

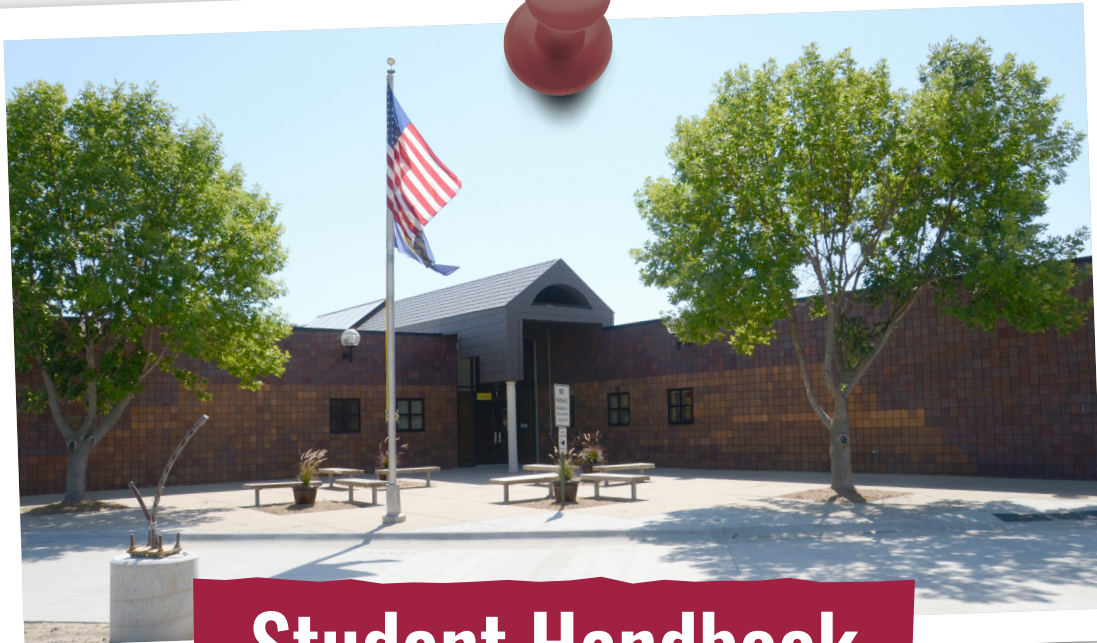
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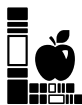


Student Handbook

ALL STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!

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Brandi Luber, Principal | Chelsea Ford, Assistant Principal



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For Bilingual Liaisons:

Arabic: 402-436-1715 نرجو الإتصال بـ هذه الأرقام إذا كنتم تحتاجون إلى خدمات الترجمة للغالب العربية

Russian: Если вам требуются услуги переводчика пожалуйста позвоните по телефону: 402-436-1942

Español: Por favor llame a este número de teléfono si necesita servicios de intérpretes: 402-436-1938

Vietnamese: Xin vui lòng gọi về số này nếu quý vị cần có dịch vụ thông dịch: 402-436-1939

Ukrainian: Будь ласка, зателефонуйте за цим номером, якщо вам потрібні послуги перекладу: 402-436-1786

Karen: ဝံသးစူကီးလိတဲစီနီဂ်ာအဲအဲနမ္မာလိန်ဘုကတိကျိးထံတဲအတဲဆိန်ထွဲမၤစၢ 402-436-1769



Please Note:

All procedures, guidelines and dates outlined in these documents are subject to change, based on recommendations and directives issued by the Nebraska Department of Education, the Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department (LLCHD), or other governing body.

LPS Student Calendar



2026-27

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- First Day for K, 6, & 9th Grades
- All K-12 Students in Session
- Last Day for Students
- All Schools Not in Session
- Schools Not in Session (Professional Learning/Planning Day)
- ⌞ Quarter Start Dates
- ⌞ Quarter End Dates

Graduation Dates

Tuesday, May 18, 2027 – Yankee Hill

Wednesday, May 19, 2027 – Independence Academy

Thursday, May 20, 2027 – Bryan Community

At Pinnacle Bank Arena – May 21-23, 2027

Fri: LHS | Sat: LNS, LNW, LSE, LNE | Sun: LSW, LSB, EHS

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 days, or other appropriate calendar or schedule measures.



Letter from the Principal

Dear Fredstrom Families,
Welcome to Fredstrom! This handbook has been prepared for all students and families in hopes it will be helpful in answering questions you might have about the procedures and practices of our school. We will try to keep you well informed of any changes as they occur.

Please review the contents of the handbook with your child. The Important Information Booklet provided by Lincoln Public Schools also gives critical parent/student information. Please contact us if you have any questions.

We appreciate your support and look forward to partnering with you this school year!



Brandi Luber,
Principal



Chelsea Ford,
Assistant Principal

Staff Directory 2026-27

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR ASSISTANCE

Main Office.....	402-436-1140
Attendance Line 24 Hour Line.....	402-436-1140, Option 5 (for Reporting Student Absences)
Health Office	402-436-1140, Option 2 (for School Nurse)
Fredstrom Fax.....	402-458-3240
Lincoln Public Schools District Office.....	402-436-1000

MAIN OFFICE

Brandi Luber.....	Principal
Chelsea Ford	Assistant Principal
Janine Marker.....	Office Professional II
Summer Brannan.....	Office Professional III

THIRD GRADE

Amy Davidson	Teacher
Hannah Ferguson.....	Teacher
Abbey Spaulding	Teacher
Jenna Vinton.....	Teacher

SPECIALS

Aiden Weishaar	Art Teacher
Michele Sleight.....	Computer Teacher / Librarian
Kenny Cope.....	Physical Education Teacher
Carmen Strauss.....	Vocal Music Teacher

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Janet Eskra.....	Teacher
Hannah Evans	Teacher
Michelle Ferguson	Teacher
Kimberly Gonderinger.....	Teacher
Tom Zelasney.....	Teacher

FOURTH GRADE

Kristen Nabben.....	Teacher
Shari Timm	Teacher
Aaron Wisniewski.....	Teacher

RESOURCES

Tara Dissmeyer.....	Academic Support Teacher
Judy Wasserman.....	Behavior Interventionist
Erica Seip	Reading Intervention Teacher
Haley Peterson.....	School Counselor

KINDERGARTEN

Alyssa Barnhouse	Teacher
Georgia Dilley	Teacher
Stacey Heiser.....	Teacher

FIFTH GRADE

Lindsey Boyle	Teacher
Rachel Fellows.....	Teacher
Ashley Rutt	Teacher

CUSTODIAL

Robert Meyer.....	Assistant Custodial Supervisor I
Aubrey Bachelor	Custodian
Marissa Dughman	Custodian
Olivia Macfee	Custodian
Bryan Popp-McCoy.....	Custodian

FIRST GRADE

Halie Mustard.....	Teacher
Peggy Pohlman	Teacher
Jaiden Tweton.....	Teacher

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Thekra Abdulzehra.....	Paraeducator
Cortney Page	Paraeducator
Janelle Payne	Paraeducator
Hozan Taha	Paraeducator
Anna Ackah	Teacher
Heather Burback.....	Teacher
Danielle Laughlin.....	Teacher
Jessica Schmale	Teacher

FOOD SERVICES

Karen Hedglin.....	Food Service Manager I
Aseel Fadhil.....	Food Service
Jennifer Gilmore	Food Service
Lory Gose.....	Food Service

SECOND GRADE

Sara Bottorff.....	Teacher
Jayson Seip	Teacher
Sydney Swann.....	Teacher

About

Fredstrom Elementary, located in the Highlands subdivision in northwest Lincoln, opened in 1983, and renovations/additions were completed in 2011. The school was named in honor of Dr. Rudolph L. Fredstrom, a distinguished educator in the Lincoln Public Schools. It was Dr. Fredstrom's desire that each child develop an "appetite for learning". As such, our staff believes that learning should be a successful, challenging and enjoyable experience for all children. High academic and behavioral expectations contribute to student success. The school is organized into teaching teams, which help facilitate successful instructional levels for each student. Teams of dedicated and talented staff work together to provide top quality instruction in a safe and caring environment.



Family support for education at Fredstrom Elementary is high. Volunteers (at home, in school, P.T.A.) logged hundreds of hours this past year, in addition to the regular support provided to students in each home. Children certainly benefit from this wonderful level of involvement. Together we make a difference for our students!



Intent of Student Handbook

This handbook is intended to be used by students, parents, and staff as a guide to the rules, regulations, and general information about Fredstrom Elementary School. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with the handbook and knowing the information contained within it. Parents are encouraged to use this handbook as a resource and to assist their child in following the rules contained in this handbook.

Although information found in this handbook contains detailed and specific information on a variety of topics, the handbook is not intended to cover every situation and circumstance that may arise during any school day, or school year. 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 circumstance 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.

Our Vision

At Fredstrom Elementary kids come first! We will not put limits on any child's potential. We will hold high expectations for academics, behavior, and character development. It will be our job to help students achieve more than they've ever dreamed possible. "On grade level or above" will not just be a statement-it will be our belief.

We believe that learning should be a joyful, hopeful, experience for all children. As such, we will support students as they face the challenges of learning. Risk-taking will be encouraged as students move beyond the comfortable to the unknown. Perseverance, curiosity, desire and motivation will be traits seen in our students, nurtured by our staff. We all will truly be learners.

We believe in the collective power of our teams. Collaborative adults working together, learning and teaching, will provide a model for our students and community. Decisions made together have the benefit of many views and much wisdom. We will all benefit from strengths of one another. We believe we are meant to be the difference in each child's life.

At Fredstrom elementary, our community will warmly embrace all who join us. We will provide a safe and caring environment where students feel a sense of belonging and where respect and responsibility are expected and shared. Differences and diversity will be embraced. Open, honest communication will be the norm and trust will flourish. Together we will help all of our students believe, achieve and succeed!

Our Mission

*"The Fredstrom Community Soaring to Success...
Supporting, Offering, Achieving, Reflecting."*

Supporting the Whole Child...

At Fredstrom Elementary kids come first! We are building a community where our children feel safe and supported by caring adults. Trust is built and relationships flourish.

Offering Opportunities...

At Fredstrom Elementary we believe in creating opportunities for students to learn and grow academically, socially, and behaviorally. We cultivate well-rounded learners through authentic exploration and collaboration as 21st century learners.

Achieving Academic Excellence...

At Fredstrom Elementary we strive to continually set challenging and purposeful academic goals. We embrace learning, focusing on increasing engagement, promoting risk-taking, and fostering problem solving, in order for students to move beyond the comfortable to the unknown.

Reflecting on Our Impact...

At Fredstrom Elementary we work together in collaborative teams to develop positive and productive life-long learners and leaders. Motivated teams create an atmosphere of joyful learning, where success is celebrated. Along with our students we will make a difference in our world.

School Day

School Hours

Kindergarten to 5th Grade

8:15 a.m. - 3:38 p.m.

Early Childhood

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

12:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Arrival

- The Fredstrom Elementary 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 then.
- If your student is not eating breakfast, supervision does not begin until 8:00 a.m. You will follow the traffic on NW 10th street and drop off near the green cones. Once your child has been greeted and let out of the car by a staff member, you will continue with the traffic going North. We ask that you do not cut through the parking lot.
- Please allow cross walk supervisors to allow students and families to cross the street while you wait for the drop off zone.

Dismissal

- At 2:53 pm, your student will be dismissed out of their grade level doors on the south side of the building near the playground.
- Students will not be able to walk through the playground and field to their cars. They will use the sidewalk along NW 10th street as they go around. We ask for your partnership in this as well and walk your child to the side walk rather than across the playground. We are unable to provide supervision over the hill on W. Harvest Dr.

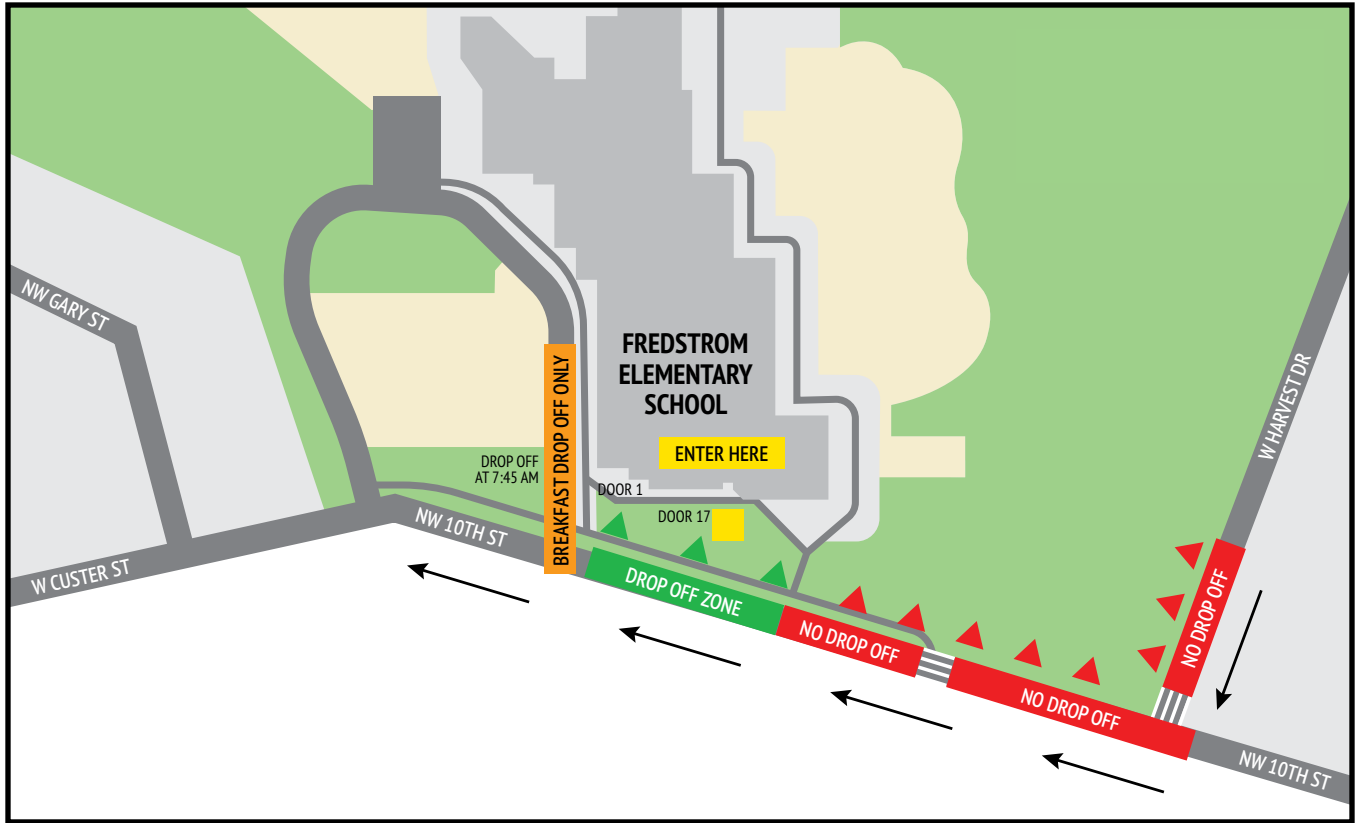
Additional Information

- All students must go directly home or to a school-sanctioned after school activity.
- Please stop your car either before or after the cones. Do not park by the cones as this is marked to allow us to have safe distance for visibility of children crossing the street.
- Students are to use the cross walk to cross the street, not in the middle of the street.
- For the safety and well-being of students, parents, community members and staff, pets/personal companion animals are not allowed to be brought on school grounds when students are present except in accordance with this regulation. Having your pet in the car with you when you pick up your child is acceptable. Animals brought to school as Pet Therapy animals will follow the "Pet Therapy Guidelines". Service animals are permitted in accordance with Policy 3972. More information can be found in the LPS "Important Information Booklet" that was emailed to families in August. You can also call LPS Student Services at 402-436-1688.

Late Pick Up

- Parents must come to the office and sign out their student if not picked up by 3:00 pm. Children will not be allowed to wait outside or go to cars without an adult coming to the main office to pick them up.
- If we are unable to reach a parent/guardian, we will attempt to reach the Emergency Contacts.
- If your child is not picked up by 3:30 pm, Lincoln Police Department may be notified.

Arrival Plan



Drop Off Zone

- A staff member in a vest will open the door for your child.
- They will exit on the right side of the car near the curb.
- Staff will assist your child out of the car.
- Drop Off for the school day is 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.
- If your child arrives after 8:15 a.m, they will need to go through Door 1 and check in at the main office to get a tardy slip.

Traffic Flow

- Traffic will continue to flow and move north.
- Cars will be in a single file line as students move towards the drop off zone.
- Please do not park in the cross walk to allow families to cross safely.

Lunchroom Procedures

When coming to have lunch with your child, please remember these items:

- You and your child will sit at a guest table to enjoy lunch together.
- We ask that phones be put away to encourage conversation.
- Due to many food allergies and sensitivities, we ask that no food be brought in/shared with children other than your own.

SNAP

SNAP is the name of our cafeteria cash register system. With the SNAP cash register system a parent/guardian deposits money into an account that is accessed by the child entering their SNAP number on a keypad in the cafeteria or by using a barcode. If your child is returning to our school, they will use the same number as last year. If your child is new to Lincoln Public Schools, a number will be assigned. Money in an account can be transferred from one school to another if a student changes schools within Lincoln Public Schools.

Account Balances

Parents can sign up online for email alerts when the balance is low.

Federal/State Guidelines

The United States' Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska Department of Education competitive Foods Policy states that "no food may be sold or served that competes with the national School Lunch and/or Breakfast programs one half hour prior to the serving period." This means that no food may be sold (i.e. pop, snack machines, fund raisers). No food may be brought in as treats for class rewards, or class parties one half hour prior to the serving periods. Outside food may be brought in for your child(ren) only.



Join Us for Breakfast or Lunch!

Breakfast Prices*

Students - \$1.30
Reduced Price - \$0.30
Adults and Visitors - \$2.95

Lunch Prices*

Students - \$2.50
Reduced Price - \$0.40
(Ask for an application in our office)
Adults and Visitors - \$5.00
Milk Only - \$0.60

Schedule

GRADE	LUNCH	SPECIALS
Team K	11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	12:10 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Team 1	11:20 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.	2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.
Team 2	11:35 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	1:05 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
Team 3	11:55 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.	9:55 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Team 4	12:10 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.	9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
Team 5	12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	10:50 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

**Prices subject to change*

Medical and Dental Appointments on School Time

Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours. However, there are times students may be absent from school in order to keep medical or dental appointments. It is necessary that the child check in and out through the office. If the child will be late arriving to school, please send a note the previous day or call our school attendance line at 402-436-1140 (Option 5).

Absences

Please call the 24 hour attendance line at 402-436-1140 (Option 5) to report absences. Unless the school is notified, a call will be made to your home or place of work to verify the absence.

Make-Up Work

We appreciate parent/guardians' conscientious regard for picking up homework for their child.

- If your child will be absent only one day, work may be made up or taken home upon return to school.
- If your child will be absent for an extended period of time, please contact the classroom teacher to plan for completion of work and notify the office.

Please call the school (on the attendance line, Option 5) in the morning to request homework to be picked up after school.



Falcon Feathers

As students demonstrate safe, respectful and responsible behaviors, staff members are watching and reinforcing positive behavior with Falcon Feathers. Students are handed a Falcon Feather and verbally given feedback on their effort toward being safe, responsible and/or respectful.

Falcon Feathers are tallied, with individual and school-wide rewards given as goals are met.



Communication

School Newsletter - Falcon Flyer

The Falcon Flyer contains announcements, information, school events, etc. This newsletter is sent monthly through School Messenger.

Weekly Communication Folders

Typically, school news will be sent home via Wednesday folders. Please return the folder the next day including any notes to your child's teacher. General information will be sent with the youngest child in the family (K-5) attending Fredstrom School.

Friday Monthly Emails

Teachers will email families with current curriculum studies, upcoming events, team/classroom news on Fridays. Please make reading these emails a priority, as they will keep you up-to-date. If you have questions or comments, responding to these emails are a great way to stay in touch with your child's teacher.

ParentVue

Parents may access communications, attendance information, report card grades, 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.



Bullying

Who to contact if your student is feeling unsafe or bullied

If you feel that your child is being bullied by peers, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal. 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 that they are being bullied or are in an unsafe situation. These people may include, but are not limited to, their teacher, the 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.

Before and After School Care

Before-and-after school care is available to families at Fredstrom School for a fee through Family Services (this is not a service of the Lincoln Public Schools). Family Service may have a "waiting list" for participation. Other center-based and home daycares are located in the Highlands. Information is available at answers4families.org or by calling 1-800-746-8420.



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