

New Students and Parents

Welcome!

For those new or returning, welcome to Lincoln Academy. The faculty and staff at Lincoln strive to offer the best educational experience possible for both parents and students. In order to help facilitate an exceptional experience, here are some need-to-know items that will help every student feel more at ease and successful.

Aspire

Aspire is the online program used by that state and school to record grades, attendance, parental contact information, and important health information. Parents and students are able to log on from home and can view current grades for each class a student is enrolled in. **Please review parental contact information**, including best email and phone number to ensure that any communication from the school is able to reach the parents of the students. The default username and password to login to Aspire is their student number for the username (a 3-4 digit number), and their birthday followed by the letter L (05012001L).

It is preferable that parents create an Aspire account that is different than their student's account. If a parent has multiple students at the school, they can view every child's status and grades from site rather than having to login multiple times to different accounts. For more information on how to set up a parental account and to use Aspire, please follow the following link: <http://bit.ly/lincolnaspire>

Lincoln Bulletin (Week in a Glance)

A weekly email is sent out from Lincoln Academy to families to help parents and students stay updated regarding current events. Sports information, parent/teacher conferences, special events

or speakers, and much more and relayed in the Lincoln Bulletin. The bulletin will be sent to the primary contact email that is registered on Aspire.

Canvas

Canvas is a Student Learning Management System for 6th-9th grade students. Canvas has the same default login for students as Aspire with lunch number as username and birthdate followed by L for the password. Teachers upload nearly every assignment to Canvas so that students can print and find lost assignments, find out what they missed if they were absent, and they can also turn in many assignments electronically through Canvas. You can also setup a parent account by following this link: <http://bit.ly/lincolncanvas>

Schedule

On the Lincoln Academy homepage, there is a link to the year calendar with minimum days, holidays, and for the junior high, a list of A and B days as well. Simply scroll down the page and on the left-hand side of the page is a link to the calendar. It can be downloaded and then viewed. School starts at 8:00AM and ends at 2:30PM every day.

Additionally, if parents want to subscribe to the Lincoln calendar and receive regular updates, please click on the calendar link directly above the picture of the calendar. On the bottom-right-hand corner you can click on “subscribe.”

Iexcel

Iexcel is a semi-flexible period of time for junior high students. It lasts for 25 minutes and gives students the opportunity to receive help in the classes they may be struggling in. At the start of each week, students with one or more Ds or Fs are assigned a teacher that they must report to for iexcel every day that week. In other instances, students may be assigned by teachers so that they can receive extra help even if they are not failing. For those students assigned, iexcel is not

optional to attend. Students who fail to attend when assigned may be subject to disciplinary measures. Iexcel is also an excellent time for students to get extra help in preparation for a test or to get caught up on class activities they missed if they were absent.

Homeroom and House Competition

Junior high students are each given a homeroom and corresponding Eagle House: Crowned, Royal, Imperial, and Golden. Homeroom meets on Friday during that time that students would have had iexcel. A house is assigned to students for their first year in junior high and they will remain with their house for the rest of their stay at Lincoln Academy. Students earn house points as a class, which then results in rewards and special activities for the houses who do the best. Students can earn points for their house in competitions, attending school events, doing good deeds, getting good grades, and having good citizenship.

Citizenship

This year in the junior high, students will receive a citizenship grade, in addition to their academic grades. Citizenship grades are based upon student attendance, homework completion, and behavior in class. This year, citizenship qualifies students to be able to compete on sports teams and in games. Citizenship also determines whether a student may attend superiexcel.

Super iExcel

Super iExcel is a privilege for Junior high students who have demonstrated fantastic citizenship throughout the term. Two weeks after the term ends, the students who earned Super iExcel go on a fun activity. Some previous activities included going to Jump On It, a trampoline park, going to the theaters to watch a movie, rollerskating, and many other similarly enjoyable activities. Those who did not earn the right for Super iExcel are given time to catch up on their classwork at school. Students who are eligible to attend must have a parent permission slip

signed and typically pay one dollar in order to participate. We encourage parents to support this program by sending their students on the chosen school activities and not checking students out during this time.

Lunch

To accommodate the 850 students at the school, lunch is staggered in shifts:

1st-11:00-11:30

2nd-11:00-11:30

3rd-11:10-11:40

4th-11:20-11:50

5th-11:30-12:00

6th-11:40-12:10

JH-12:07-1:07

School lunch is provided for elementary-age students at a cost of \$2.50 and 6-9 pays \$2.60.

Parents are also welcome to come eat with their child if they would like and they may purchase a school lunch if they will notify the front office at the start of the school day. Adults pay \$3.50

Sports teams

Lincoln Academy offers after-school sports for 6th-9th grade. The following is a list of the sports and the **approximate** start date:

Cross Country: August 16th (no tryouts required, 75 dollar fee)

Volleyball: August 30th (tryouts required, 135 dollar fee)

Basketball: October 4th (tryouts required, 150 dollar fee)

Soccer: February 28th (tryouts required, 135 dollar fee)

Please note that any athletes who wish to participate must have good citizenship, which includes regular homework completion and school attendance. Athletes who do not meet the requirements may not be selected for the team and may miss games if their citizenship does not meet certain standards.

Field Trips and Background Checks

Most students will go on at least one field trip during the school year. During the 2015 state legislature session, House Bill 124 was passed. This law requires the mandatory need for volunteers with “significant unsupervised access to children” to now pass a thorough fingerprint background check. This includes anyone driving on our school fieldtrips. In order to comply with this law, all fieldtrip drivers must have a background check through Lincoln Academy. The cost for the background checks are \$66.50. This includes \$51.50 for the background check and \$15.00 for the LiveScan (both are required). Lincoln will pay for the first 50 background checks if the adult is willing to drive 4-5 fieldtrips (some fieldtrips may not be with your child’s class). If you pay for the background check, Lincoln will compensate you with 6 volunteer hours on top of the time you earn while attending the fieldtrip. If you have additional questions or would like to sign up, you may contact the finance office.

Carpool

All students and parents participate in the car pool program. We would encourage every parent to find the tab, “parent resources” and then select “carpool” to review the pickup and drop-off procedures for the school. Please follow directions of the traffic aides at all times and please have patience with the procedure as we try to ensure student safety.

FAQs

Q: How do I create an account in Aspire?

A: See the webinar link in the Aspire Tab.

Q: How do I check my student's grades?

A: Login to Aspire.

Q: What is dollar dress day?

A: The first Wednesday of every month allows students to wear attire not consistent with Lincoln Academy uniforms if students are willing to pay one dollar. Please contact the finance office if you would like the option to pay in advance for dollar dress days.

Q: How do I let the school know my student will be absent?

A: Please call the front desk to excuse or inform the school.

Q: How do I reenroll?

A: There is a link

Q: How do I find out about field trips?

A: Look for teacher newsletters that are sent out weekly. Also, please check the Lincoln Week at a Glance.

Q: How do I better connect with other Lincoln parents and the Lincoln community?

A: There is a Lincoln Facebook group. Please contact the front desk staff for more information if you have trouble finding it.

Q: How do I find out what my student's student number is?

A: Call Lincoln Academy or ask someone at the front desk.