



# La Center High School Annual Report

2009 - 2010



## Mission Statement

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The mission of the La Center School District is to create a supportive environment that empowers students to reach their fullest potential. We will do this in partnership with families, the community, and employees to create life-long learners who can adapt to a changing, more technologically advanced and diverse society.

## Our School

La Center High School is the 9 -12 high school serving the students and parents of the La Center School District. The high school was originally completed in 1993 and has undergone considerable remodeling in the high school office and career center along with the construction of a new two story wing which has a new Library and eleven new classrooms. With the average enrollment of 467 during the 2009-2010 school year, La Center High School is in the "A" school classification, a member of the SWW A League and WIAA District four.

A wide variety of curricular and extracurricular activities are available to the students of La Center High School. Included in these are, Concert Band, Choral Ensemble, Jazz Band and Jazz Choir, Science Club, DECA, Running Start, Skills Center, Knowledge Bowl, Honor Society, an exceptional Drama and Art program, as well as a highly successful athletic program.

La Center High School provides students opportunity to use technology in a number of lab settings. There are in excess of 180 computers in the high school. The business lab has IBM compatible computers running the software Microsoft Office.

## Assessment Data

Included in this data are grade point averages by class for the past few years, as well as the school's average test results from required state testing and college entrance exams (SAT). As with any testing, the average score is affected by the number of students taking the test. The relatively small number of students involved in the tests may cause averages to fluctuate substantially from year to year.

### Average GPA by Class

	<u>2009 -2010</u>		<u>2008 – 2009</u>		<u>2007-2008</u>	
	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Honor Roll</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Honor Roll</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Honor Roll</u>
9 <sup>th</sup>	2.68	25%	2.17	21%	2.63	37%
10 <sup>th</sup>	2.48%	21%	2.65	33%	2.81	28%
11 <sup>th</sup>	2.82%	29%	2.52	30%	2.85	34%
12 <sup>th</sup>	2.90%	31%	2.57	35%	2.44	40%
<b>Average School GPA</b>	<b>2.72%</b>		<b>2.48%</b>		<b>2.68%</b>	
<b>Average Honor Roll</b>	<b>26.5%</b>		<b>29%</b>		<b>35%</b>	

## Test Scores

### 2009 - 2010 10<sup>TH</sup> Grade HSPE

		<b>LCHS State Wide</b>				<b>LC</b>	<b>State</b>
		% Not Tested	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Meeting Standard	Meeting Standard
Reading	10	1.9%	9.3%	31.5%	52.8%	84.4%	78.8%
	09	4.1%	10.3%	42.3%	42.3%	85.8%	80.9%
Math	10	1.9%	22.3%	22.3%	15.5%	37.9%	41.6%
	09	2.0%	27.0%	33.0%	15%	50.9%	45.2%
Writing	10	1.9%	4.6%	48.1%	43.5%	91.7%	85.9%
	09	5.8%	4.9%	34.3%	55.9%	90.8%	86.3%

## College Tests

### **SAT**

#### **Average Writing Scores**

	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Our School	494	490
Washington State	508	507
United States	492	493

#### **Average Critical Reading**

	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Our School	516	517
Washington State	524	524
United States	501	501

#### **Average Math Scores**

	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Our School	517	510
Washington State	532	531
United States	516	515

## Running Start

Running Start is a state-wide program where juniors and seniors can attend a local community college and receive high school and college credit at the same time. Through the Running Start program, many students over the last 4 years have earned an AA degree from Clark College or Lower Columbia College while meeting the requirements for high school graduation. Other students graduated with only a few credits yet to be earned toward their two-year college degree.

		Students	Classes	College Credits
Fall	2009	29	84	357
Winter	2010	32	103	366
Spring	2010	29	81	305
Fall	2008	36	99	368
Winter	2009	38	103	372
Spring	2009	37	104	341
Fall	2007	28	78	322
Winter	2008	33	88	347
Spring	2008	27	81	294

## Graduate Data

The chart below provides information about the graduates who leave high school bound for additional schooling, work, or the military. La Center High School generally has more than 60% of its graduates pursue some form of post high school training, including 4 year college, 2 year college or vocational/technical school. One of the goals is to maintain a program which continues to have a relatively low drop out rate.

	Class of 2010	Class of 2009	Class of 2008
Total Graduates	98	106	90
College Bound (4yr)	42	34	30
College Bound (2 yr)	34	48	36
Vocational School	9	7	2
Military	5	6	7
Work	4	11	13
Misc.	7	8	10
Graduating	84.4%	89%	87%
Dropping out of School	5.1%	3.6%	5%
On time graduation rate 81.4%			

# Demographics

This section gives some basic demographic information about the student and staff population of our school.

## **Our Students grades 9 -12 2009-2010**

Am Indian	1.0%	Smallest Class	6
Black	1.0%	Largest Class	62
Asian	1.4%	Average Class	19
Hispanic	3.9%		
White	90.6%		
Multiracial and not provided	2.0%		

## Activities

Students, who participate in athletics and activities at La Center High School, continue to excel and bring pride to our school. Our successes come from the dedication of students, coaches and advisors. Results from participation can easily be seen across our campus and throughout the student body as well. These extracurricular activities include:

Knowledge Bowl	Football	Volleyball
Dance Team	Girls Soccer	Boys Soccer
DECA	Cross Country	Softball
Boys Basketball	Track	Yearbook
Girls Basketball	Baseball	VICA
Cheerleading	Wrestling	Science Club
Weight Club	Honor Society	FCCLA
Equestrian	Golf	

\*VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America

\* FCCLA, Family Career and Community Leaders of America

## Activity Participation

	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>
Band	67    14.3%	80    16.4%
Choir	29    6.2%	21    4.3%
Honor Society	26    5.6%	29    5.9%
FCCLA		80    16.4%
VICA	8    1.7%	11    2.2%
DECA	12    2.5%	12    2.4%
Drama	25    5.3%	26    5.3%
Knowledge Bowl	22    4.7%	24    4.9%
Non-participants		204    41.8%
<b>All Activities</b>		<b>283    58.1%</b>

## Sports Participation

	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>2007 -2008</u>
Fall	159    34%	166    41%	189    41.4%
Winter	82    17.6%	79    19.5%	91    19.9%
Spring	125    26.7%	160    39.5%	137    30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>417</b>

## Attendance Data

The data below shows the percentage of students who have been absent nine or more days during the school year and also those who were gone five or less days. This is based on students who were gone three or more periods.

<u>Percent of Students</u>	<u>2009 - 2010</u>	<u>2008 -2009</u>
Absent 9 or more days (3 + periods)	40%	43%
Absent 5 or less days	34%	41%
Average Daily attendance	92.63%	93%

## Vocational Program

La Center High School currently provides programs in business, keyboarding and computer application, independent living, creative cooking, sewing/personal choices, family health, child development and industrial arts as well as small engine repair, woods 1 and woods 2, leather craft, metals 1, metals 2 and metal art welding and Fashion Design. ASB club activities such as DECA, FCCLA and VICA support the curriculum in these vocational programs.

## Professional Qualifications

	La Center High School
Total number of Certificated teachers	28
Teacher Experience (Avg. years.)	20.4
Teachers with at least a masters degree	90%
Teachers holding a provisional or an Emergency certificate.	0
% of classes not taught by “highly qualified teachers “as defined by state standards.	

2009 - 2010  
La Center High School  
Faculty & Staff

Dave Holmes,  
Lauri Landerholm,  
Lynne Adams  
Linda Anderson  
Kristen Arave  
Marian Bakker  
Dave Bolden  
Kathy Bounds  
Sharon Bryan  
Matt Cooke  
Greg Cooper  
Julie Croskrey  
Joan Daugherty  
Denelle Eiesland  
Brenda Faulkner  
Amy Fernandes  
Shirley Gleason  
Karen Gozart  
Heather Grotte  
Rhea Heaton  
Robert Hill  
Sheila Holter  
Lori Jeske  
John Johnson  
Karla Karukes  
John Lambert  
Don Landes –McCullough  
Forbes Lapp  
Shawn Link  
Aaron McCoy  
Beth Marshall  
Rebecca Morris  
Jim Mulholland  
Amy Neiman  
Teri Newman  
Cathy Osborn  
Rita Peterson  
Harvey Pust  
Joyce Rose  
Kate Stevens  
Deena Strawn  
Andy Taylor  
Paula Tell  
Brian Zylstra

Principal  
Asst. Principal  
Athletic Secretary  
Office Assistant  
Math  
Registrar  
Custodian  
Social Studies  
English  
Bus Ed/FBLA/Wt. Training  
Band/Choir  
Math  
Office Assistant  
Special Ed Services  
Custodian  
Career Guidance Facilitator  
Food Service Supervisor  
English  
English/History  
Spanish  
Science  
English/Short Story  
Counselor  
Math  
Life Skills  
Business  
Drama/Art  
P.E.  
Social Studies  
Athletic Director  
Library Technician  
Project Study/Social Studies  
Metals  
Science  
Science  
High School Secretary  
Librarian  
Industrial Arts  
Home & Family Life/Health  
English/History  
Cashier  
Custodian  
Counselor  
Global Studies

## Our Staff

<b>Certificated</b>		<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>
Teachers	28	13	15
Support Staff			
Administrators	2	1	1
Athletic Director	1	1	
Vocational director	1	1	
<b>Classified</b>			
Classroom Aides	4		4
Custodians	3	2	1
Support Staff	10		10

## 2009 - 2010 Accomplishments

For the 2009 -2010 Student Led Conferences (SLC) we had 660 guests that attended an SLC. Of those 660 guests, there was a 96% positive response. Also, 93% of our students held an SLC.

Completed accreditation renewal

Expanded AP offerings to include Biology

Added German II to the master schedule

Successful adoption of 9-12 health, implementation of new math curriculum.

The La Center class of 2010 received over \$27,000 in Local Scholarships and over \$254,250 in scholarships from other sources.

The Science Club raised enough money for a field trip to Newport to go tide pooling and then to the Newport Aquarium.

## Goals for 2010 – 2011

Goal # 1 Improve Student, Parent and Teacher Communication:

Improve Navigation 101

Improve Student Led Conferences.

Goal #2 Improve Students awareness and reduce incidents of bullying and harassment.

Goal #3 Improve student learning through varied approaches of student to student interactions and higher cognitive demand within each classroom.

Goal #4 Implement a composting and recycling program which brings student awareness to environmental concerns.

## How you can help

Parents can become involved in La Center High School and their children's education in many ways. They can become generally involved with the organization called P.I.E. (Parents Involved in Education.) These parents volunteer their time to help during lunch hours, and in the Library. If they wish to become more specifically involved with their children's education, they can join such groups as the Booster Club, LCEF (La Center Education Foundation), Music Association, Vocational Advisory, and Senior Parents. Parents involved in these support groups support specific activities and provide fundraising assistance. Participation of parents is vitally important to maintain a quality school. If you would like to get involved in any of these activities, please contact the High School office at 263-1700.