



LEIGH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

ANNUAL REPORT

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RECENT PK-12 ENROLLMENT TOTALS

2018-19	226
2019-20	246
2020-21	257
2021-22	266
2022-23	280
2023-24	291
2024-25	299
2025-26	314

ENROLLMENT - JANUARY 2026

Pre-School-3yo/4yo	34
Kindergarten	22
1st Grade	32
2nd Grade	23
3rd Grade	25
4th Grade	30
5th Grade	17
6th Grade	23
7th Grade	20
8th Grade	19
9th Grade	14
10th Grade	18
11th Grade	21
12th Grade	16
TOTAL	314

Learning Empowers Individuals to Great Heights

Statewide Assessment Data 2024-2025 (NSCAS/ACT) - % Proficient

	<u>LCS</u>	<u>State</u>		<u>LCS</u>	<u>State</u>		<u>LCS</u>	<u>State</u>
<u>Math</u>			<u>ELA</u>			<u>Science</u>		
3rd	63%	60%	3rd	58%	57%	3rd	**	**
4th	53%	61%	4th	71%	60%	4th	**	**
5th	50%	59%	5th	77%	56%	5th	95%	83%
6th	89%	56%	6th	83%	59%	6th	**	**
7th	78%	55%	7th	67%	58%	7th	**	**
8th	64%	57%	8th	91%	63%	8th	100%	76%

Overall District Proficiency: Math 65%, ELA 72%, Science 97%

<u>ACT- Junior Class Average Scores</u>	<u>LCS</u>	<u>State</u>
ELA	24	16
Math	23	17
Science	24	18

Student Population Characteristics

	<u>LCS</u>	<u>State</u>
High Ability Learners	21%	13%
SPED	15%	17%
Free/Red. Lunches	21%	50%

K-12 DAILY ATTENDANCE DATA

	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>State</u>
2020-21	96%	93%
2021-22	95%	92%
2023-24	95%	93%
2024-25	96%	92%
2025-26	95%	92%

School Improvement Goals

- ❖ Math Proficiency
- ❖ Reading Comprehension and Fluency
- ❖ CTE Career Readiness

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Tax Levy and Valuation Data (Approx. Levy)

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>District Valuation</u>
2020-21	0.89	\$442,932,633
2021-22	0.91	\$449,232,794
2022-23	0.99	\$455,193,330
2023-24	0.92	\$501,168,858
2024-25	0.84	\$563,022,075
2025-26	0.78	\$624,296,495

Grants and Program Expansion

- ❖ LCS has been awarded numerous grants estimated at over \$100,000
- ❖ CNA program with CCC and CHI
- ❖ Mechatronics STEM Program with CCC
- ❖ ITE Course Expansion
- ❖ Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

LCS Administration

Cole Fischer, Superintendent/Elem. Prin.
Andrew Faltys, 7-12 Principal/A.D.

NEP- AQuESTT - School Rating

Overall District-EXCELLENT
❖ High School -EXCELLENT
❖ Middle School -EXCELLENT
❖ Elementary -GREAT
**Updated in Fall of 2025*

Full Time Certified Teachers

25.5

Leigh Community Schools

SCHOOL DISTRICT STATISTICS

The Leigh Community School District(#39) comprises 80.7 square miles. The district covers parts of Colfax, Platte, and Stanton counties. The community's financial base develops from an agriculture economy. A new HS (7-12 grades) was built onto the existing Elementary building creating a PK-12 facility in 2020. In 2024, due to increasing enrollment, 4 classrooms were added to the elementary wing. The mission of Leigh Community Schools is to foster a positive educational culture where: STUDENTS thrive, TEACHERS guide, ADMINISTRATORS lead, PARENTS support and the COMMUNITY is the foundation for all.

The Leigh Community Schools district has a total valuation of \$624,296,495 The current total tax levy is 78 cents.

The Leigh Board of Education is very supportive in the continuation of providing a quality education for the students of the district while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

- ❖ **PK-12 Students: 314**
 - **Growing Enrollment**
 - **State of the Art Facilities**

- ❖ **24 Certified Teachers**
 - **24 Classified Staff**
- ❖ **2 Administrators**

- ❖ **General Fund Levy: \$0.6045**
- ❖ **Building Fund Levy: \$0.0566**
- ❖ **Bond Fund Levy: \$0.1209**

- ❖ **General Fund (Dec. 2025): \$1,475,430.47**
- ❖ **Building Fund (Dec. 2025): \$829,619.39**
- ❖ **Depreciation Fund (Dec. 2025): \$1,182,185.39**

- ❖ **State Aid**
 - **2025-2026 \$654,589.00 (+\$26,379)**
 - **2024-2025 \$628,210.00 (+\$132,244)**
 - **2023-2024 \$495,966.00 (+\$304,351)**
 - **2022-2023 \$191,615.00**

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- **AQuESTT EXCELLENT District Rating**
 - **Top 15% in the state**
- **New Jr/Sr High School in 2020**
 - **Elementary classroom expansion complete in 2024**
- **ITE courses that focus on fabrication, design, and entrepreneurship**
- **CNA Pathway Program in partnership with CCC and CHI**
- **Mechatronics Stem Program in partnership with CCC**
- **Proactive Board of Education**
- **Professional and Progressive Staff**
- **LCS is 1:1 Computers/IPads in grades K-12**
- **98% High School Extracurricular Activity Participation**
- **State Assessments and ACT Scores above the state average**
- **Dual Credit and College Courses offered**
 - **2025-100% of all seniors graduated with college credits**



LCS Legislative Districts Representatives:

Dist. 16/19/22/23 - Ben Hansen, Robert Dover, Mike Moser, Jared Storm

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