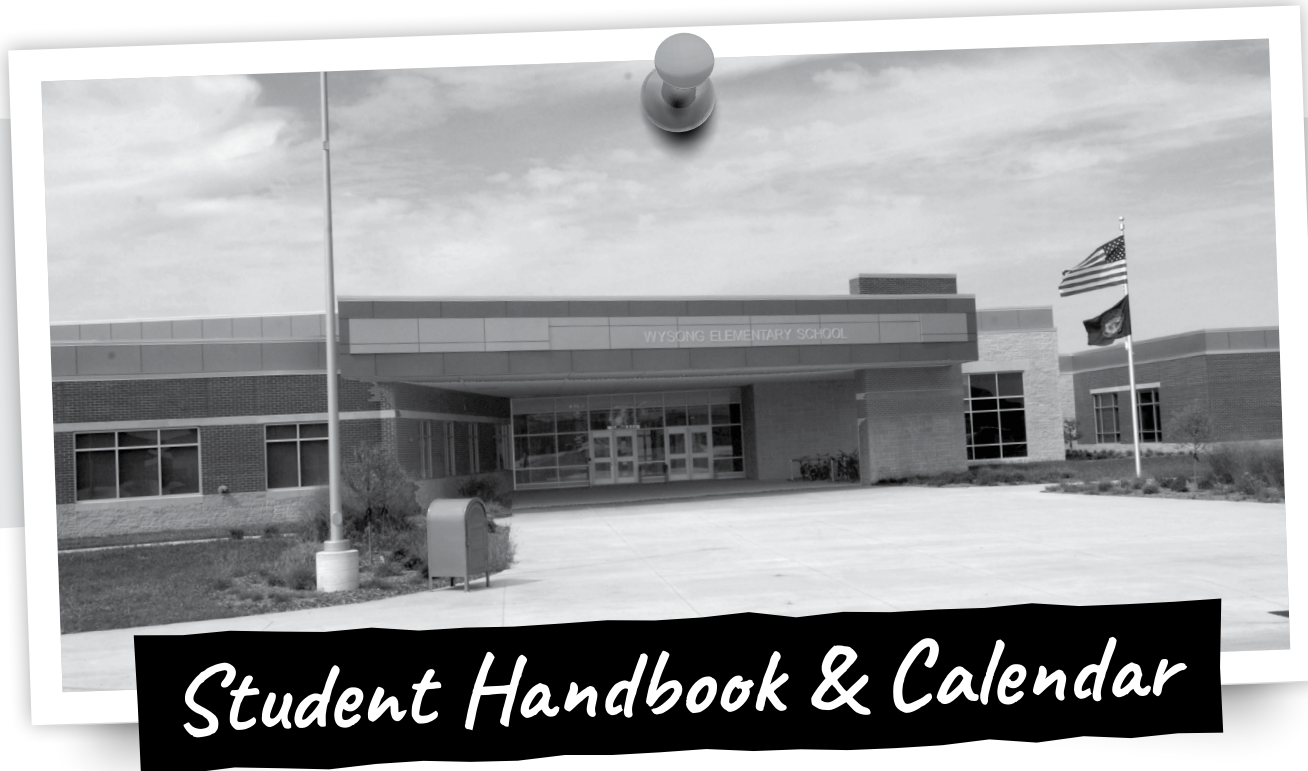


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WYSONG ELEMENTARY



Student Handbook & Calendar

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 Wysong 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: ဝံသးစူကီးလိတဲစိနီဂံအဲအံ့ဖဲနမ့ၢ်လိာ်ဘၣ်ပုၤကတိၤကျိးထံတၢ်အတၢ်ဆိၣ်ထွဲမၤစၢၤ 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.

JULY 2025

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JUNE 2026

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Welcome to Wysong!

Dear Wysong Students and Families,
Welcome to Sally G. Wysong Elementary! We are very pleased for you to be a part of our Wysong School Community. This handbook has been prepared as a resource for our families to become familiar with some of the practices and procedures at Wysong.

Practices or procedures that are consistent at all elementary schools are included in the “Important Information Booklet” that will be sent electronically to you from Lincoln Public Schools. I have included a table of contents for the “Important Information Booklet” in our handbook for your convenience. For this reason, please familiarize yourself with elementary practices in the “Important Information Booklet”.

On behalf of our entire staff, we look forward to partnering with you as we get ready to begin the 2025-26 school year.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Drake, Principal

Jessica Hughes, Assistant Principal

Kristy Kennedy, Coordinator

Lincoln Public Schools Important Information Handbook

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Lincoln Public Schools has developed an important information handbook intended to be used by students, parents and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Lincoln Public Schools. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained in it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although the information found in this handbook is detailed and specific on many topics, the handbook is not intended to be all encompassing so as to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. This handbook does not create a “contract.” The administration reserves the right to make decisions and make rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should a situation or circumstance arise that is not specifically covered in this handbook, the administration will make a decision based upon all applicable School District policies, and state and federal statutes and regulations. The information provided in this book is subject to change without notice. On the right you will find the table of contents from this informative handbook.

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School Faculty 2025-2026

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OFFICE

Stephanie Drake - Principal
Jessica Hughes - Asst. Principal
Kristy Kennedy - Coordinator
Bridget Schultz - Executive Sec.
Tiffany McGill - Registrar
Jennifer Austin - School Nurse
Jennifer Bischoff - Health Tech

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Kiley Bauer - Teacher
Cassandra Reinke - Teacher
Natalie Sharp - Teacher
Jamie Swartz - Teacher
Molli Turek - Teacher

PARAEDUCATORS

Emily Belau
Whitney Bumgarner
Celeste Leibbrandt
Laura Morris
Mary Ritchie
Jessica Salmen
Stacie Swanson
Megan Witt

INTERVENTION TEACHER

Sarah Ideus

KINDERGARTEN

Erin Bouwens
Keri Daffer
Jennifer Engle
Jessica Loop
Katelyn Nelson

1ST GRADE

Sarah Ashleford
Stefanie Bridger
Ashley Capoun
Elizabeth Flowerday
Hollie Higgins

2ND GRADE

Chris Dinneen
Lindsey Forsgren
Alyssa Moes
Olivia Nelson
Carolyn Raguse
Nicole Wendeln

3RD GRADE

Stacie Coatman
Lauren Gillingham
Olivia Holleran
Callan Neilen
Larissa Smith

4TH GRADE

Clara Calkins
Maya Kittle
Macy Klein
Taylor McMurray
Brooke Rudloff
Gracie Stull

5TH GRADE

Jeremy Ahlman
Michele Eggett
Macy Maschka
Connie Peterson
Trevor Vidlak
Shelley Wilczynski

SPECIALISTS

Wes Anderson - STEM
Molly Ebbers - Art
Jason Rushing - Comp. Science
Jacob Schuelke - PE
Heidi Shaddick - Library Media
Aaron Thompson - Vocal Music

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Nolan Schmit- Band
Steve Engel - Orchestra

CUSTODIAL

Richard Branting - Bldg. Supvr.
Dave Allen - Asst. Supervisor
Wendy Herron
Russ Raatz
Luis Banuelos Trejo

KITCHEN

Lorrie Davis
Young Gin Park
Young Sook Kim
Kim Anderson
April Peplinski

PSYCHOLOGIST

Sara Gahan

COUNSELOR

Amy Hix

SOCIAL WORKER

Ursula Vernon-Hansen

GIFTED FACILITATOR

Rachel Johnson

Creating Success through Partnerships

Students are responsible with the support of our staff, to conduct themselves in a manner that will create a safe learning environment at Wysong Elementary School. All appropriate behaviors are included in Wysong's three school rules for success. We will work together to help our students to:

Be Safe

We help everyone feel physically and emotionally secure.

Be Respectful

We value and are considerate of everyone.

Be Responsible

We are accountable for all of our actions.

Wysong School Community

Our staff is excited to begin our tenth year at Wysong! We are committed to working as a team as we collaborate throughout the school, focused on creating an environment of high expectations for learning and behavior and a culture that values the unique strengths and talents of each of our students. We recognize the positive relationships we build with our students, with one another, and the partnerships with our parents, is vital in our work.

School Mission

We ARE....a team

We ARE....compassionate and kind

We ARE....always learning

We ARE WYSONG!

School Mascot and Colors

We are proud to be the Wysong Wolves!

Our official school colors are royal blue and silver.



August 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Open House 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 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 PTO Event at Lincoln Saltdogs 7:00 p.m.	16 PTO Kindergarten Meet and Greet 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

» Important Dates

Thursday, August 7th
Open House
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12th
First Day of School
for Kindergarten

Tuesday, August 13th
First Day of School
for 1st-5th Grades

Friday, August 15th
PTO Event at
Lincoln Saltdogs
7:00 p.m.

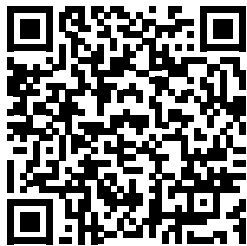
Saturday, August 16th
PTO Kindergarten
Meet and Greet
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

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Communication

Home and school communication is important to us. Below are ways we plan to share information with you and ways that you can be involved at school to learn more about what is happening.

1. Ask questions. We know you will have questions. Please don't hesitate to ask. Your teacher is always a good place to start but you are welcome to contact anyone that you feel may best help you. Share with us information that would be helpful for your child's teacher to know. We encourage you to begin communication with your child's teacher as school begins.
2. Communicate any changes with your child's normal plans or schedules. This ensures the teacher and office can best help your family and your child with any changes in normal plans.
3. If your child is going to be absent, please enter absence in ParentVue or call the office at 402-436-1185.
4. The Pack Post: School newsletter emailed the last Friday of each month.
5. Wysong School Facebook: Join the Wysong School Facebook. www.facebook.com/wysongelementary
6. Wysong School Website: Visit our website. Each grade level will have information specific to their grade level on this site as well as other school information. wp.lps.org/wysong
7. Wysong School Messenger System: We are fortunate to have a school message system to communicate with you. This can be used for general communication and information as well as for any emergency situation or school closure days. I will use this system frequently for communication with your family. Please ensure any changes in your emails are shared with our school office so that we can keep your email current for this purpose.
8. 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. "Community News" 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 of "Community News."
9. ParentVue: Parents may access communications, attendance information and more for their child through ParentVue. A "button" linking you to ParentVue can be found on our school website.
10. Grade Level Newsletter: Classroom teachers send a grade level newsletter the last Friday of each month.



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.

September 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Picture Day	4	5	6
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED				
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 PTO Color Run
28	29	30				

» Important Dates

Monday, September 1st
- Tuesday, September 2nd
No School

Wednesday, September 3rd
Picture Day

Saturday, September 27th
PTO Color Run

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Wysong PTO

The Wysong PTO is an integral part of our school community. All parents are members of the PTO! We hope you will consider being involved in any way that works for you. **The mission of our PTO is to develop a positive and welcoming culture among our families and teachers, to maximize the educational experience for our children.**

Please visit the Wysong PTO website to learn more about the PTO and get signed up to receive communications

PTO Officers 2025-2026

President	Amber Tate
President Elect	Stacy Clouse
Past President	Sarah Bisbee
Secretary	Luke Wallace
Treasurer	Casey Fahrnbruch
Communications	Tyler Steeken
Volunteer Coordinator	Amanda Scranton
Website	Misty Vandergriend
Sponsorship / Fundraising	Brian Bailey
Principal	Stephanie Drake
Assistant Principal	Jessica Hughes
Coordinator	Kristy Kennedy
Marketing	Kali Shoettger

PTO Events

2025 - 2026

- » **August 15th**
Wysong Family Night at SaltDogs
- » **August 16th**
Kindergarten Meet and Greet
- » **September 27th**
Color Run
- » **December 2nd**
Family Night at Barnes and Noble
- » **January 30th**
Flapjack Feed
- » **March 3rd - 5th**
Book Fair
- » **April 24th**
Family Fest

October 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	8	9 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23	24 Quarter 1 Report Cards on ParentVUE	25
26	27	28	29	30 Picture Retake Day	31 Fall Parties	

» Important Dates

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

Thursday, October 9th
Parent / Teacher
Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 24th
Quarter 1 Report Cards
on ParentVue

Thursday, October 30th
Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 31st
Fall Parties

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Visitations to School

Parents and legal guardians may visit as often as you like. We recommend a 30-minute visit to the classroom. We have found this amount of time provides a good snapshot of the class and does not disrupt the learning of your child or others. To protect the learning environment for your child and all children, we ask that other children not attend school as visitors to the classroom. They are welcome at school events and for a lunchroom visit.

To ensure the safety of your child and our staff, all visitors and volunteers are required to check in at the office for any visit to school. All doors to our school will remain locked at all times except the front left door to the main entrance. Once you enter this door, you will need to proceed to your left into the main office where one of our office staff will help assist you. All visitors will be asked to provide your name, the relationship to your child, and the intention of your visit. We will then will check our system to ensure whoever is here to visit, is allowed and okay to visit. Information we have in our system is provided by you as you register your child. We also will ask each family to fill out a new Census Form at our Open House or as school begins to ensure we have the most current information. If you are allowing someone other than the legal guardians to visit, (such as a grandparent) please notify the office in advance so we know we have your permission for a visit. Otherwise, we will contact you if someone who is not listed, arrives wishing to visit. Each visitor will receive an ID badge that must be worn at all times during the visit. You will also need to return to the office to check out and return your ID badge upon the completion of your visit. Thank you for being patient and following these procedures. We want your visit to be welcoming, but also want to ensure we are being safe with all visitors.

Volunteering

Volunteers at Wysong is an important part of our school and parent partnership. Watch for more information about getting involved in PTO at Wysong. Please also refer to the LPS Important Information Booklet about how to register as a volunteer. Please visit the PTO website at wysong.ptboard.com to learn more about volunteering with PTO opportunities.

The LPS attendance policy requires that schools notify parents of their child's absences at various intervals:

- A letter will be sent home if a student has missed 10 school days.
- A letter will be sent home when a student has missed 15 or more days of school.
- If a student misses more than 20 days of school, a Stage 3 letter will be sent home.

Based on School Board Policy (Reg.5140.1), the school may report to the county attorney when a collaborative plan involving the school, guardian, and student to reduce barriers to improve regular attendance has not been successful, and the student has accumulated more than twenty (20) absences per year. Absence codes that make up the excessive absences include:

- IL - Illness
- PA - Parent Acknowledged
- TR - Truant

November 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

Monday, November 24th
Band Concert
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 26th
- Friday, November 28th
No School

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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23	24 Band / Orchestra Concert 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29
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School Schedules

School Hours for Students

K - 5th Grade9:00 a.m. - 3:38 p.m.

Breakfast Program

K - 5th Grade8:30 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

Lunch Schedule *(followed by recess)*

LUNCH TIMES	
Kindergarten	11:00 a.m.
2nd Grade	11:20 a.m.
1st Grade	11:40 a.m.
4th Grade	12:00 p.m.
3rd Grade	12:20 p.m.
5th Grade	12:40 p.m.

Specials Classes Schedule

SPECIALS TIMES	
5th Grade	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
4th Grade	9:55 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
3rd Grade	10:50 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
Kindergarten	12:55 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
1st Grade	1:50 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.
2nd Grade	2:45 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Arrival for Students

Students may arrive to school beginning at 8:50 a.m. Students should not arrive prior to 8:50 a.m. as we are not able to provide supervision until this time. At 8:50 a.m. a supervisor will allow students to enter the building through the main front doors and proceed to the gym. Students will sit by teacher and grade. At 8:50 a.m. teachers will pick up their students and walk them to their classrooms. Students who arrive at school after the 8:50 a.m. bell will walk directly to their classroom. Students are considered Tardy if they are not in their classroom by the 9:00 a.m. bell.

Breakfast will be provided each morning from 8:30-8:55 a.m. Students may choose to eat breakfast at any time and do not need to sign up in advance. Students enter Door 1 at 8:30 a.m. and go directly to the cafeteria.

Tardies

Student achievement is impacted by frequent tardiness. We would rather children come to school late than not at all, therefore, we do not discipline tardy students. We will make a plan with them and parents/guardians so they get to school on time. Parents/guardians will be notified by a letter and/or phone call to inform them of this situation. A parent/guardian conference may be scheduled for students who are repeatedly tardy. Students attending Wysong on a permit are reminded that punctual attendance is necessary to maintain permit status.

YMCA Before and After School Care

Before school care begins at 7:15 a.m. Students in the before school YMCA program will join their homeroom class shortly before students proceed to their classrooms at 8:50 a.m. After school care for the YMCA ends at 5:45 p.m. Students in the afterschool YMCA program will dismiss directly from their classroom at the end of the day and go directly to the YMCA program in the Multipurpose Room.

December 2025

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 SCHOOLS CLOSED	2 PTO Barnes and Noble Event 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Chorus Concert 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	23 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	24 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	25 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	26 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	27
28	29 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	31 SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK			

» Important Dates

Monday, December 1st
No School

Tuesday, December 2nd
PTO Barnes and Noble Event
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9th
Chorus Concert
6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 22nd
- Wednesday, December 31st
No School

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Make-Up Work

We appreciate parents' conscientious regard for picking up homework or make up work for their child. The gathering of materials and the communication of the request take time, so the guidelines below will help us serve all children the best.

Unless a student has been absent for more than two days, we do not take requests for assignments. Students and teachers will work together as the student returns to identify the learning and assignments they have missed. We find that it most helpful for student understanding to talk through the assignment with their teachers rather than trying to complete this without the opportunity to ensure they have learned the information.

When a student is absent more than two days, we encourage parents to call school to request make up work and set a time to pick it up. Please call before 9:00 a.m. so we can communicate this to your child's teacher so they can have time to put this together.

If a student is going to be absent from school because of travel, it is very difficult for teachers to give the correct assignments in advance. Again, this is because we want to ensure your child and your teacher have had time to work together to ensure they have learned the material. Some things your child could do while on a trip are, to write about their experience, practice math facts and do number games and read. When your family returns, teach your child to ask for the make-up work. Teachers will help your child with a plan to make up the assignments missed and also to ensure your child has had an opportunity to learn the material covered during their absence.

Homework Expectations

Students in grades K-5 will have math homework almost every day. This homework is intended to be a reinforcement of the skills students have learned in class and should be returned the following day when possible. In most cases students should be able to complete this homework without much assistance in a short period of time. Reading homework will vary from day to day and by grade. It may consist of reading fluency practice, spelling, high frequency words, vocabulary, and at times, reading a literature story to prepare for discussion in class. It is important for students to develop a routine and structure for completing homework as it builds strong study skills and reinforces skills learned at school. Each student will use a Homework Folder that we will provide for them. Our goal is that this will help them learn responsibility and also a good system for organization and completion of work. It also should help you to know what homework is needed for completion.

If your child forgets their homework, we ask that they not return to pick it up. Their teacher will help them find a time the following day to complete it or send it home the following day.

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	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Quarter 2 Report Cards on ParentVUE	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
25	26	27	28	29	30 PTO Flapjack Feed 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	31

» Important Dates

Thursday, January 1st
- Friday, January 2nd
No School

Thursday, January 15th
Quarter 2 Report Cards
on ParentVue

Friday, January 30th
PTO Flapjack Feed
5:00 p.m.

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Student Use of Telephone

Students will be permitted to call their parents from school if needed. We ask that they request permission from their teacher to come to the office to call. This way we can best support the communication and assist with any special plans.

When you call school, we do not interrupt the classrooms with phone calls to students or teachers, but will leave a message. We appreciate that after school plans are set in place with your child before they leave for school so they are clear about their plan. If there is ever any change in their normal arrival or dismissal plan, please notify the office and we will also communicate this with their teacher.

Staying in from Recess

We know it is important for students to have exercise and social interaction time. Each grade will have their own grade level recess and a recess during their lunch block of time. It will be our practice that we do not routinely keep children in from recess in order to have them complete unfinished work or as a consequence for missing homework. This does not mean we would not ever ask them to stay in for a day or two to work with a teacher or after a trip or extended absence from school or to try to get some additional help but it will not be a routine practice we would use. If we are asking your child to stay in from recess for any of these reasons, we will be careful to communicate this with you or make alternative plans if missing homework or other concerns exist.

Bullying

If you feel that your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal, Stephanie Drake.

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 the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.

Bullying includes repeated 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 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.

February 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Valentine's Day Parties	14
15	16 SCHOOLS CLOSED	17 SCHOOLS CLOSED	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

» Important Dates

Friday, February 13th
Valentine's Day Parties

Monday, February 16th
- Tuesday, February 17th
No School

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Student Expectations and School Management of Behavior

At Wysong we teach common, school wide expectations for learning and behavior. This will ensure your child and our staff have consistent expectations across our school and that all the adult learners can recognize and support positive behaviors as well as help teach students appropriate expectations that will help our school community to be most conducive to learning.

COMMON AREA EXPECTATIONS			
	SAFE	RESPECTFUL	RESPONSIBLE
CLASSROOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Use classroom materials appropriately Listen to adult directions at all times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on speaker Let the adult be in charge Respect others' learning environment Speak and respond appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter classroom ready to learn Be prepared and do your best Follow directions quickly and exactly
HALLWAYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to self Walk single file in line order on the right side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voices at Level 1 Keep hands and feet off walls Smiles, winks and waves are welcome 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in line order with your class Go directly to your destination Use drinking fountain appropriately
BATHROOMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep feet on floor Keep water in sink 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep bathroom clean Voices at Level 1 Give other privacy Respect school property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use bathroom closest to classroom Use 1 pump of soap and 2 towels Towels in trash can Flush toilet after use Get adult permission to be in the bathroom
CAFETERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit on your pockets, feet on the floor, facing forward Walk Eat only your food - sharing food is not allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No saving seats Use quiet voices with people at your table only Respond to signals for attention Use manners Use Level 3 voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on eating Push in your chair when leaving Pick up after yourself Follow adult direction
PLAYGROUND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No play fighting Sticks and other objects stay on the ground Play appropriately on the equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play fairly Be a good sport Follow all supervisor directions Include others Recess is fun, not a competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up and line up right away at bell / whistle Take care of equipment Dress appropriately for weather
COMMON AREAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet, and objects to self 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice Level 1/2 Respect others' learning environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do your job Stay in your area Follow adult directions
ASSEMBLIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voice Level 1 Be a focused listener Sit flat on 'pockets' Follow signals for attention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sit in line order Use an appropriate response
ARRIVAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use sidewalks and crosswalks Follow your before school plan right away Walk your bike 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet and objects to self Voice Level 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stand in grade level line Walk directly to the classroom
DISMISSAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use sidewalks and crosswalks Follow your after school plan right away Check out with your teacher Walk your bike 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet and objects to self Voice Level 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pack up all belongings and put in backpack Leave on time with you class
FIELD TRIP / BUSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself Stay seated on your pockets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow adult directions Voice Level 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Represent Wysong school in a positive way

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. PTO Book Fair 3:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	4	5 Parent / Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. PTO Book Fair 3:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Quarter 3 Report Cards on ParentVUE	27	28
29	30	31				

» Important Dates

- Tuesday, March 3rd
- Parent / Teacher Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - PTO Book Fair
3:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Thursday, March 5th
- Parent / Teacher Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - PTO Book Fair
3:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9th
- Friday, March 13th
No School

Thursday, March 26th
Quarter 3 Report Cards
on ParentVue

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Positive Reinforcers

Wysong uses verbal and physical signals to support positive behavior. We draw attention to students following the expected behaviors to encourage everyone and to strengthen the learning environment.

Wysong uses “Wysong WOW Tickets” to recognize positive behavior for individual students and groups of students. Students are recognized on a weekly basis for making safe, respectful and responsible choices. Our classroom goal is a ratio of four positive reinforcements to one correction. All students get many opportunities throughout the year to buy items from the Wysong Store with their WOW tickets.

Field Trips

Field trips provide students with opportunities to learn about our community and more in-depth about an area of study. School buses are used to transport students on field trips. Parents/Guardians are asked to indicate permission on the Census Form at the beginning of the school year giving permission for students to participate in field trips throughout the school year. Parents will be notified before each field trip as to the destination, date, and time of the trip. Students are expected to demonstrate appropriate conduct, as a basis for participation on field trips. In most cases, the places students visit are not able to accommodate parent visitors and a cost is often required. Therefore we would ask parents not to plan to attend field trips unless invited by the teachers.



April 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
					SCHOOLS CLOSED	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
					PTO Family Fest 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	
26	27	28	29	30		
	Band / Orchestra Concert 6:00 p.m.					

» Important Dates

Friday, April 3rd
- Monday, April 6th
No School

Friday, April 24th
PTO Family Fest
5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 27th
Band / Orchestra Concert
6:00 p.m.

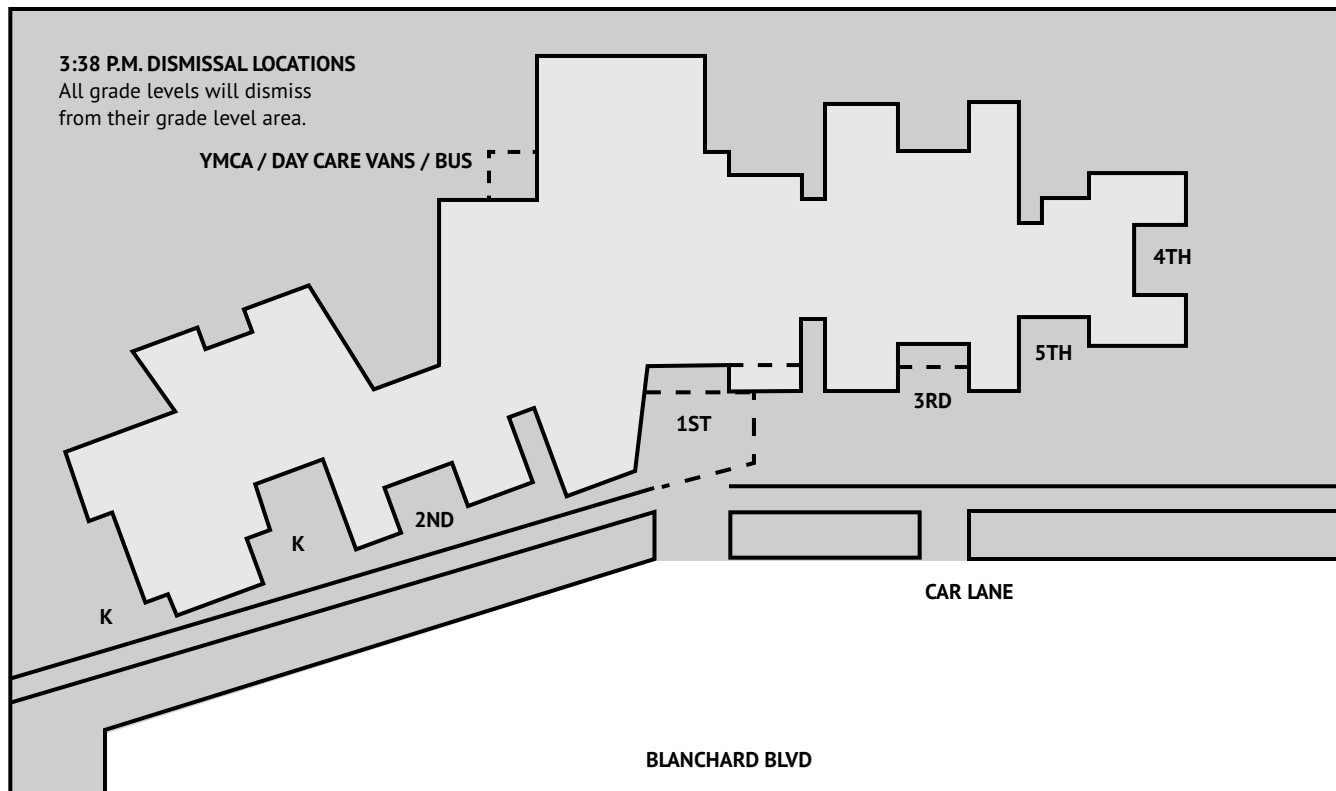
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Dismissal from School

At the 3:38 p.m. dismissal time, each grade level will exit their grade with their teacher, from the front of school nearest their grade level location. Kindergarten, First, and Second grades will be on the south end of the building. Third, Fourth, and Fifth will exit out the front on the North end of the building. Please see the attached map to show the location where each grade level will exit.

Some of our students may meet siblings or friends to walk home with for safety. We strongly encourage this practice! It will be important for families to help their children make a plan for where to meet their siblings or friends outside at the end of the day. All teachers will be supervising outside to help ensure all students are connected. Students who ride daycare vans will proceed directly to the gym. We will dismiss them in lines as their vans arrive. Students in the YMCA after school program will go directly to the multipurpose room.

- All students must go directly home
- School Campus (including the playground) is closed until 6:00 p.m. except for use by the YMCA. Reservations for playground space should be entered in the district Archibus system.



May 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 Chorus Concert 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Last Day of School 5th Grade Recognition	22 Quarter 4 Report Cards on ParentVUE	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

» Important Dates

Tuesday, May 5th
Chorus Concert
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 21st
5th Grade Recognition

Friday, May 22nd
Quarter 4 Report Cards
on ParentVue

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Car Lane in Front of School

Some families will need to pick up or drop off in the front of school in the car lane. We are fortunate the design of our school includes a pick up and drop off lane in the front of school. It is designed so you can pull in, wait in your car for your child to exit or enter your car, and other cars can still use the outside lane to move forward or exit the school car lane.

In order for the traffic flow to continue to move, we ask that you **not leave your car unattended** in the front car lane. We also ask that you pull up as far as you can before stopping. This will allow other cars to continue to pull in and make the traffic flow better. Please use caution, when pulling in or out. Mrs. Drake and I will be outside each day to help supervise and help students.

Please do not get out of your car! We also ask that you teach your child to look for your car and never run to it. We will always walk. We ask that you only allow your child to enter or exit your car on the passenger side. This is for your child's safety. If you are walking from Blanchard to the school, please use a sidewalk and do not walk through the car lane.

YMCA, Daycare Vans, and School Buses

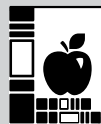
Students who attend the YMCA program, drop off and pick up their students on the south end of the property, entering off Bridle Lane. There is a lane that leads to door #16 where the YMCA program is located. You may park in this lane as you pick up or drop off, (unless it is at dismissal time! After 3:45 p.m., is okay to park and walk to get your child as your Daycare vans and bus will have left by this time. This door will be locked so you will need to be let it when you arrive. A YMCA staff member will be present to facilitate this. Students who ride daycare vans or a bus, will also use this location to drop off and pick up their students. I will send detailed information to the day cares about this traffic plan.

It is our hope that these procedures will help you and your students feel confident and safe when arriving at and leaving school. I also ask you be patient as we try these procedures and work to refine them. I will communicate closely with you as school begins to keep you informed or provide additional information.





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