

# LHS History

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The "Lutheran High School Association of Greater Minneapolis" became a reality in 1959 with a membership of nine area Lutheran congregations. A building in Minneapolis was purchased, and in the fall of 1963 Lutheran High School (LHS) opened with 89 students in grades 9 and 10. Each year a grade was added, and in 1966 Lutheran High School graduated its first class. The building in Minneapolis was eventually sold, and Lutheran High School rented space in the Edina Community Center for ten years. Lutheran High School purchased its present facility and moved to Bloomington in 1990.

Lutheran High School is accredited with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The Lutheran High School Association of Greater Minneapolis, with 14 member churches throughout the metro area, is the governing body.

LHS provides teenagers with top-notch academics, a dedicated and highly educated faculty, a variety of extra-curricular activities, and strong involvement from parents who are key contributors to the direction and scope of education offered at LHS. For 41 years, LHS has been instrumental in shaping young people into leaders in their classrooms, in their churches, and in their communities.

At Lutheran High School, students, teachers, staff, and administrators know one another well. The academic environment is a caring one based on a student-to-teacher ratio of 13 to 1. Combine a highly trained professional staff with a college preparatory curriculum, then emphasize small group interaction and the development of individual worth. That winning formula helps students at LHS to succeed, both academically and personally.

Students come to Lutheran High School from a broad geographical area – the majority from Minneapolis, Edina, Richfield, and Bloomington. An increasing number of students from areas such as Plymouth, Minnetonka, Hopkins, Wayzata, St. Louis Park, Prior Lake, Savage, Eden Prairie, Burnsville, Apple Valley, Eagan, and Lakeville are making LHS their home.

The adults who make up the professional staff at LHS are all experts in their individual fields of study. Almost half have advanced degrees in their fields, and teachers regularly take advanced coursework to keep up-to-date on new developments in education and their specific content areas. The staff brings a keen awareness of how to best meet individual learning styles of LHS students. Because of the student-to-teacher ratio, faculty members get to know their students well. If students need additional help, they receive it quickly. If gifted students are ready for accelerated work or a more in-depth look at a subject, teachers note it early and make sure opportunities to move ahead are available.

Lutheran High School strongly believes that learning extends well beyond the classroom walls. The majority of Lutheran High School students are active participants in the many extracurricular activities sponsored by the school. Opportunities abound for students to expand their leadership skills, to become contributors in team activities, and to develop special talents in many academic, athletic, and creative endeavors.

In September 2003, groundbreaking was held for a new gymnasium. Construction is underway. This is part of the school's "Out Of The Wilderness" capital campaign. In addition to raising money for the gym addition, this campaign also aims to raise funds for numerous other building improvements.



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