

Lincoln Park High School (Chicago)

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Lincoln Park High School (LPHS) is a public 4-year high school located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood on the north side of Chicago, Illinois, United States. The school's main present building opened in 1900. It is operated by Chicago Public Schools. The school borders Oz Park, a public park owned by the Chicago Park District. The school was formerly known as *North Division High School* and then *Robert A. Waller High School*. In 1981, the school began its International Baccalaureate program. It was one of the first schools to begin the program within the Chicago Public Schools district.^[6]

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History

Lincoln Park High School began as *North Division High School*, which opened in 1875, as the first public high school on the north side of Chicago.^[6] By the late 1890s, the school needed more room, and construction began on the current school building in 1899.^[6] This building opened as *Robert A. Waller High School* in 1900.^[6] The students and staff of North Division relocated to the new building and the old name remained in use, alongside the new name, for several decades.^[6]

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Address

2001 N. Orchard Street
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Information

School type	Public Secondary
Opened	1900
School district	Chicago Public Schools
CEEB Code	141100 ^[1]
Principal	Michael Joseph Boraz
Grades	9–12
Gender	Coed
Enrollment	2,264 (2014-15) ^[2]
Campus type	Urban
Color(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Royal Blue <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gold^[3]</p>
Athletics conference	Chicago Public League ^[3]
Team name	Lions ^[3]
Accreditation	North Central Association of Colleges and Schools ^[4]
Newspaper	<i>The Lion's Roar</i> ^[5]
Yearbook	Pride
Website	http://www.lincolnparkhs.org

By the 1910s, a concern grew that the school would soon need more room, and plans began to expand the school.^[6] It would not be until 1928 when land north of the school was obtained, and plans for an annex were pushed forward; plans that were interrupted with start of the Great Depression.^[6] The need for more space became critical, and the school's Franklin Branch was opened in 1934 (closing in 1948).^[6] In 1938, the school's annex was constructed to alleviate the need for portable classrooms.^[6] The new annex included (among others) two new gyms, which allowed for the original gymnasium to be converted into a lunch room for students.^[6] By the 1960s, the school's increased population required the return of portable classrooms as plans began for more expansion.^[6] The new north wing included a new lunch room and auditorium, allowing the old lunch room to become an office complex for counselors, and the library to move into the former assembly hall.^[6] The 1970s saw problems as the school aged and discipline issues caused the opening of an alternative satellite center for the school.^[6] As a part of the revitalization to the school in the late 1970s, the school's name was changed to its current name, and Orchard Street in front of the school was closed to create a mall between neighboring Oz Park and Armitage Street.^[6]



The then new Waller High School in 1899, renamed Lincoln Park High School in 1979

Programs

Lincoln Park High School is made up of four smaller programs. There is the neighborhood Chicago Public high school, the Fine Arts/Performing Arts school, the International Baccalaureate Program, and the double honors/honors high school program. Most students take part in classes in more than one program, except for students in the IB program who follow a prescribed curriculum. Students in the IB Diploma Program only take classes with other IB DP students, with the exception of music and/or arts classes, lunch, and physical education. There is a JROTC Program at Lincoln Park. The Performing Arts program requires auditions in order for students to be considered for enrollment. The music program consists of orchestra through all levels from beginning to symphony, and band from beginning to concert/marching band. There is also a jazz band option for advanced musicians. Students participating in the music program (with the exception of those also participating in the IB Diploma program) are required to take two years of Music Theory, at both the regular and AP levels. The drama program has multiple levels and produces numerous shows throughout the school year.

Academics

Lincoln Park was ranked as #96 in a 2010 *Newsweek* ranking of top U.S. high schools and was one of only two schools from Illinois to be listed in the top 100.^[7] Courses offered according to the IB syllabus are HL English A1, HL/SL History, HL/SL Mathematics, SL Math Studies, HL Biology, HL Chemistry, SL French A1, HL/SL Spanish B, HL/SL French B, SL/Ab Initio Arabic, SL Psychology, SL Physics, SL Music, SL Visual Arts and SL Information Technology in a Global Society.

Athletics and sports

Lincoln Park competes in the Chicago Public League (CPL) and is a member of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Their school teams are named Lions. The boys' basketball were Regional champions and Class AA in (2002-03, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07). The boys' cross country were Class AA in 1984. The girls' cross country were Class AA three times (1998-99, 1999-00, 2001-02). Lincoln Park has numerous sports team for students to participate in :

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Boys

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

Girls

- Basketball
- Cheer
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Pom Pon
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Water Polo

Clubs and activities

- Academic Decathlon
- African American Achievers
- A-(sian) Pop Club
- Art Club
- Asian American Club
- Badminton Club
- BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)
- Bible Studies
- Book Club
- Chess Team
- Climate Cycle Team
- Computer Gaming Club
- Crafty Club
- Creative Writing Club
- Cultural Connections
- Debate Team
- Ecology Club
- German Club

- Glee Club
- Improv Team
- Jewish Student Union
- Junior Statesmen of America
- Key Club
- Know Your Heritage
- Lion's Roar Newspaper
- Logic/Strategy Club
- Math Team
- Model United Nations
- National Honor Society
- Student Council
- Table Tennis
- Turkish Club
- Yearbook

Activities' accolades

Mayor Daley's Book Team won the City contest in 2006, and the Lincoln Park Know Your Heritage Team won the city contest in 2006 as well. At least one Lincoln Park Future Problem Solving Team has gone to state competition every year since the program was brought to the school in 2003, and in 2005, the school won the Future Problem Solving state championship. In 2011 the Junior Statesmen of American chapter won the Illinois Chapter of the Year award,^[8] becoming the first Chicago school (and the first urban school in the Midwest) to accomplish that feat.

Feeder patterns

Several K-8 schools feed into Lincoln Park High School.^[9] All of the attendance zones of Agassiz, Alcott, Jenner, Abraham Lincoln, Manierre, Mayer, and Schiller feed into Lincoln Park. In addition portions of the zones of Ogden and Prescott feed into Lincoln Park.^{[10][11]} However, this is only for the neighborhood program, as all other programs require separate applications to be offered a place of enrollment. As well, all other programs have students enrolled from all over the city.

Notable alumni

- Freddy Rodríguez — actor known for his work on television (*Six Feet Under*, *Ugly Betty*) and film (*Dead Presidents*).^{[12][13]}
- Jesse White — Secretary of State of Illinois (1998–present), and the founder of the Jesse White Tumbling Team.^{[14][15]}
- Paul Halmos — mathematician known for his numerous theories and advances in the field. Coincidentally, some of his works are studied in the TOK course of the school's IB Diploma Programme.
- Raymond Nicholas Kienzle (August 7, 1911 - June 16, 1979) — American film director best known for the movie *Rebel Without a Cause*.

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External links

- Lincoln Park High School (<http://www.lincolnparkhs.org/>) (**English**)

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