced Placement shall receive an additional 12 percentage points to the grade average. Report card grades reflect actual numerical value earned. Non-weighted classes are not included in the weighted calculations. A non-weighted grade point average is included on our transcript based on the 4.0 scale.

Graduation Credit Requirements

To earn a Lower Dauphin diploma, students are required to earn 23.5 credits. The following table summarizes the total mandatory and elective course credit requirements:

Course	Credits
English	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3 - 4
Social Studies	4.0
Physical Education	1.5
Electives	6 - 7
Career Exploration	.50
Health	.50
Total Credits	23.5

Grading Scale

A+	97-100	4.0	C+	77-79	2.3
A	93-96	3.9	C	73-76	2.0
A-	90-92	3.7	C-	70-72	1.7
B+	87-89	3.3	D+	67-69	1.3
B	83-86	3.0	D	63-66	1.0
B-	80-82	2.7	D-	60-62	.7
			F	59 & below	0.0

A weighted percent/average and a non-weighted (4.0) average is provided on the high school transcript.

Honor Roll

Distinguished Honor Roll	Honor Roll
All Grades Above 90%	All Grades Above 80%

Fast Facts

Total Enrollment fall 2026: 1,097 students

Enrollment by Gender:

46.76% female
53.24% male

Percent Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

White - 80.4%
Hispanic - 7.66%
2 or more races - 5.93%
Asian - 2.92%
Black - 2.92%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander - 0%
American Indian/Alaskan Native - 0.18%

Percent Enrollment by Student Groups:

Economically Disadvantaged - 24.43%
English Language Learner - 2.19%
Special Education - 16.96%
Foster Care - 0.9%
Homeless - 2%
Military Connected - 2.55%
Gifted Students - 3.48%

College Entrance Exam Averages(25-26)

SAT 1150
ACT 26.9

Graduation Statistics

	2024	2025	2026
Apprenticeship Programs	1%	3%	9%
Technical School/Community College	9%	15%	16%
4 year College/University	60%	61%	56%
Military Service	3%	3%	5%
Full Time Work or taking a gap year	22%	9%	13%
Undecided	3%	9%	6%

National Merit Scholars

Class of 2016 – 2 semi-finalists
Class of 2017 – 2 semi-finalists, 3 commended
Class of 2019 – 1 commended
Class of 2023 – 4 commended, 1 finalist
Class of 2025 -- 3 commended
Class of 2026 -- 2 commended



Administration

Mr. Justin Hanula..... Principal
Mrs. Natausha Bulgrien.....Assistant Principal
Dr. Sean McClintick.....AssistantPrincipal
Dr. Steff Chortanoff..... Dean of Students
Mr. Kaylor Kulina Athletic Director

School Counselors

Starting with the 25-26 school year, counselors were assigned to students (9-12) according to their last name.

Mr. Nathan Espenshade.....nwespensshade@ldsd.org
Student Last Name A - Fi

Mr. Matthew Martinez..... mamartinez@ldsd.org
Student Last Name FL - L

Mrs. Lori Beaver lbeaver@ldsd.org
Student Last Name M - Ri

Ms. Anna-Kate Clancy.....aclancy@ldsd.org
Student Last Name Ro - Z

Counseling Secretaries

Mrs. Melanie Jarrett 717-566-5331
Mrs. Scotti Warble 717-566-5329

The Lower Dauphin School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries may be directed to Human Resources, Title IX Coordinator, by calling 717.566.5300.

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