EXCELLENCE
by Choice
PREPARE to Launch

Over 16,000 students and 2,500 employees choose LT Schools as their district of destination...

• Where students with diverse backgrounds, interests, talents, and goals belong to the LT school community without compromising individuality and uniqueness

• Where differences are celebrated and respected in a welcoming environment

• Where rich programming for all ability levels and aspirations empowers everyone to reach their potential

• Where life skills such as cross-cultural collaboration, critical thinking, problem-solving, effective communication, and empathy are valued like test scores

• Where achieving their academic personal best and developing into well rounded future leaders define excellence

...all working toward one common goal that is defined uniquely for each student’s future plan.

Choose excellence. Choose LT Schools.


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Have big dreams… you will grow into them.

“...A thriving academic community depends on the free and open exchange of ideas in a culture of mutual respect, even—and especially—if the ideas and perspectives of others don’t square with our own. We learn by being exposed to new perspectives, by having our ideas challenged, by being forced to sharpen our arguments. I want all of you to know: you belong here.”

— Stanford President Marc Tessier-Lavigne
EXCELLENCE BY CHOICE

It is my honor to serve as the Superintendent of the ninth largest school district in Indiana. With that comes the privilege of working hand in hand with our students, families, employees, and the community to create, deliver, and achieve excellence in every aspect of our school corporation. We know families and employees have choice, so our sole focus is to offer unparalleled student learning experiences as well as a fulfilling and stimulating environment for our faculty and staff.

The MSD of Lawrence Township is charged with educating all students to the best of his/her ability through both innovation and dedication. We prepare students to launch, from year to year with seamless transitions, ultimately to graduation. We recognize the educational imperative to provide all students with the toolbox full of academic opportunities, achievements, and interpersonal skills needed to launch toward their own distinct future, be that college, the workforce, or military service.

As outlined in the Strategic Plan, we have made significant gains across all facets of our organization and have invested time, people, and financial resources in raising graduation rates, increasing levels of rigor in the classroom, ensuring safe, state of the art learning facilities, and renewing the commitment to our rich traditions in performing arts and athletics. Over 16,000 students and 2,500 staff members choose LT Schools.

As you will see on the following pages, we are committed to excellence and our journey is well underway. We are proud of our progress and accomplishments to date, but this journey never ends; we are bound to continuous improvement and innovation.

Thank you for your commitment to public education and your patronage of the MSD of Lawrence Township.

Shawn A. Smith, Ph.D.
Superintendent, MSD of Lawrence Township

PREPARATION TO LAUNCH

The MSD of Lawrence Township Board of Education is tasked with setting the vision to ensure all students are ready to achieve in the next phase of their lives. We are proud of the future readiness that takes place, from our Early Learning Centers (ELCs) to our McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology (MCIT). In 2017-2018, we achieved strategic goals through the proven leadership of our Superintendent and his commitment to Lawrence Township Schools. As the Board of Education, we will continue to support measures to ensure:

• our schools are safe and secure
• our building environments are state of the art and conducive to learning
• our leaders are empowered to be innovative
• our teachers have the resources and freedom to meet individual needs
• our students and families have the resources needed to achieve

The following pages will give you a snapshot of LT’s never ending commitment to ensure students are prepared to launch with the skills and confidence to greet the opportunities of the twenty-first century.

An honor to serve,

Reginald McGregor
President, Lawrence Township Board of Education
Make it Great

**LT Vision**  The district of destination where excellence empowers everyone to reach his/her potential.

Make it Big

**LT Mission**  Through innovation and dedication, we educate all students through graduation.

Make it Happen!

**LT Core Values**  **Achievement** | **Integrity** | **Service**  We believe that living these values builds a culture of cooperation, collaboration, and communication throughout the school community.
Student Life

The best is yet to come... Guided by the core values of Achievement, Integrity, and Service, preparing to launch focuses on student life in Lawrence Township Schools, year to year and ultimately to graduation. LT Schools believes that young people should develop holistically, growing through experiences, discovering their unique talents and gifts, learning to think critically, being involved, making a difference, launching toward their individual future. Every student. Every day.

Strong early literacy as the foundation

Amy Beverland Elementary won the 2018 First Place Gold National Math Pentathlon Team Trophy from the Indiana-Ohio Math Pentathlon Center.
The Fall Creek Valley Gearcats 1024X Robotics Team won the State Championship for their STEM Project: The Roles of Robots in Our Society.

Rigorous, student-centric teaching and learning

Skiles Test Elementary was identified as having the Indiana Outdoor Lab of the Year. It was deemed the best, most educational outdoor lab in the state for 2017.

906 LC and LN students took an average of 2 AP classes. 771 exams scored high enough to be counted as college credit, at an average of 3 credit hours per AP class. This equates to over $1.3 million of savings in college tuition costs for LT families.

We are what we repeatedly do, excellence is not an act, it’s a habit. – Aristotle
2,404 LAWRENCE CENTRAL AND LAWRENCE NORTH STUDENTS TOOK ELECTIVES AT MCIT
78% of the graduating seniors who took classes at MCIT went on to college.
532 tests for the 15 national certifications offered at MCIT were administered of which 96.2% OF STUDENTS PASSED AND GAINED THEIR CERTIFICATION.

ABUNDANT CHOICES ★ RESULTS DRIVEN

Every year, from elementary through middle school, builds and culminates to robust high school curriculum which includes expanded course and program offerings at the McKenzie Center for Innovation and Technology (MCIT). There, students engage in hands-on experiential and entrepreneurial classes that prepare them for college or a career.

"Students need to know about and understand the many options possible to pursue because more and more students are seeking something other than a traditional four-year college degree. Many are choosing to pursue a rigorous technical education leading to well compensated opportunities in high demand fields."
- Indianapolis Star 10/28/17

“I have taken electives in numerous different fields at McKenzie Center for Innovation and Technology, including Biomedical Science; Project Lead the Way; and Computer Technology. It allowed me to find a passion for computers that will shape my college education and career.”
- Alex Lukens, LC Class of 2018

Sharing the passion for engineering during a Project Lead the Way class.
Problem solvers, thinkers, collaborators, communicators

Engaging beyond the traditional classroom expands perspective and creates an advantage beyond standard assessments.

3 National Merit Finalists, 1 Lilly Scholar, 1 appointment to the United States Naval Academy
Winning traditions

Lawrence Central senior, Cam McGrone, represented the district in the US Army All American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas. While there, he was recognized as the 2018 Glenn Davis Award recipient.

Lawrence Township Winter Percussion became state champs in Open Class at the Indiana Percussion State Competition in 2018. LTWP then traveled to Winter Guard International (WGI) Percussion World Championships and advanced to the finals for the third year in a row.

52 Student athletes received offers to play at the intercollegiate level.

53 LC and LN student athletes were named Academic All State.

Lawrence Central Bands Director, Mr. Matt James, and retired Lawrence Central Bands Director, Mr. Randy Greenwell, were identified for induction into the 2018 Bands of America/Music for All Hall of Fame.

We care! We can make a difference!

Civically minded, globally aware

Lawrence North High School senior, Jonas Manubay, was honored by the Benjamin Harrison YMCA at the 163rd Annual Spirit of Service Volunteer Recognition Event as the Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Lawrence Central and Lawrence North Dance Marathons raised over $55,000 for Riley Hospital for Children.

“"I’ve not only been challenged by the subject matter in my classes, but they’ve also taught me how to organize, manage my time, and work with others. One of my passions is contributing to the community. Through volunteering at the Lawrence Central Dance Marathon, I’ve been able to develop team building, communication and management skills by working with my entire school community in order to make a difference for others."” - Macoy Riley, LC Class of 2018
1,064 total graduates in the Class of 2018

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)
Spanish Immersion
Communications
Environmental Studies
Inquiry & Performing Arts
International Studies

6 Elementary Magnet Themes

CURRICULUM, PROGRAMS, RESOURCES:

4 Diplomas

40 courses
International Baccalaureate

31 courses
Advanced Placement

30 courses
Dual College Credit

75 courses
Honors

27 courses
General Diploma

2017-18 QUICK Facts

1,271 new student enrollments in four years (2015-2018)

2017-18 STUDENT ENROLLMENT: 16,162

Over $37.5M awarded in COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

15 NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:
CompTIA A+, Network+, Security+, Microsoft, CNA, ProStart, Adobe, NA3SA, State Cosmetology Board, Serve Safe, NCCER, CPR, Heart Saver, ASE, NCLEX available through electives at MCIT

45 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

21 HIGH SCHOOL varsity sports

27 courses
International Baccalaureate

31 courses
Advanced Placement

30 courses
Dual College Credit

75 courses
Honors

6 Elementary Magnet Themes

ACADEMIC TOP 10% OF SENIORS AVERAGE COMBINED GPAs FROM LN & LC 4.485

High Ability Program: GRADES 1-8 | STEM for All: GRADES 1-6
STEM, Immersion, and Pre AP curriculum: GRADES 7-8

ADDITIONAL DIPLOMA OPTIONS:
International Baccalaureate (IB)
Adapted Placement (AP) Capstone

Indiana Academic Honors
Indiana Technical Honors
CORE 40

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13 NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:
Concentrations: Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

Environmental Studies
Inquiry & Performing Arts
Spanish Immersion
Communications

When playing for Lawrence North girls basketball team, you are a part of a culture where winning is a tradition; passion and development are expected. We emphasize “Family” and growth. The main goal is to prepare you for the next level and to make you strong, independent women for life after basketball.

– Destiny Perkins, LN Class of 2017
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Creative and competitive connections

LT Schools was named a 2018 Best Community for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) because of the commitment to the performing arts.

Will it be easy—nope.
Will it be worth it—absolutely!

The Belzer Middle School boys cross country team won the Marion County Championship. Four of the boys placed in the top 25, including individual County Champion.

The undefeated 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams from Fall Creek Valley Middle School both secured the Marion County Champion title. This is the third consecutive year that the 8th grade FCV team has won the championship.

Lawrence North senior, Alycia Felix, was named the 2018 Central Indiana Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Central Indiana Female Leader of the Year.

Lawrence Central senior, Aiysha Amjad, was announced as one of nine students in Marion County to receive the prestigious Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship.

The Marching Pride of Lawrence Township competed in the Avon Marching Band Invitational. The band finished in first place, bringing home trophies for Best Visual, Best Music, and Best Overall General Effect.
Excellence by Choice! From the preschool years through graduation, students grow, explore, and learn in every aspect of their development. Choices are essential in determining what their interests and talents are and what they want to pursue. With robust offerings in academics, athletics, performing arts, professional clubs and service organizations, it’s true...LT offers something for every ability level or passion. **The only limit is time.**

"Twelve years of learning, extra-curricular, and community service experience in LT Schools opened every door and made personal preference the only limiting factor in the decisions I made beyond high school. I could not have been more prepared in every sense to face my future." — Alexa Austin, LC Class of 2016

I can and I will. Watch me!
Every LT student and employee deserves a vibrant, safe environment that is conducive to learning and growth. Moreover, growth requires capacity planning. In the fourth year of the multi-year, Blue Ribbon Facilities Plan, which addresses interior and exterior renovations and expansions in every school building, the multi-million dollar capital allocation was accomplished to date without a tax referendum. Significant projects completed and/or in process since 2015 include:

- Crestview Elementary
- Mary Castle Elementary
- McKenzie Center for Innovation & Technology
- Lawrence Central High School Outdoor Athletic Complex
- Lawrence North High School Outdoor Athletic Complex
- Indian Creek Elementary
- Skiles Test Elementary
- Belzer Middle School Athletic Complex
- Harrison Hill Elementary
- Lawrence Central Auditorium
- Lawrence North Auditorium

Community and corporate partnerships

Lawrence Township School Foundation

Together Creating Tomorrow’s Superheroes

For 35 years, the Lawrence Township School Foundation has been aligning with the MSD of Lawrence Township, funding $6.2M in programs which prepare our students for success. By igniting the power of community, the Foundation impacts students from Pre-K through Grade 12, creating opportunities for all 16,000 students in Lawrence Township.

Mission

The Lawrence Township School Foundation connects community and classrooms to provide the resources needed for all children to excel.

Vision

We are a strong and vibrant community where all children are supported and empowered to shine.

LTSF is proud to help prepare our students to launch by:

Preventing students for Year 13

- Providing over 1,200 hours of tutoring annually
- Helping middle and high students prepare for college
- Awarding an average of $40,000 in post-secondary scholarships annually
- Sending students on a HBCU tour where every attending senior applies to college

Creating additional learning experiences

- Funding study trips for all 8,332 kindergarten and elementary students
- Supporting the arts by providing tools and scholarships
- Awarding $25,000 in teacher grants annually

Building healthy bodies and minds

- Creating opportunity for 952 finishers to participate in an afterschool running club and 5K events
- Offering mentoring opportunities to support the whole child

Providing for today and preparing for tomorrow

- Supplying nearly $90,000 in classroom supplies and more through the free teachers’ store
- Bridging the gap for students to ensure they are equipped for learning
- Sponsoring innovation in the MSD of Lawrence Township so our students have the best opportunities to succeed.

To learn more about the Lawrence Township School Foundation visit msdltf.org.
The Lawrence Township Board of Education and the Superintendent work collaboratively to define annual goals which will further the school district’s mission of being the district of destination where excellence empowers everyone to reach his/her potential. The 2017-18 Board goals align with the LT Schools Strategic Plan.

1. **The letter grade for the MSD of Lawrence Township as assigned by the Indiana Department of Education shall be a B or higher.**

   LT Schools letter grade for 2017-18 is a C, noting that 75% of the Elementary/ELCs improved in 2018 compared to 2017. Both middle schools showed improvement in 2018 compared to 2017. Overall, the district improved outcomes for students even though the demographics of students testing changes from year to year.

2. **The letter grade for each school within the MSD of Lawrence Township as assigned by the Indiana Department of Education shall be a C or higher.**

   In the 2017-18 school year, 79% of LT schools earned a C or higher.

3. **For elementary and middle schools, the letter grades will be based upon pass rates, growth, and attendance.**

   Curriculum is programmed to build year to year through middle school, establishing a solid foundation for higher level learning. These 3 critical measurements ensure students are performing at grade level or above as they complete each year through middle school.

4. **For high schools, the letter grades will be based upon pass rates, growth, and multiple measures including 4-year graduation rate, 5-year graduation rate improvement, AP pass rates, IB pass rates, number of dual credits earned, and number of industry certifications earned.**

   The complexity of high school letter grades is predicated on the rich offering of AP, IB, and dual credit courses offered. Regardless of the path to graduation, the goal is to encourage students to not only enroll in rigorous classes, but to also benefit from end of course assessments which measure the academic preparedness.
5. The graduation rates for Lawrence Central High School and Lawrence North High School shall be no lower than 90%.
For the 2017-2018 school year, the graduation rate was 92.7%. With the end goal being a 95% graduation rate*, in four years, the graduation rate has increased almost 6 percentage points due to graduation progress monitoring, student accountability meetings, and credit recovery programs.

*As a public school, LT Schools serves all children who attend, including students who cannot earn a diploma, as defined by the State of Indiana, because of learning and/or physical challenges. 2.25% of LT students in the class of 2018 received a certificate of completion.

6. The achievement gap will decrease between all Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) identified subgroups with a special emphasis regarding race and socioeconomic status.

LT Schools saw significant growth in either math or English/language arts at every grade level, grades 3-8. Specific to ISTEP highlights include:

- Increased math pass rates in 5 of 6 grades
- Increased English/language arts and math pass rates for nearly every demographic sub-group in 4th and 8th grade
- Increased pass rates for English Language Learners in both math and ELA at every grade level
- Improved Marion County Ranking (4th in Marion County) in the percentage of students passing both math and ELA in grades 3-8

7. Maintain a strong fiscal outlook for the district including a $10 million cash balance.

With trending growth projected, anticipating needs and allocating resources to serve LT students is a priority. Due to the timing of the State of Indiana funding receipts, the Board goal is to maintain a $10M cash reserve at the end of the fiscal year to offset the fluctuations in the cash balance in the general fund. LT also maintains a $5.5M Rainy Day Fund. Financially, the school district is solidly positioned for growth and investment in students, employees, facilities, and infrastructure.

Financial Results 2013-2018 (in millions)

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“We have to prepare these kids for their future. Our success as a nation and staying competitive globally depends on it.”

- Tamara Markey, LT Teacher of the Year 2018

“Could list the Lawrence Township programs that changed my life for the better (Immersion, International Baccalaureate, North Star, Lyceum), but in reality, it was my peers and educators in these programs, people so intensely dedicated to making the world a better place, and to helping young people understand it and contribute to it.”

- Sophia Muston, LN Class of 2016
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- Dr. Seuss, Oh, the Places You’ll Go

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