

"The Pioneer Way"

Leavenworth High School educates by developing relationships which go the extra mile to promote a sense of family.

Classification: 5A
Colors: Blue and White
Team Name: Pioneers
Mascot: Pioneer Pete
CEEB Code: 171700

Mission Statement

Our mission is to create a partnership between academic subjects and real world experience in an active learning environment that will prepare students for successful careers, promote responsible citizenship, and foster healthy lifestyles in a diverse society. All students will be given the opportunity to succeed.

About Leavenworth High School

Leavenworth High School is a comprehensive and cosmopolitan high school. A diverse curriculum is offered with a high number of courses that reflect academic rigor in core subjects and in fine arts, practical arts, physical education, and Junior ROTC.

Core Values

- We will be the best learning community.
- We educate the whole person.
- We treat all people with courtesy and respect.
- We maintain absolute honesty and integrity in all we do.
- Each of us will seek continuous improvement.
- LHS is a stimulating, positive, caring place.

Community

Leavenworth (population 35,463) sits northwest of the greater Kansas City area. The area is continuously growing due to the influx of new businesses and industries into the local economy. Students in attendance come from a wide variety of income providers including community, military, and federal occupations.

School Organization

Leavenworth High School runs on a standard four-year graduation curriculum. Enrollment at LHS averages about 1300 students. For over 100 years, the school had been accredited by the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and is currently accredited by the Kansas State Department of Education Quality Performance Accreditation.

Leavenworth High School currently schedules a 180-day school year. Students may enroll in courses that are either a semester or a year in length. The school days are based on an eight-period schedule in which a student attends four 78-minute classes every other day.

Leavenworth High School awards a half credit per semester per class. Students must earn 23 credits or 26 credits (class of 2023+) to graduate.

Pioneer Career Center

In partnership with Kansas City Kansas Community College, USD 453 serves as a host site for the Pioneer Career Center. The campus enhances local access to career and technical instruction by giving students the opportunity to explore career paths in a hands-on environment. Pioneer Career Center credit may be used toward an Associate's degree at KCKCC or other accepting institutions while also qualifying for high school credit.

Faculty

The teaching staff at Leavenworth High School is highly educated, some having graduated from a university or college from around the world. Approximately sixty percent hold at least a master's degree.

Curriculum

Leavenworth High School currently offers a wide range of courses to meet student needs to include college preparatory, business, vocational, and special education programs. Honors English (Pre-AP), Honors Algebra II, Honors Geometry, and Honors Biology are offered to increase academic rigor but are not given weighted credit. English Composition I and English Composition II, as well as Pre-Calculus and several of the drafting courses, may be taken for dual credit (college and high school) but are not weighted.

Advanced Placement

The AP level courses currently offered at the high school include Biology, Chemistry, Physics 2, Calculus AB, Statistics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, United States History, World History, Spanish Language and Culture, Studio Art, and Art History. These courses are given weighted credit for cumulative GPA and class rank. Certain courses may be taken for dual credit (college and high school) through Kansas City Kansas Community College. *Weighted credit is issued for other national programs (i.e., IB and Cambridge). Leavenworth High School has had numerous AP Scholars of Distinction and a National AP Scholar.

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Leavenworth High School has implemented a weighted grading system. Weighted grades are awarded for Advanced Placement courses on the following basis: A (5.0), B (4.0), C (3.0), D (1.0), and F (0.0). All other classes are based on a 4-3-2-1 system. Rank in class is figured on a cumulative GPA for all classes. GPA is computed by the total number of units attempted.

Grading System

Grades	GPA	GPA (AP)
A = 90-100	4.0	5.0
B = 80-89	3.0	4.0
C = 70-79	2.0	3.0
D = 60-69	1.0	1.0
F = below 60	0.0	0.0

Graduation requirements

<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Credits Needed</u>
Fine Arts	1 credit
English/Language Arts	4 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	3 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	.5 credit
Practical Arts	.5 credit
Electives	<u>6.5/9.5 credits</u>
Total	23/26 (class of 2023+) credits

(.5 credit=1 semester -The course catalog found on the school's website has a more comprehensive description of graduation requirements.) Beginning with the class of 2023, 26 credits are required for graduation.

College Admissions Testing

Leavenworth High School has been consistently at or above the national ACT average the past several years. The state of Kansas provided ACT testing to all members of the class of 2020 and their average composite score was 19.7. Leavenworth High School has had a student earn a perfect 36 composite score and has had numerous State ACT Scholars. In addition, Leavenworth High has had a number of National Merit commended students, semi-finalists, and finalists during its history.

Ethnic Population 2020-21

Caucasian: 59.8%
African American: 14.9%
Multi-Ethnic: 9.9%
Asian: 1.8%
American Indian: 0.5%
Pacific Islander: 0.2%
Hispanic: 12.9%

Class of 2020 Post-Secondary Plans

Four-year University: 36%
Two-year University: 30%
Technical/Trade School: 2%
Military: 6%

Course Catalog

For detailed course descriptions and graduation requirements, please see the course catalog at:

- www.usd453.org
- Go to the Leavenworth High School page.
- Click on Academics.