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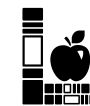


Student Handbook & Calendar

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 Norwood Park Elementary School



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For Bilingual Liaisons:

Arabic: 402-436-1715 نرجو الإتصال على هذه الأرقام إذا كنتم تحتاجون إلى خدمات الترجمة للغات العربية

Russian: Если вам требуются услуги переводчика пожалуйста позвоните по телефону: 402-436-1942

Español: Por favor llame a este número de teléfono si necesita servicios de intérpretes: 402-436-1938

Vietnamese: Xin vui lòng gọi về số này nếu quý vị cần có dịch vụ thông dịch: 402-436-1939

Ukrainian: Будь ласка, зателефонуйте за цим номером, якщо вам потрібні послуги перекладу: 402-436-1786

Karen: ဝံသးစူကီးလိတဲစိနီဂ်အဲအဲနမ္မာလိဂ်ဘုဂ်ပုကတိကျီးထံတဲအတဲအိဂ်ထွဲမးစာ 402-436-1769

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LPS Student Calendar



2025-26

Graduation Dates

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Yankee Hill

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Independence Academy

Thursday, May 21, 2026

Bryan Community Focus Program

At Pinnacle Bank Arena May 22-24, 2026

Fri: LSE **Sat:** LNE, LSW, LNW, LNS **Sun:** EHS, LHS, LSB

☉ First Day for K, 6, & 9th Grades

☉ First Day for 1-5, 7-8, & 10-12th Grades

● Last Day for Students

■ All Schools Not in Session

□ Schools Not in Session (*Professional Learning/Planning Day*)

➤ Quarter Start Dates

➤ Quarter End Dates

Calendar Options for Families: The Lincoln Public Schools District understands and appreciates that our community has a wide variety of rich and varied religious celebrations and observances. In the event families recognize these holidays, parents should notify schools. Students will be given excused absences and allowed reasonable opportunities to make up any schoolwork missed.

Note: Changes to the calendar may occur as a result of inclement weather or other circumstances. If sufficient school time is lost as a result of calendar changes, and it brings the total number of school hours for the year below the state minimum requirements, the Superintendent will implement a plan for making up this time, which may require additional minutes added to the day, additional days added to the calendar, days previously identified as non-student days re-scheduled as student day, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.

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Welcome

Dear Norwood Park Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year at Norwood Park Elementary! It is our pleasure to welcome you to a great year full of growing and learning together as a school community. This handbook has been prepared to provide you with specific Norwood Park information you may need. Additional LPS and Elementary information and policies that apply to all school sites is available online at the Parent Center ([LPS.org/parents](https://lps.org/parents)).

This handbook is designed to answer questions you have about the policy, standard practices, and expectations in Lincoln Public Schools. If you have questions please refer to this handbook or call the office at 402-436-1155. Please note that dates and times of school events are subject to change.

Our goal is to create a supportive and engaging environment where each child can thrive academically and personally. On behalf of all school staff, we are excited to embark on a journey of collaboration this year to provide Norwood Park scholars with a rich and fulfilling learning experience.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Sincerely,

Monique Ruiz, Principal

Kristi Mulliner, Coordinator

Mission Statement

At Norwood Park Elementary School we promote continuous, active learning in a friendly, caring, and safe environment by:

- Keeping the learning needs of the children first;
- Striving for excellence;
- Working in partnerships with families and the community;
- Providing children with opportunities; and
- Expecting success.

School Improvement Goals

1. All students will increase their proficiency in reading fluency.
2. All students will increase their problem solving skills in number sense.
3. We will decrease minor / major behavior minutes.
4. All students receiving special education support with an academic or behavior goal will show growth through their IEP goals.
5. We will build staff wellbeing through respect, communication, and collaboration.

Bullying

If you feel that your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Mrs. Pam Hale. All reported incidences of bullying/unsafe behavior will follow the protocol outlined in Lincoln Public Schools Board Policy 5482: Anti-Bullying Policy.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must include:

- **Imbalance of Power:** Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- **Repetition:** Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.
- **Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.**

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

As an added prevention piece, please discuss with your child adults in the building who they can talk to if they feel that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other adult in the building that they have built a positive relationship with. Students are taught about what bullying looks like and sounds like, along with how to advocate for themselves through the District's Second Step program.



Information About Breakfast & Lunch

Students at Norwood Park have 30 minutes for their lunch break each day. During this time students will get their lunch, eat and use the restroom. Students have the option to order a hot lunch from the cafeteria or bring a cold lunch from home.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are not to bring pop or candy as part of their lunch. We encourage you to send nutritious and healthy food items for lunch. As part of our school-wide health and wellness effort we encourage students to eat a lot of fruit and vegetables, healthy grains, dairy and protein to energize their bodies for learning!

Parents may visit their child for lunch. Please call the office ahead of time if you are planning to have lunch with your child. Parents may bring lunch for their child only. Lunch cannot be brought in and shared with other students.

We are a CEP school. Free breakfast and lunch to all students.

Extra servings are available for an extra charge; please put money in their web-based lunch account for these extra food items.

BREAKFAST	
Second Breakfast	\$2.50

LUNCH	
Second Lunch	\$4.00
Milk Only	\$0.60



General Information

Contacting Your Child's Teacher

Parents/guardians are encouraged to call their child's classroom teacher to address questions or concerns. The best time to reach a teacher by phone is before the student day begins (8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.) or after school (3:40 p.m.). During instructional time, phone messages will be taken for teachers. For significant concerns such as student assessment, curriculum concerns, and school policy, a parent-teacher meeting is strongly encouraged.

Custodial / Non-Custodial Parents

It is Lincoln Public Schools policy to foster and facilitate parental information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Divorced and separated parents maintain all parental rights with their children unless altered by a court order. If parental rights have been changed, the school office must have access to a copy of the court order stipulating those changes. School officials will follow the directives stated in the order and in other directives regarding access to the child as provided by the parent having legal custody.

Specials Schedule 2025-2026

SCHEDULE				
Day	Class	12:50 - 1:40 p.m. (KG & 4th)	1:45 - 2:35 p.m. (3rd & 5th)	2:40 - 3:30 p.m. (1st & 2nd)
"A" Day	Music	Santo	Caldwell	Christensen
	PE (Gym)	Hershey	Iburg	Pickel
	Creative Expressions	McFadyen	Jenkins	Daugherty
	Media Tech	Williams	Betancourt	Jacoby
"B" Day	Music	Williams	Betancourt	Jacoby
	PE (Gym)	Santo	Caldwell	Christensen
	Creative Expressions	Hershey	Iburg	Pickel
	Media Tech	McFadyen	Jenkins	Daugherty
"C" Day	Music	McFadyen	Jenkins	Daugherty
	PE (Gym)	Williams	Betancourt	Jacoby
	Creative Expressions	Santo	Caldwell	Christensen
	Media Tech	Hershey	Iburg	Pickel
"D" Day	Music	Hershey	Iburg	Pickel
	PE (Gym)	McFadyen	Jenkins	Daugherty
	Creative Expressions	Williams	Betancourt	Jacoby
	Media Tech	Santo	Caldwell	Christensen

Lunch Schedule

EARLY CHILDHOOD	
AM	11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
PM	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

LUNCH A	
3rd Grade	10:55 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Kindergarten	11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Group 1 Supervisors	10:55 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.
Ruiz, Lyman, Christian	

LUNCH B	
1st Grade	11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
4th Grade	11:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Supervisors	11:25 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.
Tatro	

LUNCH C	
5th Grade	12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.
2nd Grade	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Group 2 Supervisors	11:50 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
Mulliner, Love, Campbell / Mohr	

Arrival

AM Preschool: 8:15–11:45 a.m.

PM Preschool: 12:15–3:45 p.m.

Kindergarten-5th Grade: 8:55 a.m. – 3:38 p.m.

Norwood Park Campus closed until 8:50 a.m.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served between 8:30 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. Students arriving for breakfast should not arrive before 8:30 a.m., as there is no supervision at that time.

Morning Arrival

Students should arrive no earlier than 8:50 a.m. to line up at their outside designated door. Supervision will be available at 8:50 a.m.

Late Arrivals (Tardy)

Children K-5th grade, arriving after 9:00 a.m., are tardy and must report to the main office for a classroom admittance slip. A tardy counts towards the daily absence accumulated total.

Dismissal

- All K-5 students are dismissed from the building at 3:38 p.m.
- Preschool classes dismiss at 11:45 a.m. or 3:45 p.m.
- All students must go directly home or to a school sanctioned after school activity.
- Teachers will escort students out their designated exit door.
- Parents are asked to stay in cars as they pick up students in the loading zones or determine a “Park & Meet” location across from the school, due to school traffic.
- Students will be ready to load from their assigned grade level zones thus cars must safely drive through the pick-up lines.
- School Campus (including the playground) is closed until 6:00 p.m. except for use by school clubs, groups and CLC.
- Please notify the school office by 3 p.m. if your child’s dismissal plan changes for the day.

Picked Up By Parents/Guardians

All sidewalk areas adjacent to the school property are loading zones. Students are assigned to grade level zones and will be waiting for parents to drive through the loading area. Teachers will assist students into cars when parents pull into their child’s designated zone. There is NO PARKING in loading zones. Please read and follow cones and signage. Traffic should move northbound on N. 72nd Street and eastbound on Stanton Street while using loading zones. K, 1, 2, 4 load in front of the school and 3, 5 load on Stanton Street.

“Park & Meet” can be done on Douglas Street. Students will walk to meet parents at the agreed upon area. No parking in front of the school due to bus activity.

Students and parents are expected to use the crosswalk at all times. Given the amount of traffic it is not safe for anyone to cross the street between cars. A crosswalk is available directly in front of the school. Please use the crosswalk to ensure safety for all and model appropriate street crossing behavior for our students.

Riding the Bus

Children who are “bus riders” line up in the main hallway prior to boarding the bus. Bus supervision staff will check off each student as they enter the bus. If your child will not be riding the bus on a particular day please notify the school office before 3:00 p.m.

August 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Open House 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12 First Day for K, 6, and 9th Grades	13 First Day for 1-5, 7-8 and 10-12th Grades	14	15 First Day of Preschool	16
			A	B	C	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	D	A	B	C	D	
24	25	26	27	28	29 Picture Day	30
31	A	B	C	D	A	

» Important Dates

Thursday, August 7th
Open House
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 15th
First Day of Preschool

Friday, August 29th
Picture Day

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Communication

School Newsletter: The Beep

The Beep contains announcements, information, school events, etc. This newsletter is sent on the last Friday of each month digitally through School Messenger; and it contains a monthly calendar for your reference.

Weekly Communication Folders:

Monday Messenger comes home weekly with news and activity information. Please return the folder the next day. General information will be sent with the oldest child in each family attending Norwood Park Elementary School.

Community News:

“Community News” is a newspaper distributed by Lincoln Public Schools, free to all elementary students the first week of every month from September through May. It replaces most informational flyers and can be used as a guide to community activities for students. The monthly school lunch menu is included in each issue.

School Website:

Information is regularly updated on our website: wp.lps.org/norwoodpark/

Student Use of Telephone

Students will be permitted to call home from the school office regarding school matters with permission from school staff. Calls by students must be kept to a minimum, as there are a very limited number of phone lines in and out of school. Students are asked to make arrangements for participating in after-school activities and going home with a friend before leaving home in the morning. If you need to speak to your child by telephone during the school day, please call the office and the office staff will take a message to your child's teacher.

ParentVue:

Parents are asked to use ParentVue to enter and view absences, review quarterly report cards, and communicate with classroom teachers. You are encouraged to download the ParentVue app on your phone, or access it through LPS.org. Please contact the registrar if you need an access code to set up your account or have questions about your existing account.

Facebook:

Check out school happenings on our Facebook Page!
("Like" us at www.facebook.com/Norwood-Park-Elementary-School)

School Messenger and Synergy:

This district-wide communication system sends school and district emails, texts, and phone calls to families with important information. Please be sure the school has your updated phone number and email address. Teachers regularly use Synergy to email parents with important information.

Norwood Park PTO

Our parent-teacher organization is active in providing engaging family events throughout the school year. We encourage parents, and other family members, to actively participate in the group to plan and help with these events. Our PTO meets monthly.

To learn more about PTO you can call the school office, check out the information in The Beep, or visit the PTO site at:
norwoodpark.ptboard.com. School Code: **DPA668**.

September 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	B	C	D	
7 Quarter 1 Clubs Begin	8 A	9 PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. B	10 C	11 D	12 PTO Color Run 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. A	13
14	15 B	16 C	17 D	18 A	19 B	20
21	22 C	23 D	24 A	25 B	26 C	27
28	29 D	30 A				

» Important Dates

Sunday, September 7th
Quarter 1
Clubs Begin

Tuesday, September 9th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 12th
PTO Color Run
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

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Community Learning Center

The Community Learning Center at Norwood Park Elementary is a partnership between our school community and Northeast Family Center. This program is designed to provide opportunities and resources necessary for children and youth to be successful.

The primary goals of the Community Learning Center are to:

- Improve student learning and youth development.
- Strengthen and support families.
- Strengthen and engage neighborhoods.

By serving the needs of Norwood Park students, their families and the community through various programs including before and after school activities, academic enrichment, social development and family support services these goals can be met.

The before and after school program will run 7:00 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. and 3:38 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Core and After School Club opportunities are offered during these hours. Information and parent handbooks are available in the CLC office. Please contact the CLC staff for more details at 402-525-5711.

Students who are scheduled to attend CLC clubs or core programming will report directly to the school gym to check in with CLC staff. Parents should pick students up at Door #8 after 4 p.m.



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CLC Club Session Dates

CLC Clubs will be offered quarterly.

Registration fliers will be sent home.

Quarter 1: September 8th - October 10th

Quarter 2: November 10th - December 15th

Quarter 3: January 20th - February 23rd

Quarter 4: March 30th - April 27th

After School Clubs and Activities

Throughout the school year, a variety of interest clubs and activities are sponsored by Norwood Park. Club and registration information will be sent home with students in the Monday Messenger. Additional activities available to students (some for only designated grade levels) include: Chorus, Band, and Orchestra. Other clubs and activities may be organized to address special interests of students and staff.



Mental and Behavioral Health Point of Contact

Your student's mental health is important to their academic success. If you have concerns about your student's mental or behavioral health, you can contact the social worker at your student's school/program. LPS social workers are licensed mental health practitioners and can help connect you to appropriate mental health or behavioral supports.

October 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			B	C	D	
5 Last Week Quarter 1 Clubs	6 A	7 PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. B	8 C	9 D	10 End of 1st Quarter A	11
12	13	14	15 2nd Quarter Begins B	16 C	17 PTO Fall Festival 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. D	18
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED				
19	20 A	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 Picture Retake Day A	25
26 Red Ribbon Week	27 B	28 C	29 D	30 A	31 B	

» Important Dates

Sunday, October 5th
Last Week
Quarter 1 Clubs

Tuesday, October 7th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 10th
End of 1st Quarter

Wednesday, October 15th
2nd Quarter Begins

Friday, October 17th
PTO Fall Festival
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 24th
Picture Retake Day

Sunday, October 26th
Red Ribbon Week

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School Compact 2025-2026

This Title 1 School-Parent Compact has been jointly developed with parents and outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State of Nebraska's high academic standards. At the annual parent-teacher conferences the compact shall be discussed as it relates to the individual child's achievement.

Teacher/school agrees to do the following:

1. Provide high-quality curriculum and instruction in a supportive and effective learning environment to enable children to meet the challenging state academic standards.
2. Regularly communicate with parents on their child's academic progress and provide necessary information related to their social, emotional and behavioral well-being.
3. Treat all children with courtesy and respect to foster a safe positive learning environment that recognizes and supports the students' diverse backgrounds and individual needs.
4. Be available to help children with academic, behavioral and social-emotional needs to ensure individual student success. Identify and utilize parent, school, district and community resources to support individual learning plans.

Parent/caring adult agrees to do the following to encourage their child:

1. Maintain and foster high standards of academic achievement for my child.
2. Communicate and work with teachers and school staff on an ongoing basis to be involved and support my child's learning. Communicate with my child daily to talk about and listen to them about what they are learning in school.
3. Provide a quiet place and regular time to complete homework with support as needed.
4. Support my child's learning by volunteering in their classroom, participate, as appropriate in the decisions related to their education, and guide them in the positive use of extracurricular time.
5. Provide and **maintain current contact information** for the teacher and school office.
6. Ensure my child **receives adequate sleep, nutrition and attends school daily** with on time arrival by 8:55 a.m. to Norwood Park.

Student agrees to:

1. Be safe, respectful, and responsible at school every day.
2. Be at school on time ready to learn, be productive and focused on doing my best work.
3. Pay attention in class, ask questions, and focus on learning and work hard to complete my daily assignments and homework.
4. Talk to my parents about what I am learning each day at school.
5. Use kind words and actions towards others to create a positive learning environment.

November 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. C D	5	6 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. A B	7	8
9 Quarter 2 Clubs Begin	10	11 PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. D A	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 No Clubs	25 Turkey Trot 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. B C	26	27	28	29
30			SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	

» Important Dates

Tuesday, November 4th
Parent / Teacher
Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 6th
Parent / Teacher
Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00
p.m.

Sunday, November 9th
Quarter 2
Clubs Begin

Tuesday, November 11th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 24th
No Clubs

Tuesday, November 25th
Turkey Trot
2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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December 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	D	A	B	C	D	
14 Last Week Quarter 2 Clubs	15	16	17	18	19 End of 2nd Quarter	20
	A	B	C	D	A	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	
28	29	30	31			
	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK			

» Important Dates

Sunday, December 14th
Last Week Quarter 2 Clubs

Friday, December 19th
End of 2nd Quarter

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January 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	
4	5 Welcome Back! 3rd Quarter Begins B	6 C	7 D	8 A	9 B	10
11	12 C	13 PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. D	14 A	15 B	16 C	17
18 Quarter 3 Clubs Begins	19 SCHOOLS CLOSED	20 D	21 A	22 B	23 C	24
25	26 D	27 A	28 B	29 C	30 D	31

» Important Dates

Monday, January 5th
3rd Quarter Begins

Tuesday, January 13th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 18th
Quarter 3
Clubs Begin

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February 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 A	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 PTO Glow Party 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. A	7
8	9 B	10 PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. C	11 D	12 A	13 Valentine's Day Celebrations B	14
15	16 SCHOOLS CLOSED	17 SCHOOLS CLOSED	18 No Clubs C	19 No Clubs D	20 No Clubs A	21
22 Last Week Quarter 3 Clubs	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 A	27 B	28

» Important Dates

Friday, February 6th
PTO Glow Party
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 13th
Valentine's Day
Celebrations

Wednesday, February 18th
No Clubs

Thursday, February 19th
No Clubs

Friday, February 20th
No Clubs

Sunday, February 22nd
Last Week Quarter 3 Clubs

March 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	6 End of 3rd Quarter	7
	C	D	A	B	C	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
15	16 4th Quarter Begins	17 PTO Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
	D	A	B	C	D	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	A	B	C	D	A	
29 Quarter 4 Club Begins	30	31				
	B	C				

» Important Dates

Tuesday, March 3rd
Parent / Teacher
Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 5th
Parent / Teacher
Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6th
End of 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 16th
4th Quarter Begins

Tuesday, March 17th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 29th
Quarter 4
Clubs Begin

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April 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

Sunday, April 26th
Last Week
Quarter 4 Clubs

Tuesday, April 28th
PTO Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			D	A	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SCHOOLS CLOSED		C	D	A	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	B	C	D	A	B	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	C	D	A	B	C	
26	27	28	29	30		
Last Week Quarter 4 Clubs	D	A	B	C		

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May 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Teacher Appreciation Week A	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 PTO Block Party 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. A	9
10	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 A	15 B	16
17	18 C	19 D	20 Field Day and Family Picnic A	21 Last Day of School End of 4th Quarter 5th Grade Graduation B	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

» Important Dates

Monday, May 4th
Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 8th
PTO Block Party
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20th
Field Day and Family Picnic

Thursday, May 21st

- End of 4th Quarter
- 5th Grade Graduation
2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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June 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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July 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Norwood Park Elementary School 2025-2026

Norwood Park Elementary intends to follow the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy guidelines in accordance with federal law, *Section 166 (a-f) ESSA, (Every Student Succeeds Act) of 2025.*

In General

Each school served under this part shall jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parent and family engagement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements. Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent, practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. The policy shall be made available to the local community and updated to meet the changing needs of parents and the school.

- Norwood Park Elementary shall provide opportunities for the participation of our parents and family members including those with migratory children, limited English Proficiency, or have disabilities. Parents shall be notified of the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, information related to school and parent programs, meetings, and other activities in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practicable provided in a language the parents can understand.
 - Back to School / Open House Night
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences (Fall & Spring)
 - Family Literacy Night
 - Family Game Night
 - PTO Meetings & Events
 - CLC Family Club Activities
 - Music Performance Events (Chorus, Band, Strings)
- Norwood Park staff and parents meet for our annual Title I Parent Meeting each fall, to which all parents of participating children shall be invited and encouraged to attend, to inform parents of their school's participation under this part and to explain the requirements of this part, and the rights of the parents to be involved.
- Norwood Park staff involves parents in an organized, ongoing, and timely way, in the planning, review, and improvement of the school Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
 - LPS Perception Survey
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - Spring PTO Meeting
 - NP Community Council (SNAC)
- Provide opportunities for parents and family members to participate in decisions relating to the education of their children. The school shall provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities.
- Provide parents of participating children timely information about programs under this part, a description and explanation of the curriculum in use, the forms of academic assessment used to measure student progress and the achievement levels of the challenging State academic standards. The school will provide assistance, opportunities, and/or materials and training to help parents work with their children to improve their children's academic achievement in a format, and when feasible, in a language the parents and family members can understand.
 - LPS Elementary Parent Handbook
 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Back to School / Open House Night
 - Standardized Tests results
 - Progress notes and report cards
- Educate teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, administration, and other school leaders, with the assistance of parents in the value and the utility of contributions of parents, how to reach out to, communicate with and work with parents as equal partners.
- Coordinate and integrate parental involvement programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs, including preschool programs that encourage and support parents in more fully participating in the education of their children.
 - Summer School Program
 - Annual Title I Parent Meeting
 - Community Learning Center Programming
 - Jump Start for Kindergarten

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Bus Behavioral Expectations

Students are expected to follow safety rules at all times, including:

1. Make sure the bus is stopped before leaving your seat to get off the bus.
2. Never put any part of your body outside the bus windows.
3. Don't talk unnecessarily to the driver while the bus is moving.
4. Don't put anything in the bus aisles.
5. Report any damage to the bus to the driver.
6. Do not eat or drink on the bus. Possession or use of tobacco or alcohol is strictly prohibited.
7. Don't push or run when getting off the bus.
8. When crossing in front of the bus, watch for the driver's "all clear" signal before crossing the street.
9. Get on and leave the bus only at your assigned stop.
10. Cross the road or street in front of the bus before it has pulled away from the stop.
11. Don't bring nuisance items on the bus, i.e., balls, spray cans, animals, water guns, skateboards, etc. Items such as weapons or look-alike weapons or equipment, which in any way would endanger the lives, health or safety of the children or other passengers and the driver are strictly prohibited. Look-alike weapons associated with a school-sponsored or approved activity may be transported only with written permission of a school administrator.
12. Any items that would break or could produce injury if tossed about inside the bus when involved in an accident or sudden stop shall be secured.
13. Behave in a manner that is polite and not offensive to others on or around the school bus.
14. Follow the directions of the bus driver. Drivers have the authority to assign seats whenever such action is appropriate.



Helpful Information for Parents

Parent / Guardian - Please fill in this page to keep as a handy reference when working with the school office.

Child's Name _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____ Lunch SNAP # _____

Other _____

Child's Name _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____ Lunch SNAP # _____

Other _____

Child's Name _____ School Attending _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____ Room # _____ Lunch SNAP # _____

Other _____



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