



**CAME FOR
KINDERGARTEN**

**STAYED THROUGH
GRADUATION**



*Lawrence Township Schools Annual Report
2025/2026*



IT'S A FANTASTIC JOURNEY

Our commitment is to ensure that Lawrence Township Schools remains a District of Destination — not simply because of what we offer, but because of the outcomes we deliver for students.

Welcome to LT Schools, the 5th largest public school district in Indiana,

home to over 16,000 students and 2,600 educators and staff, all of whom **choose** LT Schools as their District of Destination. With school choice comes responsibility to select the best fit for the student, and best fit varies from student to student. First and foremost, there must be a solid foundation upon which to build and serve.

We are aligned on a simple but powerful belief: **excellence empowers everyone**. Every student deserves access to exceptional educational opportunities, meaningful experiences, and the support necessary to reach their fullest potential. Our responsibility is not simply to provide an education, but to create environments where students are challenged, inspired, and equipped for success in school and beyond.

We are steadfast in our commitment to academic excellence, innovative programming, strong financial stewardship, and diverse opportunities. From our youngest learners taking their first steps into the classroom to our graduates preparing for post-graduation, we know that success does not look the same for every student. That is why we intentionally provide multiple pathways to achievement while maintaining high expectations for all.

We also recognize that excellence is never achieved in isolation. It is made possible through the dedication of exceptional educators and staff, the trust of our families, and the continued support of a community that believes deeply in the value of public education. Together, we are building upon a strong foundation, celebrating meaningful progress, and remaining focused on the work still ahead.

How does a school corporation with a diverse student population the size of a small town develop and deliver results to meet the varying needs, abilities, interests, and goals? As you will see in the following stories, the answer is exceptionally well.

Sincerely,



DR. SHAWN A. SMITH
Superintendent of Schools



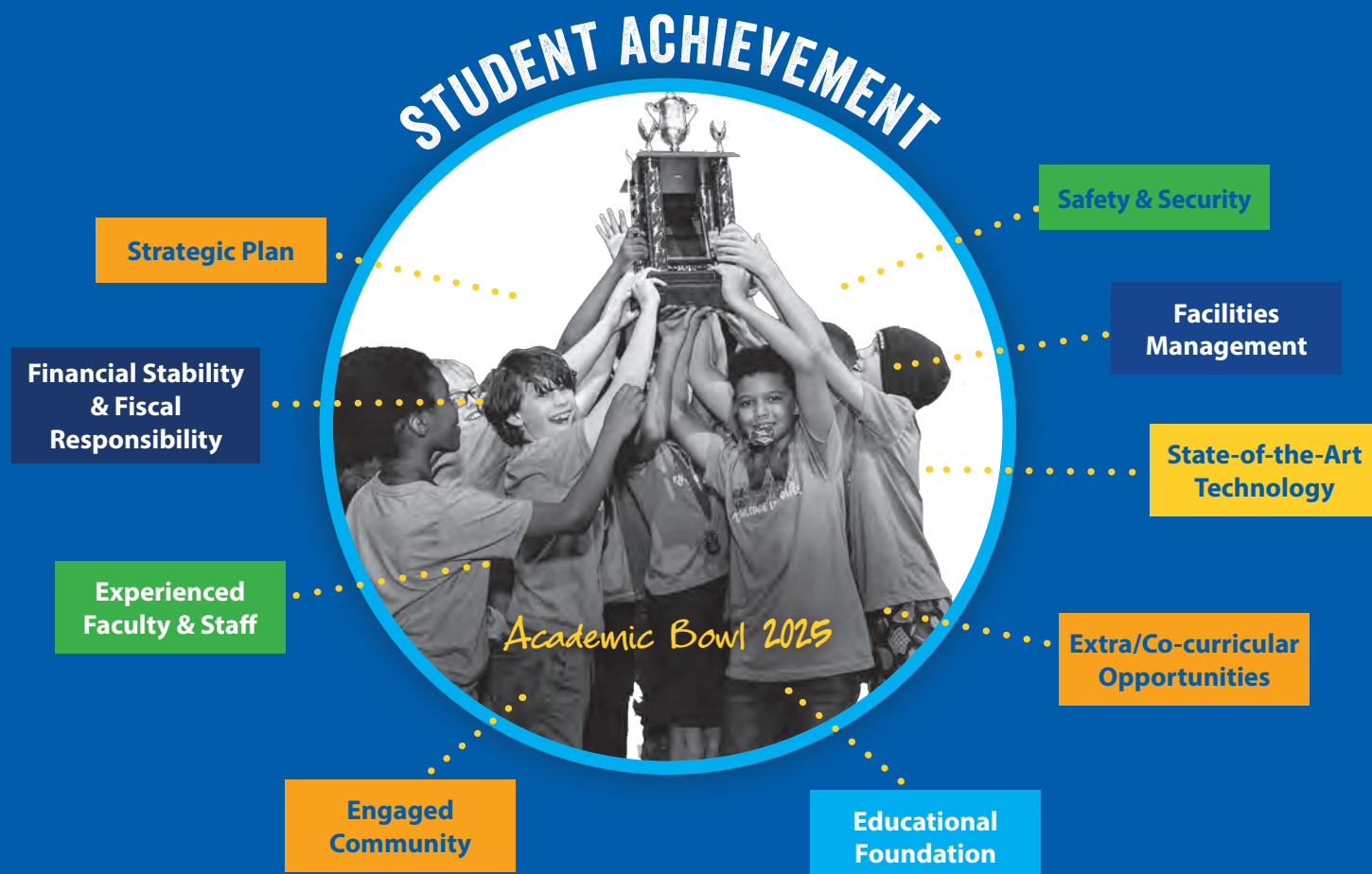
MRS. AMY NORMAN
President, Board of Education



DELIVER TODAY, ANTICIPATE NEEDS BUILD FOR THEIR FUTURE

The LT experienced administration team, led by highly respected Superintendent Dr. Shawn A. Smith, is governed by the Board of Education's vision to be the District of Destination. With the mission of supporting all students on their educational pathways, meeting the needs of today and anticipating future needs, every decision is guided by the core values of Achievement, Integrity, and Service. Living these values builds a culture of cooperation, collaboration, and communication within the entire school community, resulting in student growth and achievement in progressive learning communities.

Every Student. Every Day.



WE LISTEN TO OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS

Family input also shapes the future for LT Students. The 2026 survey findings highlighted what our community values, resulting in the following continued focus areas.

- Align academics, communication, and programs with student identities, interests, and needs
- Maintain high-quality facilities
- Make fiscally-sound decisions
- Support safe instructional environments
- Ensure clear, timely, and accessible communication with families
- Increase student achievement

We value stakeholders by encouraging engagement, actively listening, and fostering partnerships in a vibrant, inclusive community.

Strong Schools. Strong Community.





BIG DREAMS



doctor



monster truck driver



singer

START SMALL

5 DECADES & 3 GENERATIONS LEE FAMILY

Starting with the aunts and uncles in the 1980's and continuing with the thirty-two cousins generation, there has never been a year without multiple Lee family members attending LT Schools. And now, the third generation is beginning their journey. This tightknit extended family has been involved in just about everything LT Schools offers, volunteering, attending, and supporting each other and the entire school community.

Chelsa Lee

Chelsa Lee, LC '11, has spent the majority of her life in LT Schools, 13 years as a student and 13 years supporting younger sister Jada, LC '23, who started kindergarten when Chelsa was a senior. Chelsa is one of 5 Lees who are currently teaching in LT Schools. She came back to LC eleven years ago, first leading the Gospel Choir and assisting with other choral groups. She is now the Director of Dance, a credited elective. That's a lifetime of thriving in an academically challenging and opportunity-filled community. She feels right at home.

As a student, Chelsa admits she was probably involved in too much; she wanted to try everything. She eventually found her place in Performing Arts, honing skills and building her confidence. By the time Jada got to LC, Chelsa was one of her choir directors!

Looking back, she appreciates the opportunities and encouragement. "No matter who you are, you will find a place and feel accepted. It gives me great joy to pour back into a school community that has given so much to our family for years and generations," Chelsa shared.

And to students, her advice is clear. "Take your own unique path. Success is defined by you. This is a safe and supportive environment. This is home."

Brandon Lee

Brandon Lee, LC '14, attributes a huge portion of his success to his 13 years in LT Schools. He shared, "I am a product of my environment in a good way." By being involved and balancing football, student council, and academics, the discipline, drive, and habits were formed early. He always wanted more, and LT Schools delivered.

As a college football standout at University of Missouri, Brandon felt well prepared to face whatever came his way. Looking back, he credits the different lifestyles and backgrounds he was exposed to in LT Schools, as well as the teachers, coaches, and mentors he leaned on.

Brandon, currently the General Manager of Purdue University Football, very humbly notes, "A lot of greatness has come out of LT Schools. Maximizing my surroundings and resources has come back to me 10-fold."



Chelsa and Jada



Brandon Kindergarten and
Bear's football

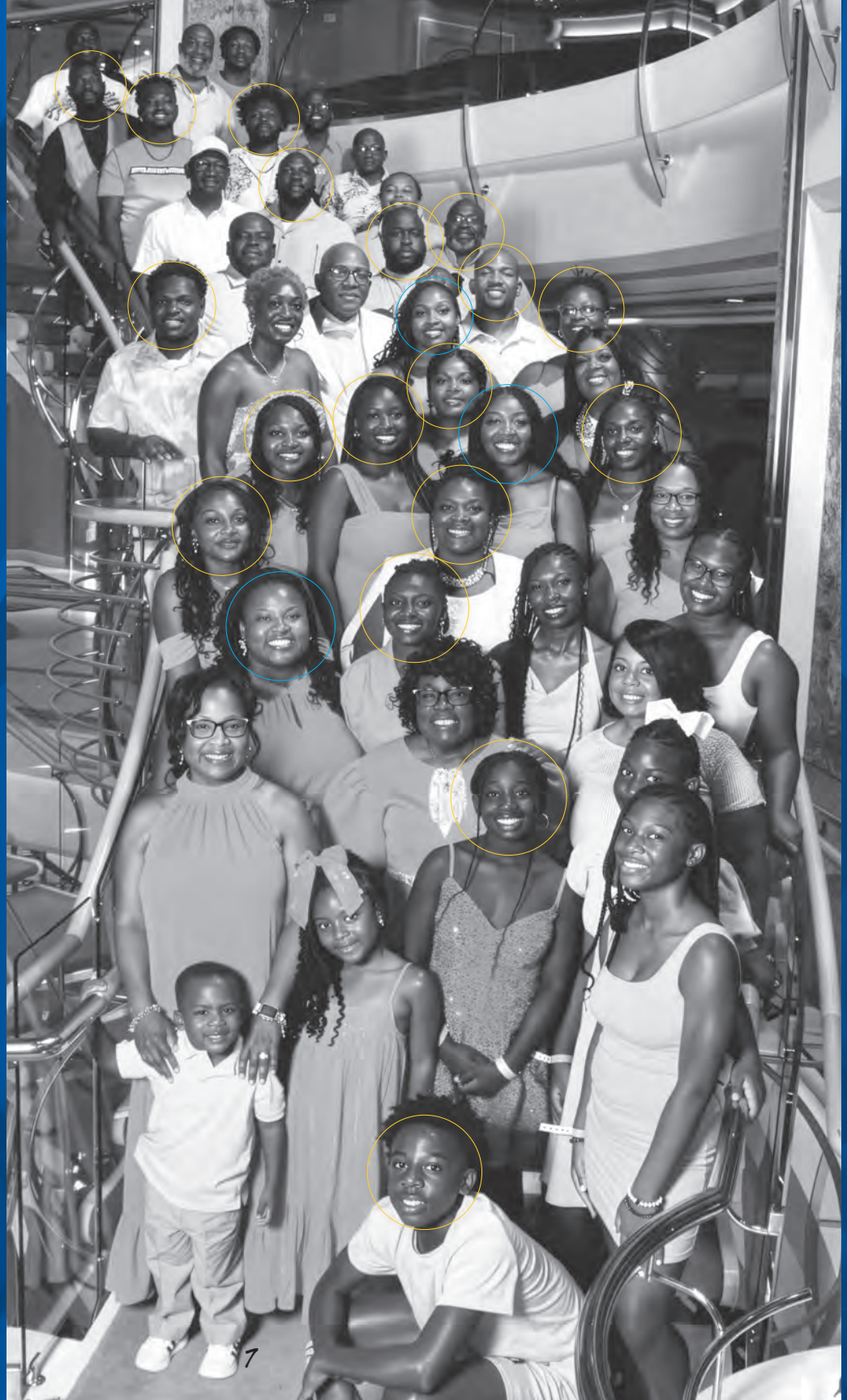


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LT SCHOOLS FAMILY
MEMBERS

3 OF THE 5
LT TEACHERS

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INTENTIONAL CHOICE GUIMONT FAMILY

When it was time to think about schools, Jenny and Jon Guimont valued academic offering, unique opportunities, stability, and diversity. From the first experience in pre-school, they knew LT Schools was not only a perfect fit for their 3 children, LN grads in '21, '24, and '26, but also for them. What stood out in the beginning was the supportive community, the openness to listen, and the commitment to the entire student experience, even when there were challenges. That remained consistent throughout.

Jenny laughs, "Our 3 kids are different, and yet, each of them found their place and people in LT Schools, in academics and shared interests. We spent time attending and volunteering at swim meets, cross country and track meets, concerts, musicals, you name it, with coaches and teachers who worked to develop them to their highest potential. We all made so many friends through the years. It's really true, in this school community, there is something for everyone!"

Jenny is paying it forward. She is now a math teacher at Lawrence North. Why? Because she wants to be that teacher that her kids had, a great educator who genuinely cares and advocates for students. She wants to preserve the future.

She sums it up by saying, "LT Schools is a big corporation with an important job to do with HEART. Whatever your obstacles are, LT has a plan for you."



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PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE

MINNICH FAMILY



Vuoch Minnich reflects back on the decision she and Scott made with a smile. She always thought they would send their kids to a private school because that is how she grew up. But after comparing the two from every angle, LT Schools was the better choice with more robust and comprehensive programs, including the nationally recognized Dual Language Program. So, they committed and have no regrets. Vuoch feels like everyone is welcome and can find their place, which is facilitated by LT leadership who embraces and provides different paths in order to meet individual needs.

This was a house divided with Mei-Li and Lu-Si graduating from LC in 2019 and 2022, and Kai-Wen in the Dual Language Program, graduating from LN in 2025. Supporting 3 students in their schools and volunteering introduced them to other students and families. All 3 took advantage of the endless opportunities, academic and extra-curricular. Kai-Wen traveled to native Spanish-speaking countries with the Dual Language Program. They each participated in clubs, athletics, and performing arts. Coincidentally, swimming became their passion, and they continued to swim and dive in college. In addition, Mei-Li and Lu-Si represented Cambodia in international swimming and diving competitions.

As Vuoch so eloquently shared, "The experience in LT Schools cannot be replaced or replicated. The proof is where they are today based on the growth and development through the years in LT Schools."

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Vuoch Minnich



PREPARED FOR MY FUTURE

DAEVON EVANS

Even as a kindergartner, Daevon Evans liked to take things apart and figure out how they worked. He was always interested in technology as a hobby. As a freshman, he took a cool information technology elective offered at McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology (MCIT). He explains that curiosity put his interest in a focused box. It culminated in testing for the nationally recognized A+ Certification designation. And he passed!

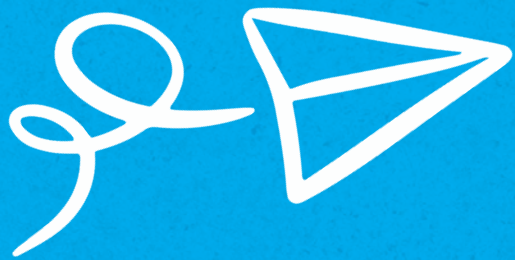
He had dreams to be a dentist, so after graduation from LN in 2018, he went to college as a Biology major. But, this story is a full circle moment, because remember, he was always interested in technology, and that A+ Certification earned at MCIT could be put to good use. And so, after graduation, he returned home, but this time as an employee in the Information Technology department in LT Schools.

He knows what the students need because he was one of them not too long ago. He enjoys being a role model and mentoring the students at Fall Creek Valley Middle School. He is also coaching basketball at Forest Glen Elementary which is another way to make an impact and pour into the kids. He wants to give back because he remembers how he relied on resources to help him academically and to believe in him when he felt lost. Those feel-good memories brought him back.

Daevon smiles and says, "I wasn't thinking career when I took that class and passed that test, but I'm right where I need to be, doing what I love for the school community that nurtured me."



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FROM HERE TO EVERYWHERE





16,508 STUDENTS • 2,605 EMPLOYEES

6

ELEMENTARY
MAGNET THEMES

4

NAEYC ACCREDITED
EARLY LEARNING CENTERS



AWESOME!

**2026 IREAD
RESULTS:**

LT 3RD GRADE PASS RATE FOR IREAD
= 83% (+5%)

PASS RATE FOR 3RD GRADERS WHO
ATTENDED LT SCHOOLS SINCE PRE-K
= 90%

**FROM A STRONG
BEGINNING...**

200+ BUSES • 21 SCHOOLS • 23 BUILDINGS



1,265

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN
HIGH ABILITY PROGRAMMING

K-12

NATIONALLY
RECOGNIZED DUAL
LANGUAGE EDUCATION



5 INTERNATIONAL SPANISH ACADEMIES DESIGNATIONS



VEX ROBOTICS

4 VEX IQ TEAMS ADVANCED TO
WORLD COMPETITION



2 GOLDEN APPLE
EDUCATOR AWARDS

AMAZING!



STEM FOR ALL • PROJECT LEAD THE WAY • VEX ROBOTICS

2X VOTED BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
& BEST PRESCHOOLS
IN INDIANAPOLIS



**"BEST COMMUNITY
FOR MUSIC EDUCATION"**

NAMED 15 TIMES IN A ROW!

**100 + PERFORMING ARTS
PERFORMANCES**

ISSMA ALL-MUSIC AWARD



**...TO A LIMITLESS
FUTURE**

1,288 TOTAL GRADS • 97% GRADUATION RATE

SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS

\$56 MILLION SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

- 1 National Merit Finalist
- 3 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 4 Rising Academic Stars
- 2 Lilly Scholars
- 1 Carson Scholar
- 221 Distinguished Scholars
- 568 Academic & Technical Honors Diplomas
- 56 Dual Language Immersion graduates
- 36 International Baccalaureate Candidates
- 47 Advanced Placement Capstone Diplomas
- 152 Certificates of Bilingual Proficiency



50 STATE TITLES
7 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

76 ACADEMIC ALL-STATE STUDENT ATHLETES

58 ATHLETES COMMITTED TO PLAY IN COLLEGE

1 MCDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN

IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
IN WRESTLING & GIRLS TRACK 4X100



AVERAGE GPA TOP 10% 2026 SENIORS: 4.552

\$150M STATE OF THE
ART EXPANSION ANNOUNCED
AT THE MCIT FACILITY
TO ADD CAPACITY
AND CAPABILITY



2,584 STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN MCIT PROGRAMS

28 CAREER PATHWAYS

26 NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS
OFFERED



YOU DID IT!

NO OPERATING REFERENDUM • \$10,023,469 RAINY DAY FUND BALANCE



2026
NUMBERS

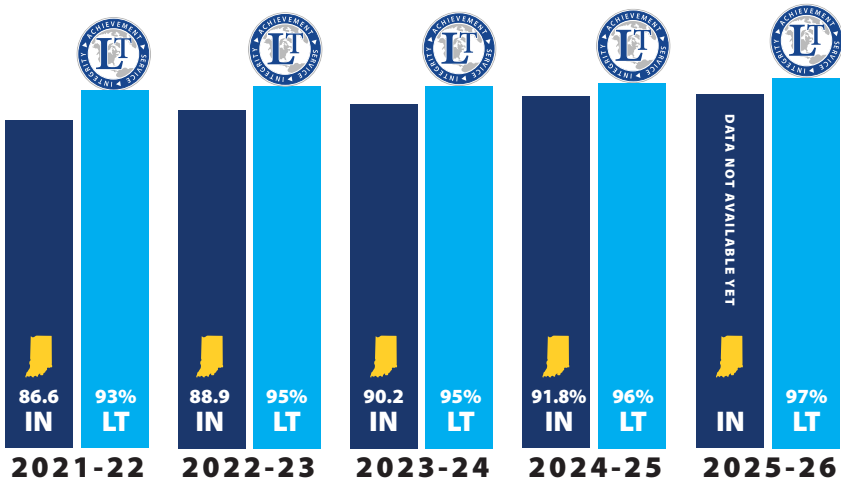
Financial Results

Year	Budget	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Cash Balance%
2019	\$ 114,690,840	\$ 114,764,722	\$ 10,011,404	8.72 %
2020	\$ 118,321,146	\$ 118,304,856	\$ 11,986,834	10.1 %
2021	\$ 117,873,283	\$ 114,961,983	\$ 16,571,397	14.1 %
2022	\$ 128,851,281	\$ 130,302,975	\$ 17,659,943	13.7 %
2023	\$ 133,685,676	\$ 134,259,568	\$ 16,754,915	12.5 %
2024	\$ 151,859,782	\$ 153,666,122	\$ 16,124,088	10.6 %
2025	\$ 168,116,000	\$ 155,171,246	\$ 14,888,422	8.9 %

Enrollment Trends (2023-26)

2023-24	PRE-K	KG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL
	566	1153	1171	1194	1202	1216	1133	1224	1214	1266	1315	1351	1285	1186	26	16,502
2024-25	PRE-K	KG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL
	466	1166	1197	1212	1218	1251	1260	1168	1249	1215	1353	1326	1334	1187	15	16,617
2025-26	PRE-K	KG	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL
	501	1153	1152	1204	1258	1188	1238	1290	1125	1247	1237	1345	1327	1228	15	16,508

Lawrence Township Graduation Rate



2026 BUILDINGS & FACILITIES

Approximately 3 million square feet of facilities maintained

+ 5 athletic complexes

+ 15 ELC & elementary playgrounds

2026 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

ELC AMY BEVERLAND

Jillian Eisenhut

ELC BROOK PARK

Ryan Keen

ELC MARY CASTLE

Laura Haynie

ELC WINDING RIDGE

Heather Wood

AMY BEVERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Laurie Kimmel

BROOK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Takea White-Logwood

CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Murphy

FOREST GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Denise Paramore

HARRISON HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fina-Mariah Ruiz

INDIAN CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Amparo Macias-Medrano

MARY CASTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elaine Fogelman

OAKLANDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Shannon Tynes

SKILES TEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lashon Ludington

SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Maggie Huston

WINDING RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Casey Peterson

BELZER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lori Ann Craig

FALL CREEK VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Heysel Martinez Colon

LAWRENCE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Marla Gee

LAWRENCE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Kelly DeCrane

LAWRENCE ADVANCE ACADEMY

Delano Franklin Palacio

MCKENZIE CENTER FOR INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Claudia C. Heck

SUSAN JORDAN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Jered Pennington
Amy Beverland



TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Lashon Ludington
Skiles Test



CLASSIFIED STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Officer Steve Fishburn
Lawrence Central

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL FOUNDATION



From kindergarten through graduation, the Foundation helps make every year count. Since 1983, the Lawrence Township School Foundation (LTSF) has partnered with the MSD of Lawrence Township to enrich education, empower educators, and remove barriers to student success, totaling over \$10.4M in program funding and support. Thanks to our generous supporters, we help make every year count across all 21 Lawrence Township schools.

LTSF Programs: Making Every Year Count

Elementary - Building Strong Foundations

Early Literacy Tutoring, VEX Robotics, Up & Running, arts experiences, and Legacy Field Trips spark curiosity, build confidence, and inspire a love of learning.

Middle School - Exploring Possibilities

Academic Tutoring, VEX Robotics, CampTown, Share LT, and enrichment opportunities help students discover talents, strengthen skills, and explore new possibilities.

High School - Preparing for the Future

HBCU tours, CampTown, Student Foundation, Academic Tutoring and Support, and Scholarships prepare students for graduation and beyond.

Every Grade - Supporting Students and Educators

Creative Impact Grants and mini Grants fuel classroom innovation. Teacher Relocation Grants support educators, while the Bridge Fund and Chuck's Closet help students and families overcome barriers.

Be Part of Their Story.



Your support creates opportunities, removes barriers, and helps make every year count.

Scan the QR code to make your impact today.

Strong Foundation. Strong Schools. Strong Communities.

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FOUR DECADES OF TRANSFORMING LIVES

\$10.4M+	Total Support since 1983
\$4M+	Endowment
\$1.17M+	Creative Impact Grants since 1983
\$127K+	mini Grants since 2021
\$931K+	Student Scholarships since 1983
\$265K+	Bridge Fund Support for Students since 2013

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Early Learning Centers

ELC Amy Beverland
ELC Brook Park
ELC Mary Castle
ELC Winding Ridge

Elementary Schools

Amy Beverland Elementary School
Brook Park Elementary School
Crestview Elementary School
Forest Glen Elementary School
Harrison Hill Elementary School
Indian Creek Elementary School
Mary Castle Elementary School
Oaklandon Elementary School
Skiles Test Elementary School
Sunnyside Elementary School
Winding Ridge Elementary School

Middle Schools

Belzer Middle School
Fall Creek Valley Middle School

High Schools

Lawrence Central High School
Lawrence North High School

Special Programs

McKenzie Center for Innovation
& Technology
Lawrence Advance Academy

Lawrence Education & Community Programs

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