



INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES



INVEST IN THE FUTURE

Strong schools lead to strong communities.

The backbone of a promising future is the partnership between schools and communities. Schools cannot build opportunities alone. When we work in partnership, great things happen. Lincoln prospers.

At the Foundation, it is all about the kids. We care about making a difference in the lives of all students. Through the generosity of our donors we are able to invest in students by providing life-changing opportunities and inspiring possibilities. Your gift will help students expand their knowledge beyond the classroom, acquire skills, think critically and also build our community's next generation of leaders and do-ers.

Help us inspire possibilities - let's work together to lift Lincoln higher.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Visit our website to see the hundreds of funds which support student opportunities across the city www.foundationforlps.org

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The Four Pillars of Community Engagement

At the Foundation we focus on the whole child. We know learning doesn't stop when a student leaves the classroom. Our pillars address physical, emotional, academic and enrichment needs of all students.

College and Career

Helping students get ready to thrive.

Beyond The Classroom

Wrapping resources around extra-curricular activities.

Next-Level Learning

Partnering with the community to enrich student learning.

Strong, Stable Families

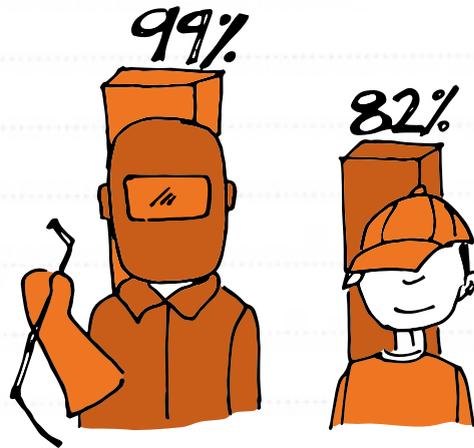
Addressing basic and emergency needs so all students come to school ready to learn.

COLLEGE AND CAREER

SCHOLARSHIP • TECHNICAL SKILLS • CAREER PREPARATION

Students face immense challenges in today's increasingly competitive professional environment. We help students explore the full range of career opportunities available to them. Whether they enter the workforce right out of high school or go on to pursue a post-secondary education, resources must be available to prepare students for successful launch into adulthood.

99% of students who concentrate in career-focused classes graduate compared to 82% of all Nebraska High School Seniors



Funds and Scholarships help support:

- **The Career Academy:** Exposes students to skilled and technical career futures
- **The Ken Jones Engineering Fund:** Inspires future engineers
- **Learn to Fly:** A flight school for would-be pilots
- **Science Enhancement Fund:** Funds science research projects



The Career Academy

Provides quality career-focused programs that prepare students for continued education and employment





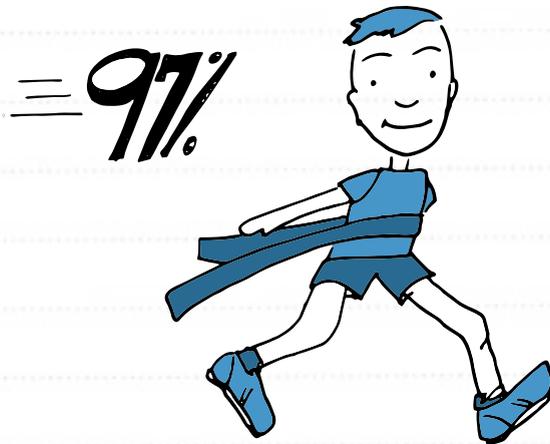
Lincoln Youth Symphony

Students learn and grow through musical performance and travel opportunities

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

ARTS & MUSIC • FITNESS & ATHLETICS • EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to recognize their full potential by participating in arts, athletics, volunteerism and other critical life-skill activities. Teamwork, leadership, citizenship, responsibility and health are enhanced through these experiences. These important elements of the academic experience help students as they transition into adulthood.



97% of LPS students involved
in athletics graduate

225+ funds provide support for programs including:

- **Funds for Excellence:** Support the opportunities and needs at individual schools
- **LPS Wellness Initiative:** Leads the effort to be the healthiest school district in the state
- **Lincoln High School Athletic Fund:** Encourages young athletes at LHS to excel
- **School Endowment Funds:** Provide resources for future students

NEXT-LEVEL LEARNING

CAMPS & CLUBS • ACADEMICS & CREATIVE EXPLORATION •
FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

High-quality expanded learning opportunities are for everyone — and the benefits they create are critical to Nebraska's future economy. High-quality before/after-school learning and summer school programs help low-income students improve academic performance. These programs also help high-performing students stay engaged and achieve even greater levels of understanding.



82% of LPS 3rd graders actively participating in Community Learning Centers met or exceeded standards in NeSA-Reading

Almost 50 STEM funds provide money for programs including:

- **Saturday Science:** Exposes 5th graders to hands-on physics concepts
- **Lincoln Youth Symphony:** Creates opportunities for high-level musical immersion
- **Elizabeth Grone Know Your Neighbor Study Tours:** Gives students a chance to experience world culture and language first-hand



Saturday Science

Elementary students explore science using their hands and brains





Family Literacy

Innovative educational approach bringing students and families together to learn

STRONG, STABLE FAMILIES

EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING • FAMILY ENGAGEMENT • EMERGENCY NEEDS

Research has shown that children, especially those at-risk, are most successful when efforts are designed to engage and support the family's ability to provide a safe and stable environment for their children. We are committed to efforts which increase protective factors and support whole child development.

Working together with our generous donors, we give emergency funds to an average of five families per month.

Children who have parents that help them to read score 10 points higher on standardized reading tests.



Over 40 Funds provide support for:

- **Student Emergency Funds:** Keeps at-risk families strong and stable
- **Family Literacy:** Engages immigrant families in their school communities
- **Carmel Sheppard Family Engagement:** Provides Community Learning Center experience for families and neighborhoods

OUR MISSION

The Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools believes that all students should have what they need to reach their full potential. We engage our community to inspire students and educators, and create educational opportunities that enhance academic and personal success.

As we work to provide opportunities along each of our focus areas, equity and student access to these enriching experiences is a driving factor in **all** that we do. It is critical that students, regardless of their background and income, have opportunities to fully explore their public education experience and prepare themselves for future success.

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