



News from the Principal

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer

La Porte High School
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Current Resident Or

Get To Know La Porte High School:

- LPHS is Home of the “Slicers.” The nickname originates from a meat slicing company in La Porte in the late 1800s. The nickname is exclusive to La Porte High School and carries a lot of pride in the community.
- LPHS is accredited through AdvancEd, a world-wide organization that helps schools continuously improve their practices. Accreditation is ongoing and has been maintained since 1909.
- A school musical group performs the school song live on each Orange & Black Friday through the year.
- LPHS offers across-the-board Advanced Placement course offerings in Math, Science, English, SS and Visual Arts. New this year is the AP Capstone Program which is a college prep program that can result in AP scholar recognition and the AP Capstone Diploma from the College Board.
- LPHS offers over 100 college credit hours available for students to earn through Purdue NorthWest, Ivy Tech, and Indiana University. The 2018-2019 school year is the first in a new partnership with IU’s Advance College Placement program.
- A new student health clinic is opening at LPHS. In partnership with the La Porte Hospital and Healthcare Foundation of La Porte, a Nurse Practitioner will be available during school hours.
- Students are gaining new opportunities in Career & Technical Education at LPHS. A new pathway in Communications is underway at LPHS in addition to recently added programs: Conexus manufacturing, Agriculture, and Energy Academy.
- LPHS is excited for the new Performing Arts Center which will house our performing arts programs including theatre, dance, and technical theatre. Be sure to visit a performance this year to experience this state-of-the-art facility!
- There is a lot of buzz around LPHS Agriculture. Our students are exploring many career opportunities in Agriculture and FFA!
- The “Strive for 95” attendance program recognizes students who earn 95% attendance during a semester with prizes like gift cards, t-shirts, and candy.
- The LPHS music programs are some of the best around. Our choirs and bands frequently perform in the community and are recognized state-wide. Our bands have been awarded the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) All Music Award every year since the award has been given. This award recognizes programs with exemplary results at all ISSMA events in recognition of being an outstanding and well-rounded program.
- LPHS is a Project Lead the Way school. PLTW is a nationally recognized engineering program. Our newest program is the PLTW Biomedical Science program.
- LPHS is a member school of the La Porte County Career and Technical Education Center. There are over 15 programs available to students in career and technical education.
- LPHS has partnered with Horizon Bank to offer students, parents, and the community the Slicer Branch that is located in the main commons.
- LPHS is a member school of the Duneland Athletic Conference, a premier high school athletic conference with schools from Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties.
- LPHS offers the Virtual Learning Academy that provides online academic opportunities to all students.
- LPHS offers over 30 student clubs and organizations for students to experience.
- Follow La Porte High School on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/slicerslphs>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LPCSC.LPHS>; or <http://slicernewsroom.com>

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! On behalf of the faculty and staff of La Porte High School I offer a sincere welcome to our students and staff.

The 2018-2019 school year will be a special time as all school years are, but this school year we are excited to celebrate the 150th graduating class of La Porte High. 150 years of Orange and Black, what an incredible milestone! Students today are walking in the footsteps of thousands and thousands of Slicer alumni to pursue an education that will prepare them for their future. Each Slicer adds to our school's proud history in many ways. Through academics, athletics, campus life, the arts, and more our students are gaining knowledge and skills that will carry them to various careers and professions here in the La Porte area and beyond.

LPHS has a fine tradition to live up to and current Slicers are up to the challenge in a new era. New graduation pathways signal the need to develop talent pipelines and a more prepared workforce. Not only do all students need to be ready from an academic and/or technical standpoint, but students must be able to demonstrate a range of employability skills and behaviors that are needed to be successful in a variety of postsecondary settings. Skills like work ethic, punctuality, drug free, communication, teamwork, and customer service are needed in every career field. As a school we are emphasizing awareness and development of these skills and mindsets so that every Slicer is college, career, and community ready. Our leadership and teams are working with the community to better support students' career paths through various ways including local internships, the Disney Institute, business engagement menu, strategic planning, comprehensive counseling plan, the Slicer Champions mentoring program, classroom speakers, and business tours. These initiatives and more are being strategically put into place to meet student and community needs.

There is no doubt that a lot has changed since 1869, but we hold fast to our mission to prepare students for the future. "Lux et Veritas," which is Latin for light and truth, is the traditional motto carved in older buildings or cited in early school memorabilia and indicates that by getting an education one is seeking to enrich their life. Today we voice "Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer" as a way of expressing our pride and sense of belonging to an excellent school with a rich history. Today's students still seek to enhance their lives as they begin their career path.

We have much to celebrate throughout the history of La Porte High School. I am glad you are a member of the Slicer Family and I look forward to experiencing the new school year together as we celebrate 150 years of La Porte High School.

All the best,

Ben Tonagel, Principal

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements and graduation testing have been changing over the past several years and continue to change. Students in the 2019-2022 cohorts may satisfy graduation requirements in one of four ways:

- Passing the GQE/ISTEP+10
- Meeting the requirements of the GQE/ISTEP+10 waiver (see info below)
- Successfully complete the new graduation pathways (all three boxes).
- Attempt new graduation pathways but receive a waiver (rare)

La Porte High School offers the new graduation pathways for students in the 2019-2022 cohorts as a graduation option. Please note students must attempt the GQE/ISTEP+10 test even if opting into the new graduation pathways.

Diploma Waiver Information

In addition to meeting course credit requirements, students must pass the graduation exams in Math and English in order to graduate. In the event a student does not pass the graduation tests, he/she may apply for a waiver and must meet the following criteria:

- Complete remediation opportunities offered by the school
- 95% attendance rate
- Test at least once per year from 10th grade and thereafter
- “C” average in core classes
- Teacher and principal recommendation

New State Graduation Pathways

The Indiana State Board of Education adopted a new policy for graduation this summer which will offer students various pathway options to graduation. The new pathways can become effective immediately for schools and students who choose to opt in right away, but are required for students in the graduating class of 2023 and beyond. LPHS is choosing to implement the new pathways immediately. The pathways require students to satisfy at least one option from each of the three boxes in order to graduate.

Graduation Requirements	Graduation Pathway Options
1) High School Diploma (Students must complete the course requirements of one of the following.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core 40 designation; • Academic Honors designation; • Technical Honors designation; • General designation.
2) Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills (Students must complete <i>at least one</i> of the following.)	Learn employability skills standards through locally developed programs. Employability skills are demonstrated by <u>one</u> the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project-Based Learning Experience; OR • Service-Based Learning Experience; OR • Work-Based Learning Experience.
3) Postsecondary-Ready Competencies (Students must complete <i>at least one</i> of the following.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Designation: Fulfill all requirements of either the Academic or Technical Honors designation; OR • ACT: College-ready benchmarks; OR • SAT: College-ready benchmarks; OR • ASVAB: Earn at least a minimum AFQT score to qualify for placement into one of the branches of the US military; OR • State- and Industry-recognized Credential or Certification; OR • Federally-recognized Apprenticeship; OR • Career-Technical Education Concentrator: Must earn a <u>C average</u> or higher in at least 6 high school credits in a career sequence; OR • AP/IB/Dual Credit/Cambridge International courses or CLEP Exams: Must earn a <u>C average</u> or higher in at least three courses; OR • Locally Created Pathway that meets the framework from and earns the approval of the State Board of Education.

PSAT

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take the PSAT October 11th. The PSAT is a comprehensive assessment that measures necessary skills and knowledge for college and career readiness and success. The PSAT provides a way to track college and career readiness growth throughout a student's high school career and helps students prepare for the SAT. All students must have the skills to succeed in college and careers. The PSAT replaces the Accuplacer as a state required indicator of the need for remediation.

“Strive for 95”

LPHS is striving for a student attendance rate of 95% or better. In 2017-2018 the overall school attendance rate was 94.3%. This means students should strive to be present for at least 86 of the 90 semester days. “Strive for 95” is the catchphrase for our attendance program. Besides being the magic number for a waiver, 95 is the magic number for the incentive program where students are recognized for reaching this standard each semester. Regular school attendance has a direct positive impact on school achievement. Each time a student is absent they miss class time that cannot be duplicated through make up assignments.

“Good Standing”

Students are required to be in “good standing” to be eligible for certain extra-curricular school functions and events. “Good Standing” means a student is attending school as required with no attendance contracts. Significant tardies to class is considered an attendance issue. “Good Standing” means students don't have any major disciplinary issues like suspension, a behavior contract, or chronic ISD. It also means a student is making

graduation progress toward a diploma. Significant or considerable discipline infractions, lack of diploma progress, and/or attendance issues may exclude a student from participating in the Fall Fling or Prom. The goal is to enjoy the social aspects of high school, but to first take care of learning priorities.

21st Century Scholarships

Indiana currently offers the 21st Century Scholarship program for qualifying students. This program is a great way for families to pay for college education. Students must adhere to the program's standards. Visit <http://scholars.in.gov/> to learn more about the Scholar Success Program and/or contact your school counselor.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Class of 2019 Seniors are advised to visit www.UFLC.net for announcements on timelines for Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships. It is expected that applications will be available in middle to late August.

2018-2019 Grading Periods

- Semester 1 August 15-December 21; midterm Oct. 12
- Semester 2 January 7-May 29; midterm March 15

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mark your calendars for this year's P/T conferences. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at La Porte High School each semester. The dates of the evening conferences are:

- Oct. 17 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 18 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.
- March 14 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Appointments can be made by signing up online through the district website. Info and directions on how to sign up will be sent to parents when the sign-up window is available.

You can always schedule a meeting with your child's teacher at any time by calling 362-3102 and requesting a conference. Discussing your child's progress is not limited to these dates.

La Porte Community School Corporation School Calendar 2018-2019

August 13 – First Teacher Day

August 14 – Teacher Work Day

August 15 – First Student Day

September 3 – No School – Labor Day

October 18 – No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 19 – No School

November 21-23 – Thanksgiving Break

December 24-January 4 – Winter Break

January 21 – MLK Day – Teacher PD – Student E-Learning Day

February 15 – No School/Snow Make Up Day

February 18 – No School/Snow Make-Up Day

March 18 – No School – E-Learning Day ALL

March 29-April 5 – Spring Break

April 19 – No School – Good Friday

May 27 – No School – Memorial Day

May 29 – Last Student Day (unless more snow make-up days are necessary)

May 30 – Last Teacher Day (unless more snow make-up days are necessary)

June 9 – GRADUATION DAY!

LPHS Visitor Safety

LPHS will continue utilizing safety features for visitors through the Raptor Visitor Management System. This system requires a driver's license to check in. The system uses the driver's license to check the background of visitors. Visitors to LPHS must enter the school through the main entrance on "I" Street and check in at the security desk with their driver's license to obtain a visitor's badge. The badge must be worn during the duration of the visit. LPHS staff members are asked to initiate contact with any unidentified person in the building. Thank you for your help with these safety measures.

Closed Campus Procedures

As a matter of student safety, LPHS operates as a "closed campus" before school and during lunch. This means that when students arrive on campus in the morning they are to enter the school and stay until dismissal. Bussed students, parent drop-offs, walkers, and student drivers are expected to remain on campus once they arrive. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds. Loitering on nearby street corners, walking to the convenient store, or just "hanging out" off school grounds is not permitted. We are asking for the cooperation of our students and parents with these expectations and procedures.

LPHS Safe Schools Hotline 324-1390

The La Porte Community School Corporation is committed to providing a safe environment for students and staff that is free of drugs, alcohol, bullying, harassment, and other illegal activities. This hotline was established to help all of us work toward this end. 324-1390 is an anonymous tip line for reporting information on drugs, alcohol, weapons, unsafe, and illegal activity that will harm our students.

Clear Backpacks and Student IDs 2018-2019

Since the 2013-2014 school year there have been restrictions on the type and size of book bags and carrying cases used during the school day at LPHS. This rule has helped in a variety of practical matters and has benefited building safety for students and staff. The acceptable dimensions for a bag or case need to measure 9.5" X 7" or smaller. Beginning in 2018-2019 LPHS will allow clear cases and clear backpacks during the school day as an exception to the existing rule for students who wish to carry any case larger than the approved size dimensions. A limited amount of clear bags will be available for purchase in the bookstore.

With 2000+ students and many staff members on campus each day it is important that proper identification is maintained. As a matter of school safety, all staff, students, and visitors need to display identification during the school day. Students will be carrying a Chromebook case that has an ID slot for their ID card. In addition to a safety benefit, IDs help students keep track of their chromebook.

Skyward Family Access

The new student information system has a family access feature so that families have the opportunity to keep up-to-date on their student's progress in each class. Skyward Family Access is a great tool that allows you to be more actively involved in your child's education. It is extremely important that the school has current parent information (address, phone, email, etc.) before setting up Skyward Family Access. A valid email address is required in order to utilize Skyward Family Access. A paper registration form is needed for each student. They will be available at Open House/Registration in August. After each student's information is verified, parents will receive information on how to obtain Skyward Family Access.

Building Construction Update

The new Performing Arts Center is scheduled to be completed sometime in the fall. We are anticipating completion by Oct. 1 although the time line could fluctuate. Until the construction is complete, building and traffic accessibility on the "F" Street side campus will be impacted. In addition to building construction, a new drive is being constructed from the student parking lot to 10th Street to increase accessibility to/from the student parking lot. This project is also scheduled to be complete by the fall. Parents and students need to be aware of the ongoing construction and traffic flow patterns that have limited space and mobility on the "F" Street side of the building.

- Parent drop off and pick up will still be on the "F" Street side of the building at Door 9.
- Parents wishing to drop off and pick up students will enter the driveway in the back of the school that runs parallel to "F" Street. Entrance to this driveway is from 6th Street.
- Parent traffic flow will proceed one way to exit towards 8th Street. The new entrance to the PAC is currently under construction and project progress will determine traffic flow at the start of the school year. Fencing in the construction area is shifting.
- Parents are asked to stay away from bus traffic in the "I" Street Lot due to safety. Special parking is available for handicap accessibility on the "I" Street side. Parents need to see an administrator or the nurse for permission.
- Student drivers will continue to use the "F" Street Lot. Once the new drive that exits to 10th Street is complete, there will be another exit, but at the time of this newsletter the drive is still being constructed.
- Door 16 is now accessible to student drivers in addition to Door 23. Parents should not drop off or pick up at Door 16. Parents should utilize Door 9.

Student Driving/Parking

All student drivers are required to obtain a parking permit from Student Services in order to park in LPHS parking lots. A parking tag costs \$15. Make of Vehicle, Year of Vehicle, and the license plate number are needed to complete an application. Apps are available in Student Services. Visit Student Services for an application. The "I" Street parking lot is for bus traffic and staff designated parking lot only. All students are expected to park in the "F" Street Lot.

Students are expected to drive in a safe and orderly manner in the parking lots at all times. Driving to school is a privilege that can be revoked if students drive dangerously or recklessly. Students who drive recklessly or dangerously will not be permitted to park on LPHS grounds. Additionally, LPHS reserves the right to search any vehicle parked on our property to protect the welfare of our students.

All students are expected to park in the main "F" Street lot. All students are required to obtain a parking permit by the end of the school day on Sept. 1. Student drivers are subject to the LPCSC Drug Testing Policy.

Dog Searches

The La Porte Community School Board has approved the use of dogs to search for drugs on campus. These searches can occur within the school or in the parking lots. They will occur randomly throughout the school year. Students will remain in their class during these searches.

From the Nurse

The ISDH (Indiana State Department of Health) has additional immunization requirements for all students entering 12th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. **Two Hepatitis A** vaccines and a second **meningococcal** (MCV4) vaccine is required. The only exception is if your child did not receive the first MCV4 until AFTER their 16th birthday. If that was the case, then they do not need this 2nd vaccine.

In accordance with ISHD law, your child needs to have proof of receiving this vaccine by the first day of school (August 15^h). This vaccine can be obtained from your family doctor or at the La Porte County Health Department by calling 326-6808, ext. 2200, to schedule an appointment. Please contact Rachel Cooper, RN (LPHS nurse), if you have any questions regarding this requirement.

Breakfast & Lunch Program

Visit www.lpcsc.k12.in.us and click on “Departments” on the upper part of the page and then click “Food Services” to apply for Free/Reduced priced meals online. Parents are also asked to review the Charge Policy. The process is safe and secure. Information will be available at Registration/Open House in August. We are pleased that lunch prices will not increase for the 2018-2019 school year- secondary \$2.05 for lunch and \$1.25 breakfast. Spanish and paper applications will also be available during open house in August.

Textbook Rental

Textbook rental can now be paid through Skyward Family Access. Parents should visit the district’s website www.lpcsc.k12.in.us and scroll down the main page to the section “Online Fee Payment Now Available” for step-by-step instructions. Textbook rental is charged individually according to the courses that a student takes at LPHS. Rental statements are mailed to parents several weeks after the first semester begins. Parents should be on the lookout for textbook rental statements by mid-September. Parents have the option to pay textbook rental online. Free and reduced applications can also be completed online.

Wi-Fi Network Access

Students have access to the school network at LPHS from their personal devices. It is not a requirement to bring a personal media device. While at school students will still be under the same rules on their own devices as if they were using LPHS devices. The Accceptable Use Policy can be found in the student handbook.

One-to-World Program

LPHS will once again be participating in the “One to World” initiative during the 2018-2019 school year. All students are assigned a Chromebook and carrying case to use at school and at home. LPHS teachers and classrooms incorporate technology in a variety of ways including the use of Canvas Learning Management System and with the onset of eLearning days into the school calendar, students are expected to take care of their chromebook and charger and come to class prepared to learn with it. A maintenance plan is available to parents and staff. More information can be found at <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/one-to-world/>

Personal Communication Devices

Where allowed, personal communication devices are subject to the same guidelines as those specified for school owned equipment. Personal devices are to be used for educational purposes only. Inappropriate use of personally owned devices whether connected via LPCS network or an external provider will result in the same penalties and disciplinary actions as those defined in the Acceptable Use Policy.

Students will be allowed to have their personal devices in the classroom with the teacher's permission. In effect this means that the device is being used for classroom activity with the teacher's supervision. At no time should there be any reason for the device to be in use for phone or texting purposes while in class. Devices should be turned off and put away to not create a disturbance. Refer to the Slicer Handbook for more info.

Slicer Support Services

LPHS Slicer Support Services offers comprehensive counseling for student issues pertaining to substance abuse/dependence, suicide prevention, and other related concerns. Slicer Support Services Counselor, Christine G. Rosenbaum, works with students who are referred by LPHS administration and staff, parents, and through self-referral. Strategies such as brief motivational intervention and other evidence-based interventions are utilized in individual and group sessions.

Slicer Support Services provides counseling at no cost and adheres to the highest standards of confidentiality by following the American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics. All records maintained in Slicer Support Services are kept confidential and do not become part of the student's academic file. Mrs. Rosenbaum may be contacted via email at crosenbaum@lpcsc.k12.in.us or at 362-3102.

Athletic News

Be sure to visit the athletic website <https://goslicers.com/> for updates and information on Slicer Athletics. News stories, picture, schedules, athletic department forms, and more are available to Slicer Fans.

Athletic Tickets/Passes

Admission to all LPHS varsity home athletic events is \$6. JV and freshman home event admission is \$5.

La Porte High School athletic passes are available for purchase in the Athletic Office Monday thru Friday from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Passes are not available for purchase at athletic events.

A **Slicer Pass** allows admittance to all home Slicer athletic events, excluding tournaments and invitationals, at a savings from gate admittance price. The Slicer Pass may be purchased in increments of 10, 15, or 20 admittances, is transferrable, and allows more than one individual to enter on the same pass. The Slicer Pass is scanned each time it is used and for every individual entering on the same pass.

10 admittance pass costs \$35.00

15 admittance pass costs \$52.50

20 admittance pass costs \$70.00

Booster Club

The Booster Club All-Sports Pass is \$50 with membership (\$60). This allows a member admittance to all home athletic events, excluding tournaments and invitationals.

Senior Citizens 62 years and older may purchase an all sports pass for \$30.00 that allows admittance to all home Slicer athletic events, excluding tournaments, invitationals and IHSAA state tournaments, for the 2018-2019 school year. This pass is non-transferrable.

Welcome New LPHS Teachers

Angie Fegaras, Business
Rebecca Tuholski, FACS
Jesi Furness, Agriculture
Emma Stroemple, Special Education
Lisa Martin, Special Education
Kyle Benge, Special Education
Andrew Merritt, Assistant Principal of Attendance
TBD, Science

Counselor Assignments 2018-2019

Heather Brant Grade 10 (A-F); Grade 11 (A-F)
Susan Knop Grade 11 (N-Z); Grade 9 (M-Z)
Caryn Schmidt Grade 10 (N-Z); Grade 12 (L-Z)
Kate Steinhubel Grade 10 (G-M); Grade 12 (A-K)
Sheryl Suppinger Grade 11 (G-M); Grade 9(A-L)
Christine Rosenbaum, Slicer Support Services
Matt Presley, College and Career Readiness Coordinator
Jennifer Hunt, Assistant Principal K12 Counseling

Activities Booklet

Extra-curricular activity involvement is key to success! La Porte High School offers a wide variety of clubs, activities, performing arts, and sports in which students can participate. We encourage such participation. Pamphlets which describe all the extra-curricular activities are available in the Main Office. This is an excellent way to become informed about the various opportunities at LPHS.

Senior Picture Reminder

Senior picture dates are July 16-July 25 at varying times in Schulze Hall. Seniors must schedule an appointment and have their picture taken by Root Studios in order to appear in the yearbook. Seniors can log in to their Google Classroom account to check picture dates/time. The toll free number for Root Studios is 1-800-433-1766. Retakes are in October .

See an LPHS Counselor

LPHS Counselors will be taking appointments for new student enrollment and registration starting August 1. Parents should call the Guidance Dept. to schedule an appointment. Guidance information is also available: <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/lphs/guidance/>; Twitter @SlicerCounselor

Back To School Open House

AUG. 7th

Open House Grades 10-12

- LPHS will host a back to school open house for students grades 10-12. Returning students can get their chromebook during the open house. Note: students new to LPHS will not get a chromebook at the open house.
- Grades 10-12 10:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

AUG. 7th

Class of 2022 Orientation

- There will be a special orientation for the Class of 2022 5:00-7:00 p.m. Students can learn about LPHS clubs, get a printed copy of their schedule, take a tour, and more during this event. Incoming 9th grade students will not get their chromebook at this open house.
- Parents/Students meet in Cafeteria at 5:00

AUG. 8th

Open House Grades 9-12

- LPHS will be open to all students and parents from 8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

All students enrolling will need to provide proof of residency. Those who are coming from a school system other than La Porte Community Schools will also need to provide an unofficial transcript from their previous school, a birth certificate, custody papers (if applicable), and their health records.

Student schedules will not be finalized until the first day of school. Tentative schedules may be available at registration or by checking Skyward. Guided tours will be available so students can become familiar with the school building, check out the location of their classes and find their locker. Also at the Open House/Registration day, parents can sign up for Skyward Family Access (once information is verified), students can learn about the various extracurricular activities available to them, and students can get their finger scanned for lunch purchases and athletic passes may be purchased.

LPHS Going to Semester Schedule in 2018-2019

As a reminder LPHS is now operating under a semester format. This change means the school year will be divided up into two terms instead of three. Going to semesters will result in the school year being divided into two 18-week terms (9 week quarters). The new bell schedule is posted on our website.

Absence Reporting Procedure

On the date of the absence, a student's parent/guardian must call the attendance office (362-1032) by 10:00 AM. Voicemails can be left. The purpose of the phone call is to notify the school authorities that the parent is aware of the student's absence from school. Parents should discuss any unusual circumstances for a student's absence with the Assistant Principal of Attendance.

Parents who are unable to call on the day of the absence **MUST** call the Attendance Office by 4:00 PM the next school day or the absence will be recorded as truancy. Due to forgery concerns, written notes will not be accepted. On days where there are an unusual number of students absent, we will call as many homes as possible. If the student called is not home to respond to our call or if he/she is incapacitated and cannot talk on the phone, we will request a note from his/her doctor. If the student cannot comply with either of these responses, he/she will be considered truant and the appropriate disciplinary action will be applied.

Proper School Attire

LPHS continues to emphasize preparation for the future through standards for dress. Expectations for reasonable and proper attire at LPHS are centered on the belief that the purpose of the educational process is to learn and prepare to be responsible and productive citizens. That includes preparation for additional schooling

and/or preparation for the workplace where dress expectations are present. We ask that parents and students work with the school in upholding expectations for proper student appearance so that our students are as ready as possible.

LPHS Student Planner

All students will receive a copy of the La Porte High School Student Planner this year on the first day of school. The planner contains the LPHS Student Handbook and much more.

LPHS Messaging System

LPHS counts on using a system to provide alerts and messages in timely manner to parents. Skylert messages are sent to parents as well as emails through Skyward. School newsletters and announcements are sent via email, posted in Skyward, and posted on the school's website under "News from the Principal." It is very important that parents maintain current contact information (email and phone contact) in the system to receive school communications. News from the Principal is delivered on a regular basis and also posted on the school website.

La Porte Community School Corporation Parent Resources

The district website contains some helpful links for parents under "Parent Resources." Here you can view student grades and update student information, sign up for P/T conferences online, manage your student's school meal funds, access complaint forms, and find many other school related documents.

<http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/parents/forms.asp>

La Porte Community School Corporation Anti-Harassment Policies

By going to the following link, you will be directed to NEOLA, where you may view the updated Anti-Harassment Policies numbered 1662, 3362, 4362, and 5517: <http://www.neola.com/laporte-in/>