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Mission Statement

The mission of Lawrence Free State High School is to create a safe, positive learning environment so students can become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a global society.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 3 Math Credits
- 3 Science Credits
- 3 Social Studies Credits
- 1 Physical Education Credit
- 1 Fine Art Credit
- Electives to bring the total number of earned credits to 23

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School Profile 2021-22

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**Mascot: Firebird
Colors: Green & Silver**

School Community

Lawrence Free State High School, the city's second high school campus, opened in 1997 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 1998. It sits on 77 acres of land located in northwest Lawrence. The school's name honors the role the city of Lawrence played in opposing slavery so the territory of Kansas could enter the union as a free state in 1861.



2020-21 School Profile

Kansas Public High School

Grades: 9-12

Enrollment: 1820

Ethnicity: White 68.8%

African-American 6.04%

Am Indian/Alaskan 2.63%

Asian 4.18%

Native Hawaiian/Other <1%

Hispanic 8.76%

Two or More Races 9.17%

Economically Disadvantaged: 24.9%

Curriculum Features

Lawrence Free State High School offers advanced and AP courses in most disciplines, including computer science, English, math, science, social studies, foreign language, art and music. Also offered are classes in computer science, media, business, marketing, photography, vocational courses and consumer science; dual credit college courses; program for gifted and talented and educationally disabled students; and extensive programs in music, art, athletics, and drama.

Grading and Ranking

The Lawrence School District uses two different systems to determine grade point averages. The primary system, which is used to determine class rank, top ten percent and valedictorian, is a non-weighted, four-point formula where every class A=4.0, B=3.0, C=2.0, D=1.0, and F=0. A secondary system, which students may use on college or scholarship applications, uses weighted grades for all AP classes where A=4.5, B=3.5, C=2.5, D=1.0, and F=0. All other non-AP classes are figured on the traditional 4-point system.

Test Data 2019-20

ACT: 94% of students tested

	ACT Mean Score	
	LFSHS	State
English	22.6	19.5
Math	21.8	20.0
Reading	23.2	21.0
Science	22.2	20.4
Composite	22.6	20.4

SAT: 70 students took the SAT

	SAT Mean Score	
	LFSHS	State
	1377	1269

AP TESTS

Free State Students took 476 AP tests. Over 69% of the tests earned a 3 or above.

Post Secondary Education

Graduating Class of 2021: 431

Average GPA: 3.174

Attendance Rate: 92.6%

Graduation Rate: 90%

Post Secondary Attendance: 80%

4-year colleges 60%

2-year colleges 20%

STUDENT HONORS 2020-21

7 National Merit Scholars

6 National Merit Commended Scholars

4 Kansas Governors Scholars