Where Potential Meets Opportunity

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
WHY LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL?
Because there is something for everyone.

The reasons to choose Lakewood High School are as many as the number of languages spoken by our students (25 at last count).

- Highly qualified and engaged faculty
- Robust and diverse course selection
- Engaged and multi-cultural student body
- On-site career-tech and college credit classes
- Renowned performing and visual arts programming
- Plethora of extracurricular options
- Outstanding facilities all rebuilt or renovated within last decade
- Direct access medical clinic with mental health services

Lakewood High boasts an opportunity-rich environment.

With so many options to explore, students inevitably find a home here whether in the band room, on the football field, on the stage, or in Herpetology Club. The welcoming and inclusive environment gives students the freedom to find their voice and explore their passion! Our Vision of a Lakewood Graduate *(illustrated right)* is our North Star for helping shape young men and women into graduates ready for college, careers and life.
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With approximately 170 courses offered each year, students not only receive a solid foundation in the core subjects, they also are able to enhance those foundations with myriad electives that meet every student’s interest and every student’s learning level.
AP & College Credit Plus
Our academically gifted students enjoy a wide range of challenging courses that include nine advanced courses in the core subjects and 16 Advanced Placement courses. Independent study is also an option. Free college credit is available in four on-site College Credit Plus courses taught by LHS faculty: Anatomy & Physiology, Psychology, Chinese, and Spanish.

West Shore Career-Tech
Students cook gourmet meals, build garages, robots, and computer networks in programs through West Shore Career-Tech, a consortium of the Lakewood, Bay Village, Rocky River, and Westlake school districts housed at Lakewood High. West Shore programs emphasize real-world skills and practical knowledge. Students in West Shore’s 13 programs participate in internships, job shadow and learn through hands-on projects. Students may earn state-recognized industry credentials as well as college credit. West Shore’s programs include:

• Automotive Technology
• Business Management
• Construction Trades
• Culinary Arts/ProStart
• Early Childhood Education
• Electronic Engineering Technology
• Engineering Technology: Project Lead the Way
• Health Careers Technology
• Media Arts & Design
• Medical Office Management
• Networking/CISCO
• Theatre Arts
• Sports & Exercise Science
• Specialized on-the-job training programs for special needs students

Visit www.lakewoodcityschools.org/westshore for more information.

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Performing Arts

The George P. Read Music Department provides the soundtrack to the LHS experience and is led by accomplished instructors who are standouts and award-winners in their discipline. The department offers extracurricular ensembles that include The Lakewood Project, the first high school rock orchestra in the country. Students will find:

- 6 orchestras and 1 string quartet
- 6 choirs and 2 a cappella groups
- 3 concert bands, a marching band, 2 jazz bands, and a pep band

Our ensembles routinely receive the highest marks at adjudicated events and many of our students go on to study at top college conservatories. Lakewood regularly earns the National Association of Music Merchants’ Best Communities for Music Education designation.

Our Drama Department offers a comprehensive Theatre Arts program through West Shore Career-Tech. The Barnstormers Club produces a drama and a musical each year as well as a series of one-act plays written, directed and acted by students. A number of Broadway actors over the years got their start in the department, which enjoys the luxury of two top-notch on-site performing venues in the Civic Auditorium and the Black Box Studio Theatre.
Visual Arts
The breadth and depth of our Performing Arts Department is matched in our Visual Arts Department where students can explore their creative side in ceramics, textiles, photography and more. Students learn the basics in Art 1 and can advance to the highest level in AP Studio Art: 2D Design. Our students’ artwork annually wins regional, state and national awards.

Special Education
For students requiring special learning accommodations, a wide spectrum of services are available in order to meet their full potential. Lakewood High offers instruction in small group settings to fully include instruction supported by staff. Reading and math labs are available for remedial needs and to offer support to meet state graduation requirements. Each student is viewed as an individual and their courses reflect their specific learning needs.

Foreign Language
Students at LHS can study Chinese, French, German or Spanish. Extracurricular clubs and regular Spring Break and summer trips abroad offer immersion into the culture and language that students are learning about in the classroom while broadening their understanding of the world around them.

From a Parent:
“Taking our son out of a small private school and enrolling him at Lakewood High School has been one of the best decisions we ever made, and his experience at LHS has gone well beyond all of our expectations. He has found a community, life-long friends and a sense of what he wants to pursue. We couldn’t be more impressed and grateful. Lakewood High School is a model of what successful public education looks like.”
– Rian Brown-Orso
OUR FACULTY

Teach. Engage. Mentor the Whole Child

Lakewood High’s faculty members are highly qualified, engaged, creative educators who do more than just teach the curriculum. They lead and mentor our students with their involvement in clubs and other activities outside the classroom. Our faculty members are award-winning and sought after for their best practices. Led by LHS’s five principal administrators and a West Shore director, they continually push themselves to learn more about successful teaching strategies, always with the whole child in mind.

Of our 118 faculty members:
• 3 have doctoral degrees
• 85% have earned at least one master’s degree
• 2 are recognized National Board Certified Teachers
• 1 has been honored as among the top 10 in the nation in her field

SCHOOL COUNSELING

A Guiding Hand

Lakewood High has five licensed school counselors who shepherd students through the complex college application journey, provide guidance on course selection, and a sounding board and resources for students who need additional support services outside the classroom. The department also includes a College Now counselor, funded by the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, whose time is dedicated solely to helping students navigate the college application and financial aid processes.
OUR FACILITIES

An Environment for the Whole Child

Lakewood High School boasts some of the best facilities around! A new academic wing and performing arts and physical education wing opened in the last few years and an existing academic wing underwent complete renovation 10 years ago. These new and updated spaces provide an optimal learning environment. From our professional-level culinary arts kitchen, to our Black Box Studio Theatre, to our Ranger Hub makerspace, these innovative areas help foster collaboration and creativity.
A FULL CIRCLE...

Ranger Sports
Lakewood High has Ranger Pride! Our student-athletes compete in 26 varsity sports and on more than 40 teams overall. Our athletes win conference championships and are state qualifiers and champions. Our student-athletes work hard at their sport and in the classroom as well, earning an average 3.21 GPA. Our state-of-the-art athletic facilities include:

• 22,000-square-foot gymnasium (opened 2017)
• Field turf softball field (opened 2018)
• 4,400-square-foot weight room (opened 2017)
• 8-lane, 25-yard pool with separate diving well
• Natural grass baseball field

A Club for Everyone
At Lakewood High, we believe the education and growth that happens outside the classroom is as important as what is taught inside the classroom. LHS offers over 50 clubs from nationally ranked Academic Challenge and Model UN teams to the globetrotting Travel Club and Help to Others (H2O), a community service and youth leadership group. Other sample clubs include:

• Astrology Club
• Dance Group
• Eaters of Lakewood
• Environmental Club
• Film Club
• Gamers Club
• History Club
• Lakewood Times
• Ping Pong Club
• Race & Diversity
• Ski & Snowboard Club
• Yoga Club

Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation
LHS is home to the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation (LREF), a 501(c)(3) organization that provides supplemental funding for programs and opportunities in academics, music and athletics as well as grants for innovative classroom projects and scholarships to graduating seniors. LREF maintains a database of alumni and serves as a resource for alumni engagement with the Lakewood Schools and each other. Visit www.lakewoodrangers.com for more information.
Total LHS Advanced Placement Scholars:  
(2018-19 School Year)  
- 3 National AP Scholars  
- 27 AP Scholars with Distinction  
- 18 AP Honor Scholars  
- 31 AP Scholars

Perfect ACT Scores  
(LHS Class of 2019 & 2020)

2019 LHS Graduates with  
4.0 or Higher GPA

Community Service Hours Provided by  
LHS Students (2018-19 School Year)

College Credit Plus Courses  
at LHS
Our Mission: In partnership with our families and community, Lakewood City Schools will develop responsible citizens, who are critical and creative thinkers, committed to life-long learning, invested in a diverse society, and prepared for technological and global opportunities.