

ROPER ELEMENTARY

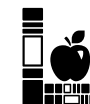


Student Handbook & Calendar

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ROCKETING STUDENTS TOWARD SUCCESS!



Lincoln
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LPS Student Calendar



2026-27

Graduation Dates

Tuesday, May 18, 2027
Yankee Hill

Wednesday, May 19, 2027
Independence Academy

Thursday, May 20, 2027
Bryan Community Focus Program

At Pinnacle Bank Arena May 21-22, 2027
Fri: LHS Sat: LNS, LNW, LSE, LNE Sun: LSW, LSB, EHS

- 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.

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A Message from Principal Lynn Fuller

It is a great privilege to be the Principal at Roper Elementary School. For more than thirty years, Roper has been an important part of the West A Community. We appreciate the close relationship we have with the community and are continually humbled by your generosity and support.

The dedication of the staff at Roper is inspiring. Teachers care deeply for students and work hard to help them succeed. Our priority is on student learning, insuring every student is challenged to achieve or exceed grade level, district and state expectations. We accept no limits on the learning potential of any child.

At Roper, we provide a safe, orderly and respectful environment, which promotes high levels of student engagement. We honor the diversity and unique talents of all of our students, embracing the different cultures and backgrounds that represent our community.

We are excited to offer students daily experiences in art, computer science, library media, music, physical education and wellness. These enriching opportunities extend the learning that students are provided in the classroom and often inspire lifelong pursuits. This is just part of our commitment to serving your child's unique academic, behavioral, social and emotional needs.

We look forward to partnering with you in the year ahead. Working together, we can provide your child(ren) with exactly what they need to be successful this school year and for years to come. If you have questions about your child at any time, please don't hesitate to contact your student's teacher or myself at 402-436-1170.



Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Fuller, Principal
Roper Elementary School



Roper School Improvement Goals

Students at each grade level will demonstrate growth in Fluency and Number Sense, working to be on track for the next grade level.

For the most up-to-date information log on to Roper website: Roper.LPS.org
LPS web site: LPS.org

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7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
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Welcome to Roper Elementary School!

Our priority at Roper is to focus on student learning, ensuring every student is challenged to achieve or exceed grade level district and state expectations. We accept no limits on the learning potential of any child. Roper is organized into grade level instructional teams: Preschool through fifth grade. Staff works closely with parents, as we know that a strong parent, school relationship is critical to ensure student success.

Intent of Student Handbook

This handbook is intended for students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Roper Elementary. Each family is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained within.

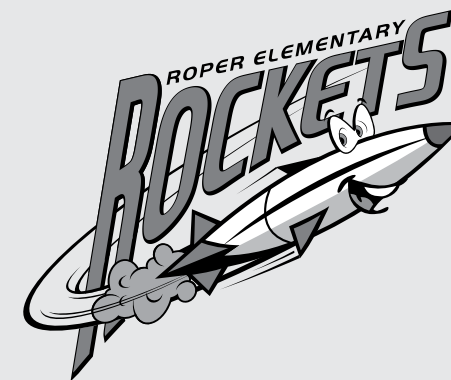
This handbook does not create a “contract”. The administration reserves the right to make decisions and rule revisions at any time to implement the educational program and to assure the well being of all students. The administration will be responsible for interpreting the rules contained in the handbook. Should the situation or circumstances 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.



How To Be A Super Improver...

Your child might talk about being a Super Improver! This positive, student-centered approach helps motivate and celebrate individual growth. Super Improver challenges each student to become better, stronger, and faster than ever before on something they are personally working toward – whether it’s improving their writing, showing kindness, staying on task, or mastering math facts.

Each student begins on the “Mission Ready” level and earns stars for showing consistent effort and improvement in a specific area. As they collect stars, they level up, promoting a sense of achievement and pride in their growth. It’s not about being perfect – it’s about making progress!



August 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Open House & Safe Walk to School 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	11	12 First Day for K, 6, and 9th Grades	13 First Day for 1-5, 7-8 and 10-12th Grades	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 SNAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	26 Picture Day	27	28	29
30	31					

» Important Dates

Monday, August 10th
Open House &
Safe Ride to School
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12th
First Day for K, 6, and
9th Grades

Thursday, August 13th
First Day for 1-5, 7-8,
and 10-12th Grades

Tuesday, August 25th
SNAC Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 26th
Picture Meeting

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Hello Roper Families!

A big welcome back to our returning families—and a warm welcome to those who are new to our community! The Roper Elementary PTO is excited for a successful 2026–2027 school year.

Our mission is to support school staff in creating a safe, fun, and engaging learning environment where all students can thrive. Throughout the year, the PTO sponsors a variety of events and activities, including:

- Summer Feeding Program
- Support for the school library
- Care Closets
- Classroom hydroponic program
- Teacher appreciation (conference meals, Teacher Appreciation week)
- Fun social events (Valentines Event, Color Run, Blast off)
- Educational materials for students
- ...and much more!

This year, we're excited to continue to redesign our school courtyard into a dynamic and inclusive outdoor classroom space. Our vision is to create an environment that enhances learning, stimulates the senses, and fosters a deeper connection with nature.

Highlights of the new courtyard will include:

- **New Plantings:** A variety of student-friendly plants to create a lush, inviting environment.
- **Sensory Area:** Designed to engage all five senses, this space will include textured plants, fragrant plants, and more.
- **Seating Area:** To accommodate classes of all sizes and learning styles.
- **Musical Instruments:** Outdoor instruments that allow students to explore sound and rhythm in a natural setting.

Through this project, we aim to create a space where students from all classes can learn, explore, and thrive outside the traditional classroom walls. Along with the courtyard transformation we are working on a

Prairie Area this will be a dedicated section of the Roper grounds that will showcase native plants and attract butterflies, providing a living laboratory for ecological studies and nature appreciation.

We Need Your Help!

The PTO is powered by parents, and we can't do it without the support of our Roper families. Every family brings something unique—whether it's time, talent, or ideas. That's why we offer many different ways to get involved throughout the year.

Get involved today!

Stay up to date and connected:

- Join us on PTBoard: roper.ptboard.com or scan the QR code:
- Follow us on Facebook: Roper PTO
- Email us anytime at roperpto@gmail.com



Don't forget our quarterly public PTO meetings—your voice matters!

Watch for more information about our parent meetings!

Location: East Library

Child care and snacks provided!

- September 21
- November 16
- January 25
- March 22

We're looking forward to working together and making this an amazing year for our kids!

September 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Cattle Bank	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Cattle Bank	11	12
	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
13	14	15	16	17 Cattle Bank	18	19
20	21 PTO Quarterly Meeting 3:15 p.m.	22	23	24 Cattle Bank Family Night: Family STEM Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	25	26
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» Important Dates

Thursday, September 3rd
Cattle Bank

Monday, September 7th -
Tuesday, September 8th
Schools Closed

Thursday, September 10th
Cattle Bank

Thursday, September 17th
Cattle Bank

Monday, September 21st
PTO Quarterly Meeting
3:15 p.m.

Thursday, September 24th

- Cattle Bank
- Family Night:
Family STEM Night
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Bus Transportation

Lincoln Public Schools provides limited bussing based on student needs. Bus service is a privilege. Students are expected to maintain good behavior and follow safety rules at all times on the bus. If you have questions about qualifying for bus eligibility, please ask one of the administrators listed below.

- Students are to walk to their assigned grade level waiting area or breakfast upon arrival. Teachers will meet them there.
- Some students will be escorted from the bus to their classrooms.
- At the end of the day, students will be escorted to their bus by teachers.
- If a student will not be riding the bus home, they must have a signed note from parents/guardians.

Safety Practices To and From School

In order to provide safety for walkers and riders, the following rules need to be followed. Parents are encouraged to plan with their children the shortest and safest route to school.

- Students should cross streets using the proper crosswalks as indicated by double white lines on the pavement.
- Parents should instruct their children to cross at corners or areas where school crossing signs are erected.
- Parents may park on the north side of the crosswalk or south of the drop-off zone in the Coddington traffic loop to walk students into the building.
- The parking lot is not a place for students to walk.

Arrival Plan

ARRIVAL PROCEDURES

- The Roper Elementary School campus is closed until 7:45 a.m.
- Students arriving for breakfast should not arrive before 7:45 a.m., as there is no supervision until that time.

ARRIVAL

7:45 Breakfast—Enter through Door 1 – east

7:55 Supervision will be provided at designated entry doors (if there is inclement weather, students will enter the designated door and wait inside). Students arriving prior to 7:55 must enter through Door 1 for breakfast.

Entry Doors

- Kindergarten - Door 25 and 26
- 1st Grade - Door 2
- 2nd Grade - Door 6
- 3rd Grade - Door 3 and 9
- 4th Grade - Door 17 (inside)
- 5th Grade - Door 16

8:10 School Begins. Students meet teachers at designated entry doors.

8:15 – Tardy Bell

- Students will enter their arrival door if it is raining, snowing or the temperature is below 20.

TEMPERATURE GUIDANCE - ARRIVAL

<20* Students wait inside the arrival doors starting at 7:55. CEDARS will keep their students until 8:00 and will walk them through the building to get to their arrival areas.

Reminder - students arriving before 7:55 need to go to breakfast through Door 1. That is the only place where we have supervision at that time.



PARKING OR WAITING

Please do not force children into an unsafe situation. Park at the curb before loading or unloading children, NO double parking.

October 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19 SCHOOLS CLOSED	20	21	22 Cattle Bank Family Night: Light on After School Celebration 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. 4th Grade: Cunningham School	23 4th Grade: Cunningham School	24
25	26 4th Grade: Cunningham School	27 4th Grade: Cunningham School	28 4th Grade: Cunningham School	29 Cattle Bank 4th Grade: Cunningham School	30 4th Grade: Cunningham School	31

» Important Dates

Thursday, October 1st
Cattle Bank

Thursday, October 8th
Cattle Bank

Friday, October 9th
Picture Retakes

Thursday, October 15th
Cattle Bank

**Thursday, October 15th -
Monday, October 19th**
Schools Closed

Thursday, October 22nd

- Cattle Bank
- Family Night:
Lights on After School
Celebration
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 22nd -
Friday, October 30th**
4th Grade:
Cunningham School

Thursday, October 29th
Cattle Bank

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Dismissal Plan

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

All students are dismissed from the building at 2:53 p.m.

- All students must go directly home or to a school sanctioned after school activity.
- Teachers will escort students out their designated exit door.
- School Campus (including the playground) is closed until 4:30 p.m. except for use by school childcare and clubs. Reservations for rooms/playground should be entered in the district reservation system.

DISMISSAL

2:53 - Students are learning in classrooms until the bell rings. Clean up begins at the bell. Students will be escorted outside by a teacher. All students must go directly home,

to daycare, or an on-site afterschool program. Our campus is closed after dismissal until 4:30 p.m., including the playground, except for use with school related activities or the CEDARS Community Center's School's Out program.

Dismissal Doors

- Kindergarten – Door 25 and 26
 - 1st Grade – Door 2
 - 2nd Grade – Door 6
 - 3rd Grade – Door 3 and 9
 - 4th Grade – Door 17
 - 5th Grade – Door 16
- Students attending CEDARS after school program will be picked up inside the building by CEDARS staff.
 - Students going to daycare or riding LPS transportation will be escorted through the building to Door 25 (east office) in

time for daycare or LPS transportation to leave the building BY 2:53.

- Students in 1st-3rd Grades who are walking home will exit out the door they enter at arrival. Typically they meet siblings by the bike rack at the north end of the Coddington Loop.
- Students should be picked up no later than 3:15. At this time, students will be escorted to the office. Parents/guardians will need to come in to the Main Office (Door 1) to pick up students. You will be asked to sign them out.
- In the event that students are not picked up by 3:30 p.m., and the office is unable to contact a parent or another adult listed as an emergency contact, for your safety, and the safety of your children, the police may be notified.



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. Go to home.LPS.org/socialworkers/mental-behavioral-health-points-of-contact or scan the QR code for more information.



November 2026

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15	16 PTO Quarterly Meeting 3:15 p.m.	17 SNAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Cattle Bank	20	21
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29	30 SCHOOLS CLOSED					

» Important Dates

Thursday, November 5th
Cattle Bank

Thursday, November 12th
Cattle Bank

Monday, November 16th
PTO Quarterly Meeting
3:15 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17th
SNAC Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19th
Cattle Bank

Wednesday, November 26th
- Monday, November 30th
Schools Closed

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Traffic Flow/Parking

Parents are asked to show extra caution in and around the school when dropping-off or picking up a child. Finding a parking space at Roper during the busy arrival and dismissal times can be difficult. Please follow these directives to alleviate traffic congestion at these busy times:

- Utilize the designated traffic loop for your child's grade level.
- Consider drop-off or pick-up points away from Roper in surrounding neighborhoods. The crosswalk to the east of Roper's main entrance will be supervised during busy arrival and dismissal times. If you choose to park in the neighborhood to walk your child to the school, please be courteous to our neighbors. Do not block driveways or mailboxes.
- If you choose to park in the school's parking lot, please do not block cars that are parked in parking stalls and leave your vehicle. Once you find a legal place to park, please walk your child to the building for their safety.



- Do not double-park in the loops. Do not encourage students to pass between cars when being picked up or dropped off. Always pull over to the curb before allowing your child out of the car in a designated student loading zone.
- Do not park in a handicap parking space unless you have a registered parking permit or license plate. Always follow parking and traffic laws.

Together we can make student drop-off and pick-up safe and efficient.

Late Arrival/Early Dismissal

Students who arrive any time after 8:10 a.m. must use Door #1. Door 16 will be locked after 8:10 a.m. All visitors will need to come through Door 1 once the school day has started.

Students who leave before the end of the day will need to be signed out by a parent or guardian.

- Parents are asked to walk up to the building to pick up their child.
- Students will be called to the office upon parent arrival at door 1. Our priority is to provide the maximum classroom time with minimum disruptions. It is not possible to know exactly when parents will arrive to pick students up for appointments. Please plan accordingly.
- For safety reasons, please do not ask for your child to wait outside to be picked up early.
- We will only release children to adults that have been designated by parents or guardians. If someone other than a parent or guardian will pick up your child, please provide something in writing to the school office or call the office to provide the name of the person picking the child up.
- If someone other than a parent or guardian is picking a child up, even with written notice or a phone call from the parent or guardian, they may be asked for identification. Please ask them to be patient as this is only for the safety of the student.
- Please note that before 8:30 and after 2:30 are busy times in the office. It would be best to call between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30 to notify the office of an appointment.

If there is a special circumstance, such as a court order limiting access to a student by a parent or guardian, the office must be informed and provided with a copy of the order to maintain on file at the school.

December 2026

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Choir Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.	2	3 Cattle Bank Strings Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	9	10 Cattle Bank Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15 Band Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Cattle Bank	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Tuesday, December 1st
Choir Winter Concert
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 3rd

- Cattle Bank
- Strings Winter Concert
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 8th
Parent / Teacher
Conferences
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10th

- Cattle Bank
- Parent / Teacher
Conferences
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 15th
Band Winter Concert
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 17th
Cattle Bank

**Wednesday, December 23rd
- Thursday, December 31st**
Schools Closed

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Important Information Needed

For the safety of your child, it is necessary to give the school the name of a person to contact in case you cannot be reached. Please note: Persons listed as emergency contacts will be called to verify a student’s absence if a parent/guardian cannot be reached.

It is very important that parents/guardian notify the school of any change in address and/or telephone number. The office must have a current telephone number on file in case we need to contact you for any emergency that could arise.

Absences

In the event of a student absence, please call our school office at 402-436-1170 or enter the absence on ParentVue (before 8:10). This not only helps us know who will be part of our learning community for the day, but also serves as an extra safety precaution for you and your child. A parent will be called if a student is counted absent by the classroom teacher and an absence has not been called in by a parent or guardian. Absences can also be submitted on the ParentVue Portal.

Releasing Students

For the safety of students, parents/guardians must come to the Security Entrance Monitor’s desk at door 1 when picking up their child before the regular dismissal time. Office staff will contact the classroom teacher and the student will be sent to the Security Entrance Monitor’s desk after parents/guardians have arrived. If someone other than a parent or guardian will pick up your child, please call the office to provide the name of the person picking up your child. If this office does not receive a phone call, we will need to reach out to the parent or guardian before releasing the student.

Guidelines for the Dismissal of Students with Health Concerns

- The student with a temperature of 100 degrees or more
- The student with an undiagnosed rash. (Exception: If the student is taken to a physician, he/she may be readmitted with the doctor’s written permission stating the rash is not contagious.)
- Other conditions, which may warrant a student being sent home, include: inflamed red eyes and/or drainage, vomiting and/or diarrhea, frequent persistent coughs, earache and/or drainage from the ear, questionable illness or injuries which may require evaluation by a physician, sores that appear infected or are draining, and any other possible communicable condition.

No Student will be sent home until a parent or emergency contact has been notified.

Medical and Dental Appointments on School Time

Students are granted approved absences from school in order to keep medical and dental appointments during school hours. However, with Roper’s early dismissal we encourage these appointments be made after school hours.

Dental Inspections

Dentists recommended by the Lincoln District Dental Society and approved by the board of education perform dental inspections in the school. Students presenting a dental report form signed by their own dentist will be excused from the annual dental inspection.

January 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK	
3	4	5	6	7 Cattle Bank	8	9
	SCHOOLS CLOSED WINTER BREAK					
10	11	12	13	14 Cattle Bank	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Cattle Bank	22	23
	SCHOOLS CLOSED					
24	25 PTO Quarterly Meeting 3:15 p.m.	26	27	28 Cattle Bank	29	30
31						

» Important Dates

Friday, January 1st -
Monday, January 4th
Schools Closed

Thursday, January 7th
Cattle Bank

Thursday, January 14th
Cattle Bank

Monday, January 18th
Schools Closed

Thursday, January 21st
Cattle Bank

Monday, January 25th
PTO Quarterly Meeting
3:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 28th
Cattle Bank

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Attendance and School Schedule

It is important to a student's success in school that the habit of regular and punctual attendance be formed. Please do not send your child to school if he/she is ill. The health of our children is important. We also understand that family emergencies may occur and families may need to be out of town.

Please remember to contact the office when your child is not going to be at school i.e. vacation plans, illness, appointments. This information is for attendance purposes. Even if you have informed the teacher you will still need to contact the office.

PHONE NUMBER: 402-436-1170

An answering machine is provided for your 24-hour convenience. If a student cannot be accounted for, a phone call from office staff to the parent/guardian will occur.

Please Note: *Persons listed as emergency contacts will be called to verify a student's absence if a parent/guardian cannot be reached. Truancies will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the principal.*

Security Procedures

- **Secure** is implemented when there is a threat or hazard outside of the building.
- **Lockdown** is called when there is a threat or hazard inside the school building.
- **Hold** is used when we need to keep the hallways clear.
- **Evacuate** is an action we use for fire drills. It could be used for other situations that may warrant an evacuation.
- **Shelter** is used in response to severe weather. It may also be used for other environmental incidents.



The LPS Attendance Policy

It is required 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

Fire and Tornado Drills

The school has a plan to provide for the safety of each student in the event of a fire or tornado. Drills are held periodically during the year to insure speed and efficiency in getting the students to the assigned places of safety.

February 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Cattle Bank	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Cattle Bank	12	13
14	15 SCHOOLS CLOSED	16 SNAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Cattle Bank	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Cattle Bank	26	27
28						

» Important Dates

Thursday, February 4th
Cattle Bank

Thursday, February 11th
Cattle Bank

Monday, February 15th
Schools Closed

Tuesday, February 16th
SNAC Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 18th
Cattle Bank

Thursday, February 25th
Cattle Bank

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Bullying

If you feel your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child’s teacher or the building principal, Lynn Fuller. 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 have the potential to happen more than once.
- Hurtful aggressive physical and/or verbal behavior.
- Bullying includes 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 they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, an administrator, school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker or any other 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.

Language

Students at Roper Elementary are expected to show respect to one another. Disciplinary action will be taken if a student uses inappropriate or derogatory language at school.

Student Use of Telephone

Students are discouraged from bringing cell phones to school. Cell phones seen or heard can be considered nuisance items and confiscated.

Students may use the telephone in either office in case of an emergency or to communicate important information as determined by the office staff or the principal. Students will not be allowed to use the phone to arrange afterschool play dates or to change afterschool plans without permission to do so.

Telephone Messages

Telephone messages for your child will be relayed to your child only if an emergency exists. Classroom instruction is a priority. Parents needing to speak with their child’s teacher may leave a message.



March 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Cattle Bank	5 Family Night: Family Movie Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	
14	15	16 Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	17	18 Cattle Bank Parent / Teacher Conferences 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22 PTO Quarterly Meeting 3:15 p.m.	23	24	25 Cattle Bank	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Thursday, March 4th
Cattle Bank

Friday, March 5th
Family Night:
Family Movie Night
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, March 8th -
Friday, March 12th**
Schools Closed

Tuesday, March 16th
Parent / Teacher
Conferences
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18th

- Cattle Bank
- Parent / Teacher
Conferences
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22nd
PTO Quarterly Meeting
3:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 25th
Cattle Bank

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LPS Parent Center

Welcome to the Lincoln Public Schools Parent Center.
Check it out!

www.LPS.org/parents

This selection of information is designed to meet the needs of LPS families, providing current information about services, resources, data and news of interest to parents.

Communicating Student Progress

Lincoln Board of Education states (Policy 6570) that “student progress will be reported formally to parents/guardians at least four times each year.” Information about elementary student progress is reported in four areas.

1. Progress through district curriculum objectives
2. Performance in assigned curriculum level
3. Effort
4. Use of effective learning or study skills

Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled twice a year. Please consult the Roper School Calendar for Parent-Teacher conference dates. Parents with immediate questions about their child’s academic progress are encouraged to contact the teacher at any time

Communication Methods

Weekly Communication Folders

Typically, school news will be sent home electronically on Thursdays. Some items will be sent home via paper copies in the Thursday Folder. Please return the folder the next day including any notes to your child’s teacher. General information will be sent with the oldest child in the family Attending Roper Elementary School.

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.”

School Website

Information is regularly updated on our website: Roper.LPS.org

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.

Apptegy

This district-wide communication system sends school and district emails, texts, and phone calls to families with important information. Please be sure the school has your updated phone number and email address.

Facebook

Check out school happenings on our Facebook Page! “Like” us at Roper Elementary School

April 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

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

» Important Dates

Thursday, April 1st
Cattle Bank

Monday, April 5th
Schools Closed

Thursday, April 8th
Schools Closed

Thursday, April 15th
Cattle Bank

Tuesday, April 20th
Spring Band Concert
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 22nd

- Cattle Bank
- Family Night:
Roper Multicultural
Night
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27th
Spring Strings Concert
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29th
Cattle Bank

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Specials Schedule

Students spend 50 minutes each day in specials classes (Art, Music, Physical Education, Library, Computer).

GRADE	TIME
Kindergarten	1:05 - 1:55
1st Grade	12:10 - 1:00
2nd Grade	2:00 - 2:50
3rd Grade	10:30 - 11:40
4th Grade	9:55 - 10:45
5th Grade	9:00 - 9:50

Trips or Excursions

All students will be transported by bus or walk if a field trip is in the surrounding neighborhood. A field trip parent/guardian approval form is located on the back of the census form. Each student will receive a census form in the LPS Important Information Packet before school starts. This form will need to be signed and returned the first day of school.

Optional 4th and 5th Grade Instrumental Music

Students who enroll will receive a 30 minute lesson on their instrument once a week during school hours. There will also be a rehearsal after school from 3:00 to 3:50 once a week. Attendance at lessons, rehearsals and concerts is required. The school provides books and music, however the instruments are not provided.

Recess Temperature Guidance

<10* temperature or wind chill = Inside Recess Rain/Snow = Inside Recess

ParentVue

ParentVue is a secure, private website through Lincoln Public Schools that allows access to your child's real-time information. ParentVue allows you to track attendance, see class websites, view report cards and access Special Education documents. Please call to set up your ParentVue access today.

Apptegy

Apptegy is a district-wide network used for communicating with parents. If there is a need for parents to get information immediately, this system will be used. This may come to you via a phone call, email, or text message.

Student Materials

Lincoln Public Schools provides all of the materials students require for learning in the classroom. It is helpful for students to have a backpack to carry homework and other items to and from school. If you need assistance obtaining a backpack for your child, please contact us.

Items From Home to School

Please leave play items and items that may distract from learning at home. Only school supplies, forms to be returned to school, and schoolwork should be brought to school.

EL (English Language)

ELL services provide assistance to students with limited English skills to function in the regular English-speaking classroom, to develop proficiency in reading, writing, speaking, and listening in English, and to develop knowledge about the customs and culture of the school, community, and nation.

May 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4 Spring Choir Concert 6:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 SNAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Last Day of School	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

» Important Dates

Tuesday, May 4th
Spring Choir Concert
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11th
SNAC Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 20th
Last Day of School

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Before & After School Child Care for Roper Elementary School

Roper Community Learning Center coordinates free clubs for students at Roper. There will be 3 club sessions at Roper during the 2026-2027 School year. Clubs are intended to provide students with extended day learning opportunities right here at school! Activities vary from homework clubs to science clubs to arts and crafts clubs and are provided by community partners, local businesses or parent leaders!

Roper CLC also coordinates family engagement nights and School Neighborhood Advisory Committee meetings quarterly. SNAC meetings are open to anyone who has a vested interest in the Roper Community!

Club Sessions:

Session 1: Oct. 19-Dec. 4,

Registration opens Oct. 8th

Session 2: Jan. 25-Mar. 5,

Registration opens Jan. 14th

Session 3: Mar. 22-Apr. 30,

Registration opens Mar. 4th

Food, Presents, Parties

LPS Elementary School Common Practices Document

Due to food allergies/sensitivities and cultural considerations, no food may be brought for birthday parties, class rewards, or class parties. Party invitations are not allowed to be distributed at school or during school hours. Student birthdays and other celebrations or life events, will be recognized by teachers and classmates at school.

Fund-A-Need

FUND-A-NEED®

Fund-A-Need is an award winning online program designed to help students and staff in Lincoln Public Schools. The program allows teachers and schools the avenue to post innovative educational ideas and classroom needs as a "proposal" for the community to view.

Proposals are approved by principals, submitted to the Foundation, and posted online. Donors may choose from the online list and make a tax-deductible donation to fund these classroom needs. Individuals who support a proposal will receive information about the activity from the teacher and students touched by the gift and a receipt from the Foundation as a record for the IRS.

Log on to www.foundationforLPS.org
or call 402-436-1612



June 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

» Important Dates

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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2026–2027 Lunch Schedule

GRADE	LUNCH/RECESS
Kindergarten	11:00 - 11:30 (E)
1st Grade	11:00 - 11:30 (W)
2nd Grade	11:35 - 12:05 (E)
3rd Grade	12:10 - 12:30 or 12:30 - 12:50 (E)
4th Grade	11:35 - 11:55 or 11:55 - 12:15 (W)
5th Grade	12:20 - 12:40 or 12:40 - 1:00 (W)

Some students will have lunch first then recess, others will have recess first then lunch. Lunch and Recess times are 20 minutes each.

Meal Payment

It is still possible to maintain a balance in a student's individual account for an additional entree or milk only. Meal payments and balance notifications can be found in My School Bucks at: home.LPS.org/ns/prices-payment

Free/Reduced Lunch Applications

Families of students who may be eligible for free or reduced price school meals must submit a new application each new school year to determine eligibility. On-line application link can be found at: home.LPS.org/ns/free-reduced



Lunch Time Visitors

We ask for your patience as we continue to follow safe protocols for the lunchroom. All lunch time visitors will need to enter through Door 1. Please also be patient at the entrance desk. Our Secured Entrance Monitors may not recognize you the first couple of times you come. Please be cooperative as they check you in and be mindful that we prefer to be overly cautious about letting visitors in the building. Student safety is always our first priority.

- We do not have a lot of extra space available for visitors in the lunchroom. We will ask that you limit visitors to one family member at a time.
- If possible, we will have you sit next to your child at their assigned table in the lunchroom.
- If there is not enough room at your child's regularly assigned table, we will try to find another table nearby so that you can sit together.
- If you bring food from outside of the school, we may ask you to sit at separate table to insure the safety of children with food allergies. Please do not share food with other children.
- When the weather warms up, we have moved the picnic tables to the back of the building and you would be welcome to enjoy a picnic lunch with your child outside.



July 2027

Lincoln Public Schools

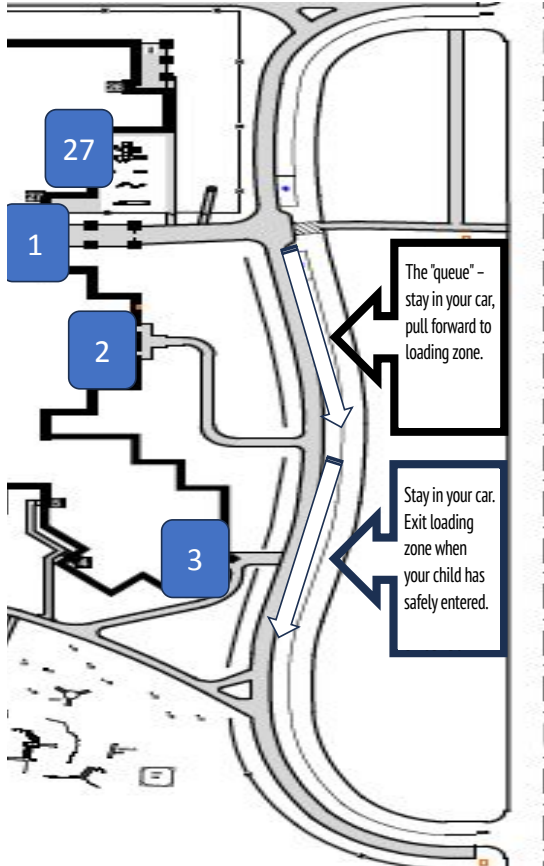
» Important Dates

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Drop Off/Pick Up Traffic Maps

Coddington Traffic Loop



No Parking
 Student-Safe
 Drop Off/Pick Up and Go!
 7:45-8:15 and 2:45-3:15

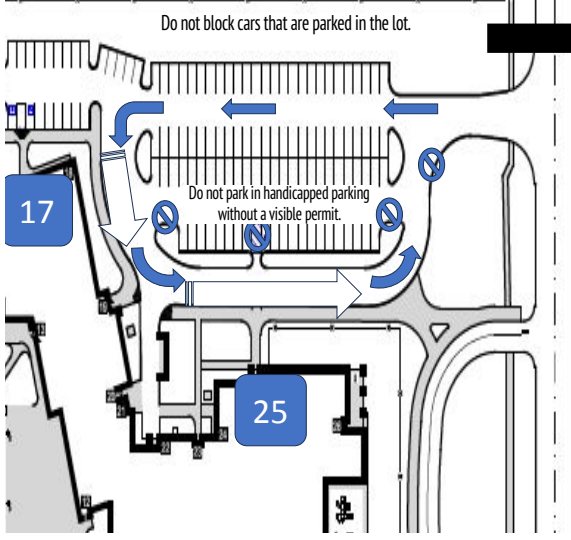
The "queue" - stay in your car, pull forward to loading zone.

Stay in your car. Exit loading zone when your child has safely entered.

Student-Safe Drop Off/Pick Up and Go!
 Stay in your vehicle. Always pull over to the curb before allowing your child to enter/exit the vehicle. Stay in line and advance in the "queue" until you get to the student-safe loading zone.

Limited parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis outside of the student-safe zone. Do not block traffic in the lane.

Parking Lot Traffic Loop

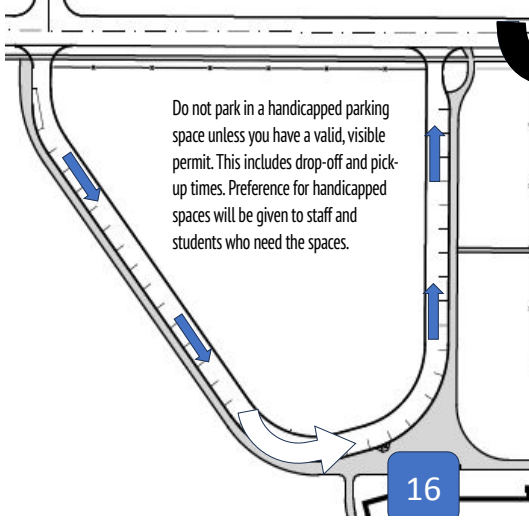


No Parking
 Reserved for LPS Buses and Day Care Vans

Student-Safe
 Drop Off/Pick Up and Go!
 7:45-8:15 and 2:45-3:15
 AFTER LPS Buses and Day Care Van Departure

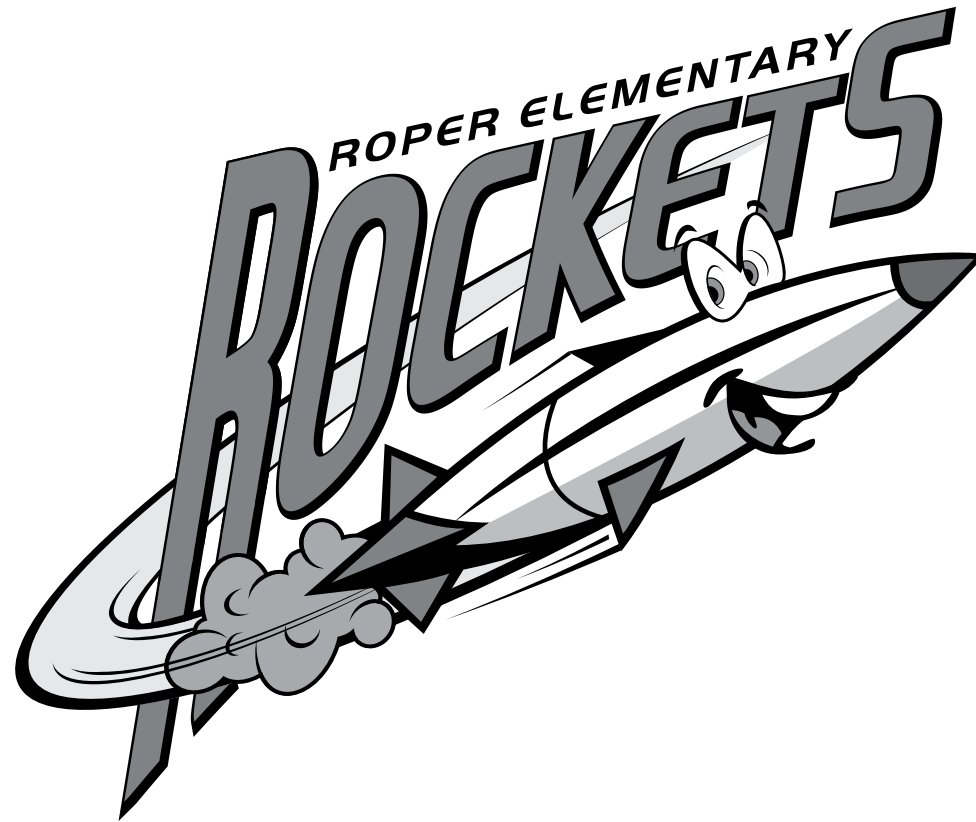
Student-Safe Drop Off/Pick Up and Go!
 Stay in your vehicle. Always pull over to the curb before allowing your child to enter/exit the vehicle.

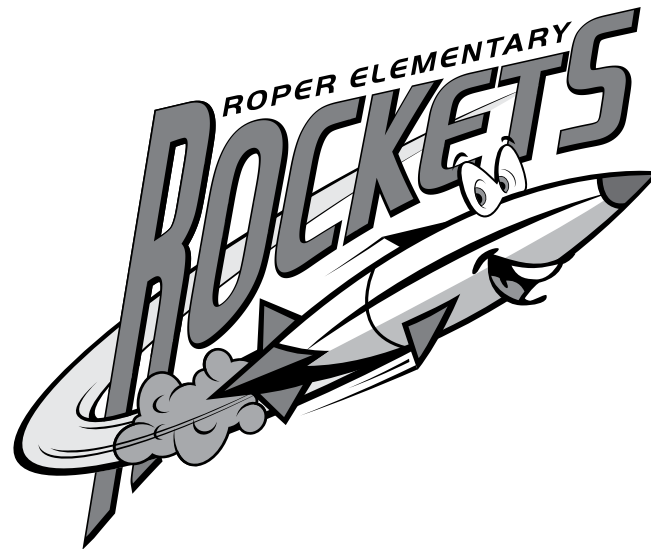
West Traffic Loop



No Parking during
 Student-Safe Drop Off/Pick Up and Go! 7:45-8:15 and 2:45-3:15

Student-Safe Drop Off/Pick Up and Go!
 Stay in your vehicle. Always pull over to the curb before allowing your child to enter/exit the vehicle.





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