

The Slicer Experience: *Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer*

LPHS is Home of the "Slicers." The nickname originates from a meat slicing company in La Porte in the late 1800s that sponsored LPHS. The nickname is exclusive to La Porte High School. Our colors are vivid orange and sturdy black, and our school song is "Our Old High."

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer is the **culture** we are striving to build and the experience we are seeking to create together. This culture of school pride is where students experience growth and improvement, success, and preparation for life. To accomplish this objective, our tribe must be purposeful and strategic in our approach to educating today's students. A *Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer* culture is influenced by the building itself and the people within it. There must be commitment, ownership, and a collective mindset by each tribe member of not settling for "good enough." We will strive to be outstanding in all we do to educate.

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer is a symbol of **school pride**. School colors and displays are promoted around campus as symbols of school pride. "Learn Today to Excel Tomorrow" nameplates are displayed outside of each teacher's classroom. Notable LPHS graduates are recognized and celebrated on the walls. There are data walls that display evidence of student learning and success. Walking the halls is a way to see what is valued here.

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer is **tradition**. Education and school heritage is respected greatly here. Schools in La Porte started small way back in 1856, and over the years, La Porte High School grew into today's current school campus which is comprised of four facilities/complexes (LPHS, Kiwanis Stadium, Schreiber Field, Kesling Sports Complex) and serves close to 2000 students. LPHS has been accredited by AdvancED/North Central Association continuously since 1909.

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer is a **personalization strategy**. This tagline represents our commitment to developing relationships with students to positively affect students. We believe that relationships lead to motivation.



Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer is about **learning**. At LPHS there is a keen focus on development, improvement, and effort. All students are learners. Growth is expected by our teachers and students are taught that challenges are opportunities to learn and to prepare for their potential. Teachers work in collaborative teams to focus on student learning goals. A process that concentrates on four guiding questions to increase student learning is used to focus on learning.

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer is an experience we strive towards at LPHS. Our staff and students celebrate our past while eyeing the future. We know that realizing the Slicer Experience takes teamwork, effort, and commitment to excellence and we are willing to take the often times tough journey that will be worth all the efforts. Will you join us?

