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Lake Preston School District

STRATEGIC PLAN

A Proud History of Education Since 1902

District at a Glance:

The Lake Preston School District is located in the town of Lake Preston on State Highway 14 and occupies an entire city block. The entire school complex includes the high school, junior high, elementary, kindergarten, and Preschool; two gymnasiums, and a playground. Lake Preston School District was established in 1882 which enrolled 30 students. As education and buildings improved over the years, Lake Preston was the first school in Kingsbury County to become a member of North Central Association in 1936.

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Lake Preston School is twofold. It is our mission to provide our students with a foundation of knowledge and skills that will optimize their opportunities for success in a rapidly changing world and foster lifelong learning. We shall strive to instill in our students an appreciation for the virtues of honesty, citizenship, decency, earning rewards through hard work, and respect for people, property and social tradition.

Belief Statement:

Graduates of the Lake Preston School District will be prepared to function effectively in the twenty-first century.

“EVERY CHILD — EVERY DAY”

Lake Preston School Board Approved — July 13, 2020

2018-2019 — District Statistical Profile

Lake Preston School District

300 1st St. NE
Lake Preston, SD 57249

School Names:

- ◆ Lake Preston Elementary School (PK – 5)
- ◆ Lake Preston Jr. High School (6-7-8)
- ◆ Lake Preston High School (9-12)

Home County: Kingsbury

Area in Square Miles: 198

District Student/Staff Demographics

	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016	2016 - 2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Total Enrollment (PreK-12)	171	178	172	172	178
Students with Disabilities	14.6%	14%	14%	15.7%	16.9%
Economically Disadvantaged	35.4%	39.6%	39.5%	42.3%	37.9%
English Language Learners			Newly added ►	<10	<10
Open Enrolled Students Rec'd	14	14	10	13	18
K-8 ADM	113.088	114.166	89.629	102.817	105.073
9-12 ADM	51.045	46.030	55.00	52.917	58.360
Attendance Rate	96.1%	96.7%	97%	96.3%	95.9%
Drop Out Rate	0%	1.3%	0%	0%	1.2%
Graduation Rate	100%	93.33%	92.86%	100%	100%
Number of Graduates	13	14	13	11	8
College and Career Readiness			Newly added ►	92%	82%
Average ACT Composite Score	<10 no data	21.6	19.8	20	<10 no data
Student to Staff Ratio	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.7	8.9
Certified Instructional Staff (#FTE)	20.8	19.6	19.9	19.8	20.1
Average Years of Experience	17.2	16.5	15.9	16.5	13.9

The Lake Preston School District prides itself on having all teaching staff listed as Highly Qualified including all Special Education paraprofessionals. All applicants must submit an application, references, transcripts, and pass a background check. We advertise positions on our website, local and regional newspapers, through the Associated School Board, and contacting higher education institutions.

Needs Assessment & Professional Development

The Lake Preston School District uses NWEA Mapping, SD STARS, and SBAC for a majority of its demographic and data resources. Staff meet quarterly during early release times to evaluate curriculum, instruction, and adjust as needed in our PK-12 building. Teachers are educated on how to pull reports from assessment databases and we take an entire day to break down all the testing data and prepare a report for the School Board.

The Needs Assessment Committee meets in the spring to evaluate strengths and weaknesses and put together District Goals based on our current testing information. The committee gathers information from surveys, the data retreat, local test results, student grades, graduate follow-up Q & A, enrollment projections, and parents during Parent/Teacher Conferences. This committee met on Monday, May 18th with the current members; Mr. Dana Felderman, Mrs. Bothun, Kristi Odegaard, Mrs. Warne, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hillestad, Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Odegaard, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. O’Dea.

The Lake Preston School currently has two full days of in-service and an open house for students/guardians/community and staff prior to the first day of school. Within our calendar year, we have approximately one day a month with an early release for staff in-service time and two full days for Professional Development. Professional Development and in-service opportunities are generated, by what curriculum and assessments we are using within our building. We continue to monitor IXL, Accelerated Reader, NWEA Mapping, Smarter Balanced Interim tests, and daily homework when determining where our district can improve and educate children in a safe learning environment.

Accountability Data – 2018-2019 District Report Card

South Dakota’s students take the annual state assessments for the subjects of English language arts and mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11, and science in grades 5, 8, and 11. Student Performance measures how well the students performed on the state assessments.

SBAC Info		2018-2019 Data						
	Number Tested	ELA %	SD %	Math %	SD %	Science %	SD %	SPI Score
LP Elem		72%	54%	66%	46%	91%	40%	74
LP JH		48%	54%	42%	46%	36%	40%	52
LP HS		77%	54%	36%	46%	36%	40%	85

		2017-2018 Data						
	Number Tested	ELA %	SD %	Math %	SD %	Science %	SD %	SPI Score
LP Elem	41	61%	55%	66%	47%	70%	46%	77
LP JH	25	52%	55%	48%	47%	63%	46%	56
LP HS	8	88%	55%	50%	47%	38%	46%	87

School Performance Index is a score out of 100 earned by EVERY public-school attendance center in South Dakota. The SPI recognizes both achievement and growth, while providing schools with unique Student Performance targets that encourage continuous and ongoing improvement.

Elementary and Middle School SPI Calculation

SPI Indicators	Student Performance	Student Progress	ELL Progress	Attendance	Total
Points Available	40	40	10	10	100

High School SPI Calculation

SPI Indicators	Student Performance	High School Completion	On-Time Graduation	College & Career Readiness	ELL Progress	Total
Points Available	40	12.5	12.5	25	10	100

















Accountability Data — NWEA Growth Index -Winter 2019 to Winter 2020

Grade	Growth Count	School Conditional Growth Index		
		Mathematics	Reading	Language Usage
1	10	4.21	3.00	
2	14	2.02	1.38	
3	11	-4.43	-4.15	
4	9	<10	<10	
5	11	0.99	-2.84	-1.02
6	11	0.19	-3.28	-0.56
7	10	0.73	-1.36	-0.81
8	12	1.27	-1.84	2.24
9	11	2.26	1.60	3.45
10	14	-0.55	-0.79	0.61










Growth Count provided reflects students with MAP results in both the Start and End terms.

Strengths & Areas for Improvement — Student Progress














Strengths:

-  Students are challenged academically
-  Students feel safe and comfortable at school
-  Public feels welcome in our building, atmosphere, and staff is inviting
-  Staff and Administrators are concerned about individual students
-  Parents have up to date access to student information via Infinite Campus/Parent Portal
-  Utilize technology in education, full-time tech coordinator on staff
-  Teachers incorporate a variety of instructional strategies
-  Student to Staff Ratio – 8.7
-  Variety of electives offered to prepare students for post-secondary or workforce
-  Four CTE Certified Career Clusters
-  Online classes offered for HS credit, recovery credit, or dual credit
-  Teacher's offer multiple incentives to motivate students
-  Tailor instruction to meet the needs of individual students
-  Promote inclusion along with Special Olympics sports and unified partners
-  Student driven scheduling
-  Multiple communication tools used throughout the District

Areas for Improvement:

-  Using differentiated instruction for Reading and Math Grades PK-12
-  Adjust classroom instruction to move students from proficient to advanced levels
-  Working with advanced level students with enrichment exercises
-  Equip students with a variety of study skills
-  Utilize small group and individualized instruction focusing on individual learner needs
-  PK-5 counseling instruction on bullying and what it is
-  6-12 counseling instruction unit on relationships
-  Title I needs more consistency in services for grades K-5
-  Staff meetings during our early release days along with the PD

Lake Preston School District currently utilizes the following assessments to determine student progress:

-  NWEA Mapping
-  NWEA Skills
-  NWEA Reading Fluency
-  Accelerated Reader
-  IXL Math, Reading, Science, and Social Studies
-  Smarter Balanced Interim Testing
-  Smarter Balanced Assessment
-  Functional Assessments
-  Quizzes and tests
-  ACT sub scores
-  Surveys
-  Observations
-  Classroom data

District Goals

Goal # 1:

By the end of the 2019-2020 school year – 65% of all Lake Preston students, K-12 will be proficient or advanced in ELA/Reading.

Evaluation of Effectiveness: SLO's, Pre & Post Tests, End of the year benchmarks, state testing, and Differentiated instruction.

Goal # 2:

By the end of the 2019-2020 school year – 65% of all Lake Preston students, K-12 will be proficient or advanced in mathematics.

Evaluation of Effectiveness: SLO's, Pre & Post Tests, End of the year benchmarks, state testing, IXL Math, and Differentiated instruction.

Goal # 3:

Reportable incidences of bullying will be 5 or less for the 2019-2020 school year.

Evaluation of Effectiveness: School Climate surveys, Safe Drug and Gun Free school data submission, Character Counts, and Curriculum.

Goal # 4:

The Lake Preston School District will have a graduation rate of 100% for all students in the 2019-2020 school year.

Evaluation of Effectiveness: South Dakota Department of Education School Report Card

Goal #5: Attendance

The Lake Preston School District will have an attendance rate of 97% or above for all students in the 2019-2020 school year.

Evaluation of Effectiveness: South Dakota Department of Education School Report Card

Intervention and Strategies

- 🏡 Offer 4-year-old preschool program (2 full days/week) – free of charge to District patrons
- 🏡 Birth to 4 screening is offered on a yearly basis in the fall
- 🏡 Kindergarten testing is done in the spring to evaluate incoming students for special needs
- 🏡 Utilizing technology in the classroom – we are 1:1 school PK-12
- 🏡 Utilizing pre and post tests, along with SBAC interim testing
- 🏡 Parent Teacher conferences bi-annually or upon parent requests
- 🏡 Teachers are directed from admin to post grades weekly
- 🏡 Teachers utilize PlanBook to align curriculum to state standards
- 🏡 All students 4-12 have access to the Student Portal to see their grades
- 🏡 All Parents/Guardians are given Parent Portal access to their child(ren) grades
- 🏡 We have 8 main grading periods throughout the school year
- 🏡 Eligibility lists are pulled with mandatory homework session in place to stay eligible
- 🏡 An ACT Skills class is now offered in the High School
- 🏡 Twenty-two minute flex period focused enhancing student learning
- 🏡 Kids First – After School Program

Distance Learning

- 🏡 **Learning Platforms:** Google Drive, Google Classroom, Clever, Schoology, Infinite Campus, Zoom, and online applications.
- 🏡 **Communication tools:** Class DoJo, Remind, K12 Email, Zoom, Infinite Campus Messenger, Facebook, and the Lake Preston School Website
- 🏡 **Staff Accountability:** Handed in weekly log sheets, attended staff zoom meetings, shared documents, posted grades weekly, and emails
- 🏡 **Access of Materials:** Weekly pick-up/drop-off dates, homework drop-off station, digital applications with 1:1 device Pk-12 and homework packets as needed
- 🏡 **Learning Expectations:** Pacing guides, set a specific amount of time per class, per week for homework assignments, and weekly grade checks
- 🏡 **Student Progress:** Daily check-ins, weekly meetings, to-do list emails, Parent calls as needed
- 🏡 **Special Education & ELL Students:** daily check-ins, modified assignments, Special Education staff added to Google Classrooms, ELL packets, home visits, and translation software.

School Transitions

Daycare/Head Start/Preschool/Kindergarten:

The Lake Preston School District provides services for children birth to four years of age. We use a child find procedure to identify at risk children in need of services. We have partnership compacts with SDDC and NESC who participate in the screening of our students. We also hold a spring screening during our

Kindergarten Round-Up. We use the scores on the kindergarten test to alert the Title I and SpEd staff as to possible referrals, if a student is struggling with the kindergarten curriculum.

During the school year the incoming kindergarten students get a chance to meet and visit with the kindergarten teacher and see their classroom. The incoming students receive a packet that consists of school tips and a sample of the handwriting for them to practice. Parents receive information about Kindergarten expectations and schedules.

The preschool students go into the Kindergarten room on Fridays during the 4th Quarter of the school year. During this time, they collaborate and do fun projects together. This helps the preschoolers to get acclimated with their future surroundings and helps eliminate some of the unknowns for the students.

A planning team meeting is held in the spring to further extend our transition plan to meet the needs of incoming students. This meeting will include; the Elementary Principal, the Kindergarten teacher, a representative from Head Start, a current parent of a kindergarten student, and the Preschool teacher.

Middle School:

At the end of the school year, fifth grade students are asked to pick class officers for when they are 6th graders and they are also given a tour of the Middle/High School by the Principal.

Sixth Grade orientation is held for all incoming students and their guardians with the MS Principal, Counselor, Technology Coordinator, and several staff during Open House, prior to school starting. Scheduling, lockers, technology, lunch, behavior, expectations, and a tour of the building are just a few of the items covered during the meeting. Counseling class is used to cover any anxiety or questions the students may have during the first Quarter of the school year.

High School:

The Counselor holds an Eighth-grade parent meeting at the end of the school year explaining the graduation requirements and expectations as the students move into High School. Eighth grade students have Counseling in the Spring of the year and utilize some of that time to schedule and register for classes.

Open House is held prior to school starting for Parents/Guardians and students. Class registration time is set up with the HS Principal, Counselor, Technology Coordinator, HS Secretary, and a Veteran Staff member to handle finalizing schedules and any online courses, student aides, or work study issues that may need addressed.

The MS/HS Principal meets with 6-12 students and staff in the auditorium on the first day of school to address expectations, go over any major changes in policy or procedure, welcome them, and challenge them to have a great school year. BE NICE!

Post-Secondary or Workforce:

The Counselor holds a Parent/Student Financial Planning Meeting for the Seniors towards the end of the year and goes over how to fill out financial aid for their post-secondary education. She also discusses scholarships and different financial options.

Students attend Career Planning Days, do two days of Shadowing, SD My Life, are given two free excused College Visit Days, Representatives visit within the building, scholarships, ACT testing, National Career Readiness Assessment, CTE industry tours, and are given the opportunity to do work study.

Monitoring/Evaluation

Student Progress and results are shared with Parents and the Community in several ways. There are hyperlinks to the DOE on the school website pointing to the school's Report Card. The testing information is mailed to parents and discussed during a School Board meeting.

Staff meet quarterly during early release time to evaluate curriculum, instruction, and make adjustments as needed. Questions to be answered are:

1. What is working well that we can build on?
2. What is not working well and needs to be modified or changed?
3. Who is falling through the cracks?

Teachers will review student achievement as related to the goals of the Lake Preston School Wide Improvement plan at the end of the school year and make any adjustments to the plan that may be deemed necessary by the Needs Assessment Committee. The School Wide Improvement Plan will be updated accordingly and approved by the Lake Preston School Board prior to the upcoming school year.

The Lake Preston School District has set up a planning committee, composed of three school board members, three administrators, one non-certified staff, counselor, two elementary teachers, two 7-12 teachers and one k-12 staff member. Mission statement for the committee is: Thoughts to inspire/influence staff/students in any way and make our school stand out and move forward. The committee meets every March and September.

Parent Involvement

Parent Involvement is accomplished through many different forms of communication applications:

- 📧 Infinite Campus – Parent Portal Inbox
- 📧 Infinite Campus – Emergency and General Messenger
- 📧 Daily announcements – emailed
- 📧 Elementary and JH/HS Parent Groups – email any specific information
- 📧 School's Monthly Newsletter
- 📧 School's weekly newspaper – The Blue & Gold
- 📧 Class Dojo
- 📧 Lake Preston School District's Facebook page
- 📧 Lake Preston School District's ADA website
 - Staff emails are available through the website and Parent Portal

Parents are invited to attend a guest day once a year in the elementary. The staff/students put together an experiment, or declam piece, or something fun for the parents/students to do together and then many classes have the parents/guardians stay and enjoy lunch with their child.

Open House is held prior to the beginning of each school year for PK-12 grade students, their parents, and the community.