

# 2012-2013 Annual Report to the Community

# Achievement.



**LINN-MAR**

**Community  
School District**

**2020**

Spirit Opportunity **Future**»

Inspire Learning. **Unlock Potential. Empower Achievement.**

# Facts and Figures

## School Board Members

Barry Buchholz, President  
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## Superintendent of Schools

Katie Mulholland, Ed.D.

## Students and Schools

Enrollment	Schools	Students
Elementary (K-5)	7	3237
Middle School (6-8)	2	1561
High School (9-12)	1	1864
TOTAL*	10	7061

\*Total includes home school students, preschool & alternative programs.

## Student Demographics

Race/Ethnicity	
White .....	86.08%
Asian .....	5.74%
Black or African American .....	4.96%
Hispanic/Latino or any race .....	2.65%
American Indian/Alaskan Native .....	0.45%
English Language Learners (ELL) Total .....	1.69%
Special Education .....	8.11%

## Linn-Mar Statistics

English Language Learners.....	119
Special Education Students .....	573
Attendance Rate (9-12) .....	96%
Graduation Rate .....	94%
Average Class Size (K-5).....	22.9
Student/Computer Ratio .....	4:1
Volunteer Program (801 people) .....	24,336 hours
Free/Reduced Lunch .....	19.9%
Average Number of Lunches Served Daily .....	4,465 students
Total Number of Lunches Served .....	785,772
Average Number of Breakfasts Served Daily .....	492 students
Total Number of Breakfasts Served.....	86,655
Average Number of Students Transported Daily .....	3,767
Total Miles Driven .....	464,411
Buses.....	52
Vans .....	11

## District Staff

Administrators .....	7
Principals .....	10
Asst. Principals .....	8
Teachers .....	449
Curriculum .....	3
Guidance .....	17
Other Professional Staff .....	33
Librarians .....	10
Ed. Assistants.....	170
Technicians .....	4
Secretaries.....	38
Service Workers.....	72
Skilled Crafts.....	7
Other Part-time Staff .....	142
TOTAL	970

Teachers with Advanced Degrees .....	305
National Board Certified Teachers.....	8
Teachers Hired .....	23

Average Teacher Salary (full-time without benefits).....	\$57,656
Beginning Teacher Salary (full-time without benefits).....	\$35,844



# Areas of Instructional Focus

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### American College Testing

Linn-Mar students score well above state and national averages on standardized tests such as the ACT, SAT, or ITED. The 2012-2013 composite average ACT score for all LMHS students was 24.2. The average composite score for all Iowa students during the same time period was 22.1 and the national average was 20.9. 77% of Linn-Mar High School students took the ACT. A score of 20 or higher on the 36 point scale indicates probable success in college.

### National Merit Achievement Program

Linn-Mar has had a large number of National Merit Scholars, Academic All-State recipients, and State of Iowa Scholars in its sixty-four year history. During the 2012-2013 school year, Linn-Mar High School had three National Merit Scholar Semifinalists, as well as four National Merit Scholar Commended Students named.

### Linn-Mar's Advance Placement (AP) information for the Class of 2013\*:

Linn-Mar Community Schools offered the following AP coursework: American Government, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English, Physics, Psychology, Statistics, US History and World History.

16 different AP subject tests were taken by Linn-Mar students in 2013.

In the United States, 33.2% of public high school students took an AP exam at some point in high school. At Linn-Mar, 84% took an AP exam – 336 seniors took 482 AP Exams.

Nationally, 19.5% of 2013 graduates scored over a 3 on AP exams. At Linn-Mar, 83.8% of scores were higher than a 3.

\*According to the College Board's 10th Annual AP Report to the Nation.

## Safe and Healthy Schools

- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- Implementation of the Healthy Kids Act
- Wellness Plan focused on nutrition education and physical activity
- Partnered with City of Cedar Rapids Blue Zone Project
- Health/Human Development Committee
- Community-School Crisis Management Committee

## Literacy

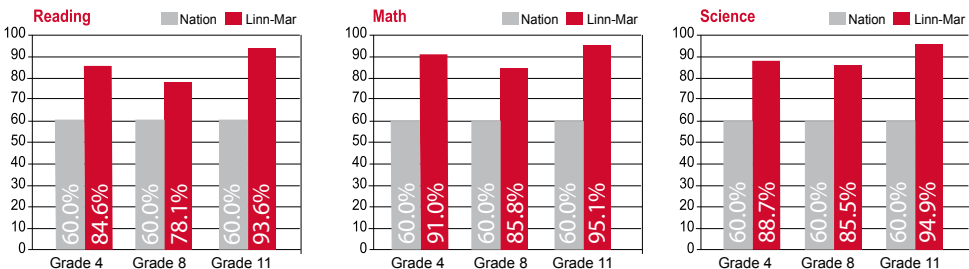
- Professional development classes on balanced literacy for teachers at all levels
- Screening and intervention for struggling readers
- English and language arts in all content areas
- Adopted new literacy curriculum PK-8
- Continued professional development focused on the Iowa Core/Common Core State Standards

## Technology

- Enterprise Wireless Solution chosen (Cisco) Providing Wireless Networks for Faculty, Students, and Guests; Implemented Locations: LRC, Indian Creek, Bowman Woods, Aquatic Center
- Implementation of Journey's Literacy Application
- Technology Equipment Refresh: Excelsior, Indian Creek, LRC
- Installation and Implementation of SCCM (System Center Configuration Manager) to allow for remote control and support of PCs throughout the District (as well as real time inventory for Hardware and Software)
- Implementation of InTouch Receipting system integrated with the SDS lunch program
- Implemented web-based version of NWEA testing

## Linn-Mar Performance Compared to the National Average of the National Standard Score (NSS)

Describes performance on an achievement continuum from Kindergarten through 12th grade.



# Community and Business Engagement

## Linn-Mar Volunteer Program

The Linn-Mar Volunteer Program had more than 801 volunteers log more than 24,336 volunteer hours during the 2012-2013 school year. Volunteers assist in our classrooms, lunchrooms and media centers daily. Contact Karla Terry, Community Services Coordinator, at 319-447-3110 or [kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us](mailto:kterry@linnmar.k12.ia.us) to become an active volunteer.



## Linn-Mar Booster Club

([linnmarboosterclub.org](http://linnmarboosterclub.org))

The Linn-Mar Booster Club provides financial support for Linn-Mar Community Schools by operating concession stands, selling football programs, extra-curricular photo packages and clothing.

## Linn-Mar School Foundation

([linnmarfoundation.org](http://linnmarfoundation.org))

The Linn-Mar School Foundation strengthens our community by partnering with businesses and individuals to raise, steward and distribute funds, thereby enhancing educational excellence for present and future Linn-Mar students.

# Revenues & Expenditures

## FY 2013 Approved Budget

Operating Fund.....	\$66,382,081
Debt Service Fund.....	\$9,459,269
Other Funds.....	<u>\$39,110,326</u>
Total Approved Budget	\$114,951,676

## General Fund Revenues 2013

Federal.....	\$2,277,606	3%
State .....	\$36,216,767	56%
Local .....	\$26,634,537	41%
Other.....	<u>\$53,083</u>	0%
Total	\$65,181,993	100%

## General Fund Expenditures 2013

Salaries .....	\$44,902,143	69%
Benefits .....	\$7,678,217	12%
Services .....	\$5,712,268	8%
Supplies .....	\$3,833,387	6%
Other.....	<u>\$3,164,781</u>	5%
Total	\$65,290,796	100%



# Recognition



Over 80 extra curricular activities are offered within the Linn-Mar School District. Nearly 85% of the high school student body participates in a school sponsored activity. The Lions compete in the largest class of school in Iowa as members of the Mississippi Valley athletic conference.

## Accomplishments in the 2012-13 school year include:

- 22 singers accepted to the Iowa All-State Choir
- 15 musicians accepted to the Iowa All-State Band
- 16 musicians accepted to the Iowa All-State Orchestra
- 69 State Division I ratings, 34 Division II ratings, 4 State Division III ratings and 5 Best of Center Honorees at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest
- State Division I Rating: Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Chamber Singers, Concert Chorale, Bella Voce/Cantemus Women's Choir, Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Strings, Concert Orchestra
- 33rd Consecutive State Division I rating at State Marching Band Contest: Marching Lions
- 3x 1st Place in Class 4A Marching Lions; 3x Best Color Guard; 3x Best Winds; 2x Best Percussion
- MVC Division Coach of the Year: Girls Soccer, Boys Cross Country, Boys Swimming, Boys Bowling
- MVC Athlete of the Year: Girls Cross Country, Boys Tennis, Wrestling
- Metro Coach of the Year: Boys Track, Boys Swimming, Boys Bowling, Boys Tennis, Boys Baseball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country
- Metro Athlete of the Year: Girls Swimming, Wrestling, Boys Tennis, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country
- All-Metro Player of the Year: Boys Basketball
- State Qualifiers: Girls Swimming, Boys Swimming, Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Wrestling, Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis, Boys Bowling, Girls Track, Boys Track, Cheerleading, Boys Baseball, Math Team, Robotics
- State Champions: Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country Boys Tennis (singles), Boys Track
- Gatorade Athlete of the Year: Girls Track, Boys Track
- 10 All-State Speech Qualifiers
- State I Division Rating in Speech: Acting, Review, Storytelling, Expository, Radio, Prose and Musical Theatre
- Iowa Shrine Bowl Selectee
- 2 All State Visual Artists
- Division I Rating at the State Jazz Band Contest: Colton Center Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band I
- Lincoln Center Avery Fisher Hall "Coronation Mass" invitational and performance
- Iowa Bandmasters Conference Invitational and performance by Oak Ridge 6th grade band
- Coe College Jazz Summit: 4A 2nd band classification – 1st place
- 2013 Jazz Band of America Selectee
- 4 Iowa All-State Jazz Band members
- Highest Rankings at the 2013 Jefferson Orchestra Invitational: High School Orchestra and Middle School Orchestras
- Iowa Bandmasters Conference Invitational
- Art Educators of Iowa Outstanding Secondary Art Teacher of the Year recipient
- Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award recipient
- 2013 DuPont George Washington Carver AgriSCIENCE Teachers Award recipient
- Woodie Flowers Finalist Award recipient
- Iowa AP's Top 25 Schools in 2012 Award
- Lego League State Championship participants: Lego Masters and Lego Blasters
- 2013 Linn County Educator of the Year
- LMEA Educator of the Year
- *Family Circle* "10 Best Towns for Families: 2013" features Linn-Mar CSD

# Learning Environments

## 2012-2013 Completed Projects:

### Repair, Renovation, Upgrades

- High School South Parking lot resurfacing (Phase 2)
- Air conditioning and heating unit replacement in the High School gym
- Bathroom partitions and fixtures upgrade at Excelsior Middle School
- Parking lot resurfacing and installation of circle drive at Bowman Woods
- Completion and opening of the Baseball/Softball Complex
- Replaced High School boiler
- Moved Indian Creek computer lab

### Safety & Security Modifications

- Replaced exterior staircase at Learning Resource Center
- Replaced 3 door systems at Learning Resource Center
- Fire door electronic locking modifications at all school buildings

## Future Projects:

### Repair, Renovation, Upgrades

- High School South Parking lot resurfacing (Phase 3)
- Oak Ridge window repairs
- Excelsior Middle School boiler replacement
- Indian Creek electrical upgrades

### New Construction

- Complete Aquatic Center
- Oak Ridge gym & locker room additions

### Safety & Security Modifications

- Entrance modifications at Echo Hill, Linn Grove, Novak, Indian Creek, Westfield & Oak Ridge
- Office & Main Entrance renovations at Wilkins & Bowman Woods
- Indian Creek fire door and panel installation



# About Us

## The Vision

**LINN-MAR** 2020

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## The Mission

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### Schools

Bowman Woods Elementary  
Echo Hill Elementary  
Indian Creek Elementary  
Linn Grove Elementary  
Novak Elementary  
Westfield Elementary  
Wilkins Elementary  
Oak Ridge Middle School  
Excelsior Middle School  
Linn-Mar High School

### 5 Strategic Goal Areas

- Student Achievement
- Learning Environments
- Staff Development
- Community Engagement
- Resources



## For More Information about Linn-Mar

Linn-Mar Community School District  
(319) 447-3000

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## District Administration

Katie Mulholland, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Rick Ironside, Ed.D.  
Associate Superintendent

Dave Nicholson  
Business Administrator  
(through December 2012)

J.T. Anderson, C.P.A.  
Chief Financial Officer  
(appointed January 2013)

Dirk Halupnik, Ed.D.  
Executive Director of  
Instructional Services

Julie Jensen  
Executive Director of Student  
Services

Karla Christian, P.H.R.  
Executive Director of  
Human Resources

Jeri Ramos  
Executive Director of  
Technology Services



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