

LINCOLN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents:

Lincoln Jr. High School is committed to providing a high-quality education program for your child. Our faculty and staff are working hard to provide programs to help all students succeed. No Child Left Behind is a federal law requiring the testing of all public school students. This law requires students to demonstrate proficiency in reading and math through test scores. Each state chooses the test it will use and the scores that determine proficiency. A percentage is then calculated to determine school wide proficiency levels along with a percentage for sub-populations of students at each school. Sub-populations include students in the following categories: special education, limited English speakers, economically disadvantaged, African American, Hispanic and Caucasian.

In 2007-2008, the total (combined) student population of Lincoln Jr. High and most of the sub-populations student scores far exceeded the required percentages of proficiency. However, the sub-population containing special education students did not. The score from our special education sub-population placed LJHS in School Improvement—Year 1.

Lincoln Jr. High School is pleased to report that **all** students, including all sub-populations of students, met the required percentages of proficiency on the 2008-2009 Benchmark Exam. The State of Arkansas requires a school to meet the required percentages of proficiency for two consecutive years before no longer being designated as a school in School Improvement. Therefore, the 2009-2010 status for LJHS is Targeted Improvement: Achieving Year 1.

Based on this School Improvement status, your child is eligible to transfer to Washington Jr. High School which is not designated as a school in School Improvement. You can visit <http://normessasweb.uark.edu/schoolperformance/> if you would like more information about the academic accomplishments of both LJHS and WJHS. LJHS parents may apply for a transfer on or before Friday, September 11th by calling my office at 254-5250 and making an appointment to visit with me. All transfer requests are prioritized based on the economic status of the family. The most disadvantaged, lowest achieving students will receive highest priority.

As we begin the 2009-2010 school year, the staff of Lincoln Jr. High will continue to work diligently to provide the best education possible for every student. We are extremely proud of the hard work and strong gains made by our students last year. Please be assured that the curriculum of LJHS is of the highest caliber and the instruction is delivered by well trained, dedicated teachers who care deeply about your child.

Sincerely,
Rose Peterson, Principal