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MISSION:

Lakewood High School is committed to a student-centered community that embraces imagination, ingenuity, empathy, and the creation of ideas to develop lifelong learners while fostering the pursuit of fulfilled and balanced lives.

SCHOOL PROFILE

SCHOOL

Lakewood High School (LHS) is a public high school, grades 9 through 12, with a student enrollment of approximately 1793. The school offers an academically robust curriculum for students who are college bound, as well as a variety of other academic programs supported by the latest in educational technology and resources to meet the needs and interests of all students. The LHS academic calendar is comprised of two 18-week semesters, 176 days in length. Courses are implemented on a block schedule consisting of eight, 90-minute classes with periods 1–4 and 5-8 meeting on alternate days.

COMMUNITY

Lakewood High is one of the largest of 17 comprehensive high schools in Jefferson County School District R-1, the second largest K-12 school system in Colorado serving approximately 75,000 students in 2025-26. LHS has a strong tradition of community support, and the student population is comprised of a wide variety of ethnic, academic, economic, and geographic backgrounds. The current building sits on a 28.5-acre site in Lakewood, Colorado, located directly west of Denver. This site has housed Lakewood High since 1958, but a remodeling project in 2007 replaced the original structure.

ACCREDITATION

Lakewood High School is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Lakewood High School graduated its first International Baccalaureate (IB) students in 1999. Begun in 1995, this program draws students from all over Jefferson County, as well as outside the district. The goal of IB is to provide students with a balanced education, to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility, and to promote international understanding through a shared academic experience. Students who enroll in the IB Program complete two years of honors coursework and two years of the IB Diploma Program. Students who complete the IB curriculum demonstrate a strong commitment to learning and the discipline necessary to be successful in a competitive college environment and contribute to society. In addition, students who earn their IB diploma are awarded 24 credits at most public Colorado colleges/universities. Lakewood High School is a full International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, although IB Certificates may be earned in elective classes.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The LHS faculty and staff, numbering 187, work closely with students and welcome the personal interactions that occur daily. Many of them hold master's degrees in their fields of study and continually seek ways to keep themselves current. Five Assistant Principals, a Dean, two Social Workers, four School Counselors, a 504 Counselor/Coordinator, and a 9th grade Transition Counselor provide students with the full realm of academic support services.

ENROLLMENT

There are approximately 1793 students enrolled at Lakewood High School for the 2026-2027 academic school year:

Freshmen - 466	Juniors - 441
Sophomores - 492	Seniors - 394

Our diverse population breaks down as follows:

Caucasian – 52%	American Indian/Alaska Native – .3%	Black/African American – 3%
Hispanic/Latino – 36%	Asian/Pacific Islander – 3.7%	Multi-racial – 5%

Due to the popularity of the International Baccalaureate Program and other unique characteristics, LHS enrolled approximately 60% of our students from outside our attendance area this year. In addition, approximately 34% of our student body qualify for the free/reduced lunch program.

SAT Mean Scores

Class	No. tested	% of Class	EBRW	Math
2022	413	86.0	532	515
2023	444	89.1	523	509
2024	394	91	542	524
2025	371	98	530	509
2026	364	96	546	518

The SAT is Colorado's state assessment for Juniors in the public school system. The cost is covered by the state.

POST-GRADUATE PLANS

- 62% of 2026 LHS graduates went on for post-secondary education, 56% went to four-year colleges and universities, and 6% went to two-year institutions, 43% stayed in-state and 19% went out-of-state or out of country.
- 1% of 2026 LHS graduates went into the military, 5% went to trade/vocational schools, and 32% percent went into full-time work, were undecided or participated in volunteer/community service opportunities.
- 100% of International Baccalaureate graduates went on for post-secondary education.

Lakewood High School Class of 2026 Students Enrolled at the Following In-State Colleges

Arapahoe Community College
Colorado Christian University
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University at Ft. Collins
Colorado State University at Pueblo
Community College of Denver
Emily Griffith Technical College
Fort Lewis College
IntelliTec College
Lincoln Tech Institute
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Red Rocks Community College
Red Rocks Community College Arvada
Regis University
Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design
United States Air Force Academy
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Denver
University of Northern Colorado
Western State Colorado University

Lakewood High School Class of 2026 Students Enrolled at the Following Out-of-State Colleges

Baylor University
Bemidji State University
Boston University
Brigham Young University
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo
California State University, Northridge
Chadron State College
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Davis & Elkins College
Delaware State University
Florida State University
George Mason University
Gonzaga University
Howard University
Knox College
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Marquette University
McGill University
Michigan Technological University
Montana State University
New York University
Oregon State University
Pepperdine University
Pratt Institute
Purdue University
Roger Williams University
San Diego State University
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
St. Francis College
Texas Lutheran University
The University of Arizona
The University of British Columbia
The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
The University of Tennessee
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity University
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Davis
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Guelph
University of Hawaii at Manoa
University of Michigan
University of Montana
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Mexico
University of Oregon
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Washington
University of Wyoming
Vancouver Island University (VIU)
Virginia Tech
Washington University in St. Louis
Webster University
Western New England University
York University

NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

The class of 2027 has four Semifinalists and fifteen Commended students. The class of 2026 had three Finalists and nine Commended students. The class of 2025 had four Semifinalists and six Commended students. The class of 2024 had three Semifinalists and nine Commended students, seven National Hispanic Recognition Awards, and one National Indigenous Award. The class of 2023 had eight Commended students.

MARKING SYSTEM

Unweighted Scale	Weighted Scale
A=4.0 B=3.0 C=2.0 D=1.0	A = 5.0 B = 4.0 C = 3.0 D = 1.0

- A 5.0 weighted cumulative GPA is not possible due to specific graduation requirements. Highest weighted GPA in the class of 2027 is 4.9722.
- In 2026-2027, 44% of the student body earned a 3.5 unweighted GPA or above and received Honors/High Honors recognition
- WP means withdraw pass/WF means withdraw fail/ P means passing (WF, WP, P do not figure in GPA)
- **Jefferson County Schools officially weighs all AP, IB and Honors coursework on the weighted scale listed above.**

Although there is no official limit to the number of Honors/AP classes a student may take, students must have a discussion with counselor before taking 3 or more AP classes. Current year teachers recommend students for the following year academic courses including AP/Honors.

*GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

Language Arts	4.0 credits
Social Studies	3.5 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	.5 credits
Practical Arts	.5 credits
Elective	8.5 credits
Total	23.0 credits

VALEDICTORIAN REQUIREMENTS

International Baccalaureate Program:
Valedictorian will be decided by the highest *unweighted* GPA.

Honors/Advanced Placement Program
Valedictorian will be decided by the highest *weighted* GPA.

*All seniors must demonstrate postsecondary workforce and college readiness in English and Math as required by the state of Colorado. There are multiple ways for students to demonstrate readiness including standardized test scores and capstone projects.

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS for 2026-2027

	Honors	Advanced Placement	International Baccalaureate
Business			IB Business Management SL & HL
English	H. English 9 H. English 10	AP English Lang & Comp AP English Lit & Comp	IB Jr. English HL IB Sr. English HL IB Theory of Knowledge
Social Studies	H. US Government H. Economics	AP Psychology AP US History AP Human Geography AP World History AP European History AP Macroeconomics AP US Government and Politics	IB Jr. History HL IB Sr. History HL IB Psychology SL IB Social Cultural Anthropology SL
Mathematics	H. Geometry H. Algebra II	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics AP Pre-Calculus	IB Math: Applications & Interpretations SL IB Math: Analysis & Approaches SL & HL
Science	H. Earth Science H. Biology H. Physics H. Chemistry	AP Environmental Science AP Biology AP Physics C AP Chemistry	IB Biology HL IB Chemistry SL & HL IB Physics SL IB Environmental Systems SL
World Language	H. French 1, 2 H. Spanish 1, 2 H. Chinese 3, 4	AP French AP Spanish AP Chinese	IB French 1, 2 (levels 3-5) SL & HL IB Spanish 1, 2 (levels 3-5) SL & HL IB Chinese SL
Fine Arts		AP Drawing	IB Film SL IB Theatre Arts SL & HL IB Visual Arts SL & HL

Concurrent Enrollment currently Lakewood offers three elective concurrent enrollment courses in theater.

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lakewood High School participates in Unified Athletics and offers a unique educational program to meet the special needs of the participants. The school has received a growing number of annual grants from outside agencies in support of its Unified Program mission.
- LHS Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout their first year. Built on the belief that students can help other students succeed, 88 juniors and seniors are selected to mentor, act as positive role models, and guide freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school.
- Last year, we gave 988 exams to 685 students and over 86% scored a 3 or higher. Nearly all our subjects scored above the state and global average. Over 200 of our students earned AP Scholar Status.
- Each year, LHS art students earn recognition at the Annual Jefferson County High School Art Exhibit, the State and National Scholastic Art & Writing Competition, and the IB/AP Independent Study show at the Lakewood Cultural Center. Students submit diverse art forms and collaborate with local community partners, including the Art Students League of Denver, Foothills Art Center, and regional galleries-gaining firsthand experience in art exhibition and the art industry.
- Over the last 30 years, an average of 95% of the LHS International Baccalaureate graduates have earned their IB diplomas. Out of all the exams our students took to earn the diploma the average pass rate for (4 or higher) the May 2025 testing session across all IB subjects was 98.6%.
- The Lakewood High School music program is recognized around the state for its high level of achievement in both Vocal and Instrumental music. Lakewood had 16 different ensembles selected to perform at the Colorado Music Educators Association conference, most recently the Chamber Orchestra and Tenor/Bass Choir, in 2027. The Bengal Regiment has been a 16-time State Marching Band Finalist, and the Wind Ensemble has been selected to perform at the State Concert Band Festival 15 times. The Lakewood Orchestra program is nationally recognized and was selected for the 2025 Music for All Orchestra America National Festival.
- Eighteen out of the past twenty-three years, one or more LHS students has been designated a Boettcher Scholar. Each year, only forty top high school students in the state of Colorado are awarded as a Boettcher Scholar. In 2026, LHS had one Boettcher Scholar.
- The LHS Theatre Company (LHSTC) has received fifty-four Bobby G nominations in the past ten years for outstanding performance and technical work for our spring musicals. In 2025, we received one-win — for Best Supporting Actor. In 2023, we garnered four wins, best in show, director, actor and lighting design. The Bobby G Award is the state qualifying competition leading to the national Jimmy Awards in New York City. In 2018, the LHSTC was named one of three top theatre programs in the country by the Educational Theatre Association.
- This year, the Department of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE) at LHS supports and monitors a large population of students from thirty-two different language backgrounds. We have approximately, 386 students at Lakewood High School have a primary home language other than English.
- LHS has over a 50% participation rate with our students being involved in one or more sports/activities. Team highlights from the 2025-26 school year are showing signs of a commitment to our 24 Teams – One Family mantra and how in working together as a program, our kids will reach their personal goals of achieving their highest level of performance while getting an incredible education. Our teams had incredible results in boys lacrosse, softball and boys tennis. Countless athletes were named to All-Conference teams and 14 athletes were named all-state by CHSAA. Lakewood Athletics are committed to providing our student-athletes with the values and characteristics of excellence that will lead them to prospering in all stages of their lives.

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