

FALL 2024/
WINTER 2025

Lester Prairie Community Education

Independent School District #424, Lester Prairie, MN

website: www.lp.k12.mn.us



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"Learning, Leading, Linking"

"Lester Prairie School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability in its programs and activities."



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Community Education Mission Statement

Those involved in the Community Education Program in Lester Prairie are committed to the growth of the community through the continuing education of each individual member. Community Education aims to match the educational needs of community members of all ages with available resources.

Where is the Community Education Office?

We are located in Lester Prairie Schools. Classes may be held in the Lester Prairie School or in conjunction with other communities in a nearby area.

Who is involved in setting up the programs?

Everyone can be involved in signing up for classes, volunteering, teaching a class, participating in or coaching a sporting event, or attending or chaperoning a field trip. An Advisory Council determines the goals of each program.

Advisory Council

Dr. Melissa Radeke - Superintendent

Ross Scheevel - Activities Director

Kim Dye - Human Resources

Helen Lester - Preschool

Corbey Hentges - School Board

Rebecca Heimerl - School Board

Kim Schauer - Data Systems Coordinator

Staff

Community Education Director:

Dr. Melissa Radeke

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Community Education and Title IX Coordinator:

Ross Scheevel

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Community Education Assistant:

Kim Schauer

320-395-2521 Ext. 1105 • schauer@lp.k12.mn.us

Community Education Registration:

Kim Dye

320-395-2521 Ext. 1104 • dye@lp.k12.mn.us

ECFE/Little Learners Coordinator:

Helen Lester

320-395-2521 Ext. 1139 • lester@lp.k12.mn.us

Little Learners Preschool Educators:

Helen Lester - Teacher

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Lester Prairie Schools

Independent District #424



Mission Statement: "To develop every learner to the learner's maximum potential, to succeed and continue to learn in a changing world."

Where You are a Student, Not a Number

Lester Prairie Schools

131 Hickory St N, Lester Prairie, MN 55354

Phone 320-395-2521 • Fax 320-395-4204

www.lp.k12.mn.us



@LPBulldogs424



@LP424

See a list of offerings by clicking the Community tab on the Lester Prairie School website.

School and Community Relations

Lester Prairie Schools is strongly supported by the community. A well-educated population strongly supports local education. Parents are encouraged to become involved in school by making decisions about their child's learning and supporting that learning at home. Many organizations are actively involved in promoting positive opportunities for students. Participation by the community provides a very complete and exciting place for children to grow to be good citizens.

Community Education

Lester Prairie Community Education provides an important role in the total education of our students and community. Lifelong learning opportunities for the entire family include:

- Adult Classes GED/ELL
- Trips
- Crafts
- Family Programs
- Early Childhood Family
- Exercise Programs
- Kids Depot - Summer, before and after school
- Open Gym
- Elementary Sports
- Driver's Education
- Behind-the-Wheel/55+ Driver Discount Program
- Little Learners Preschool (4 Star Rated)

Do you have a passion or skill you would like to share?

We are always looking for new ideas and people who would be interested in teaching a class to help strengthen, entertain, or develop our community. Feel free to contact anyone on the Advisory Council with any ideas on how to improve our offerings or build interest among members of our community.

*Thanks to a generous donation from the Lester Prairie Lions Club, scholarships are available for Lester Prairie Community Education programs for qualified students enrolled in Lester Prairie Schools. Applications are available in the school office.

NOW ENROLLING

Lester Prairie Schools provide quality educational opportunities in one location for all students in grades PreK-12. Our dedicated, expert staff offers a full range of academic courses, extra-curricular activities, special education services, and many opportunities not provided by larger school districts.



Lester Prairie Schools is the alternative to larger public schools. Lester Prairie Schools offers a challenging academic setting and a small, friendly atmosphere.

Lester Prairie Offers:

- Small Class Sizes
- Updated Curriculum
- Safe and Friendly Atmosphere
- College Credit Classes
- Online/ITV Classes
- 1:1 Chromebooks and Chrome Tablets
- Reading Specialists
- Music
- Theatre
- Athletics
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Elementary Music and PE every day
- One PreK-12 Building
- Community and Parent Involvement
- Updated Technologies
- Community Education
- Zero Hour Fitness Class
- Four Star Rated Preschool Program

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

Academics

Lester Prairie PreK-12 offers a challenging academic setting and a friendly atmosphere. Your child will be challenged every day on what he/she knows and what he/she will be learning. Students are prepared to be college and career choice ready. Our staff is committed to helping each student achieve at the highest level possible by meeting the individual needs of all of our learners.

Technology

We continue to expand student learning opportunities with the use of new technology.

- Computer labs
- Vinyl Printer
- 3-D Printers
- SmartBoards
- Interactive Tablets
- 1:1 Chromebooks and ChromeTablets

"Lester Prairie School provides my students with a well-rounded education and gives them so many opportunities to be involved in every activity. As a family that values education, there is no choice other than LP Schools."

5/5 rating -LP Parent

Athletics

Fall

- Cross Country
- Football
- Volleyball
- Boys Soccer - Co-op

Winter

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Wrestling - Co-op - GSL

Spring

- Baseball
- Softball
- Track & Field

School Sponsored Activities/Clubs

- National Honor Society
- Student Council
- Choir
- Band (Grade 5-12)
- Jazz Band
- Drumline
- Yearbook
- Spelling Bee
- Knowledge Bowl
- Drama/One Act Play
- Future Problem Solvers
- Safety Patrol
- Cheer Team
- Trap Shooting Team



Kids Depot Child Care

Kids Depot is a fun and safe child care program for K-5th grade students offered within Lester Prairie School.

Open: All school days

Hours: 6:30 - 8:00 AM and 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Coordinator: Kim Schauer 320-395-2521 Ext. 1140 schauer@lp.k12.mn.us

If there is no school scheduled or school is canceled at LP, Kid's Depot will also be closed or canceled.

Daily Schedule (Monday – Friday):

6:30 – 8:00 AM: Students will have free play time, homework help, and will be brought to breakfast (Breakfast will be provided).

3:00 – 5:00 PM: Students will have the opportunity to have homework time and use the Commons, Gym, and Playground for enrichment and group activities. A snack will be provided.

Program Options and Fees beginning 9/3/24:

1. Before School only (6:30 - 8:00 AM): \$15 per day
2. After School only (3:00 - 5:00 PM): \$15 per day
3. Before and After School: \$24 per day

Preschool Screening

Minnesota Law has made Early Childhood Developmental Screening a requirement for school entrance. Early Childhood Developmental Screening helps a school district identify children who may benefit from district and community resources available to help in their development. Early Childhood Developmental Screening includes a vision screening that helps detect potential eye problems but is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam. The screening takes approximately 45 minutes.

Lester Prairie Schools will provide this service for children who are 3.5 years or older and have not been previously screened. The screening will take place at Lester Prairie School. Please contact the school at 320-395-2521 to set up an appointment.

Little Learners Preschool

Little Learners Preschool is a 4 Star Parent Aware rated program and part of the Lester Prairie District #424 educational system and provides a certified staff to encourage the growth of your preschool-age child. The program is designed to stimulate the emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs of a child 3 - 5 years of age. Preschool runs as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
4. Two Days AM	4 and 5	Monday & Wednesday	8:20 – 10:50 AM
5. Three Days AM	4 and 5	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday	8:20 – 10:50 AM
6. Three Days PM	4 and 5	Monday, Wednesday, & Friday	12:20 – 2:50 PM
7. Two Days AM	3 and 4	Tuesday & Thursday	8:20 – 10:50 AM

Tuition for the 2024-2025 school year is \$90 per month (Sept.–May) for TWO days. The THREE day session is \$130 a month (Sept.–May). It is recommended students who will go to Kindergarten the following year be in a M/W/F session. At the time of registration, a one-time registration fee of \$25 is required for all new (non-returning) students. Scholarships are available for students based on income. Please contact Helen Lester for an application form.

Instructor: Helen Lester • Call **320-395-2521 Ext. 1139** with questions.



Upcoming Screening Dates

****must be completed before kindergarten****

August 16th, 2024 8:00 - 3:30

October 3rd, 2024 11:00 -3:30

April 29th, 2025 11:00 -3:30



ECFE

Fall Fun

The weather will soon be changing and so will the leaves on the trees! Let's spend time together reading and doing activities about pumpkins, apples, leaves, and more. This session will be sure to get you in the mood for all things fall!

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Preschool Room

Teacher: Helen Lester

Cost: \$15 per child (this includes all 6 dates)

Ages: 3 – 5

Class Dates: September 17, 24 • October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Winter Session

Brr it's getting colder outside. Come warm up inside while enjoying the company of other friends! We will have fun learning about snowflakes, fun things to do during the winter, and things to wear to stay warm and cozy.

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Preschool Room

Teacher: Helen Lester

Cost: \$15 per child (this includes all 6 dates)

Ages: 2 – 5

Class Dates: November 5, 12, 19, 26 • December 3, 10, 17

Home Visits

Home visiting is available for families who have infants, toddlers, and preschoolers! A licensed teacher will visit with you to talk about parenting, provide resources in the community, and activities for you and your child.

This is a free service for all families! Please contact Helen Lester at 320-395-2521 Ext: 1139 to set up a time.

New Baby Packets

Have a new baby? We have a free packet with information and gifts for you and your baby! This packet can either be delivered to your home or picked up at Lester Prairie School.

Contact Helen Lester
320-395-2521 Ext: 113

****Make sure your new baby is added to the census!***

Find us on Facebook and give us a like! Search Lester Prairie ECFE and Little Learners Preschool.



Youth Recreation

Dance Lessons

Dance Lessons will be held on Mondays beginning September 23rd, 2024 and will run through April 2025. We will have a Show in April! Class choices will be:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Beginners	3-5 years old	5:30 – 6:00 PM	\$20/month
Intermediate	1st-3rd Grade*	6:00 – 6:45 PM	\$25/month
Elite	4th Grade and up	6:45 – 7:45 PM	\$30/month

*** or turning 6 at the beginning of the dance year**

There is a one time \$10 fee payable to Lester Prairie Community Education due at the beginning of the dance season.

There is also a one time costume fee of \$35 due at the beginning of November

Location: Lester Prairie School

Instructor: Judy Thunstrom

To register: Text, call, or email Judy Thunstrom 320-583-5296 judythunstrom@hotmail.com

Cheer Camp

Just can't hide your Bulldog Pride? Join the current LPHS Cheerleaders as a Junior Cheerleader. Open to students in grades K-6. Coronation will be on Monday September 16th. The Parade and Game is Friday September 20th.

Any questions, contact Julie Malady: **952-388-4247**

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>
K-2nd Grade	9/9, 9/11, and 9/18	3:00 – 4:15 PM
3rd-6th Grade	9/10, 9/12, and 9/18	3:00 – 4:15 PM

Location: Lester Prairie Commons

Cost: \$35.00 (includes a T-Shirt & POMS)

Registration Deadline: September 5th, 2024



5th-6th Grade Volleyball League

Lester Prairie Community Education is offering 5th and 6th grade Volleyball to girls interested in learning the fundamentals of volleyball and participating in games on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the registration form and return to the High School office by **Friday, August 2nd**. We need a count of participants to know how many teams we will have for the season.

Practice times will be determined by coaches who are volunteer parent coaches. We will need at least one coach for each grade.

The 5th and 6th grade teams will play against teams from area communities. Games are played on Saturdays in September and October.

Any parents who would like to volunteer or if you have any questions please feel free to call Kim Schauer at 320-395-2521 ext 1105.

Cost: \$40.00

Checks made payable to Lester Prairie Community Education



Youth Football League

4-6th graders have the opportunity to participate in a Football league in Hutchinson. All practices are held in Lester Prairie and all games are played in Hutchinson. Teams are divided by weight classes, so your child's team is only playing against kids close to their own weight.

An informational meeting will be held on August 5th. Registration forms are available in the school entrance.

Contact Coach Scoblic (jscoblic@lp.k12.mn.us) with any questions.



Youth Basketball

Boys and Girls in 4th-6th Grades will have a great opportunity to learn the fundamentals and the fun of basketball. Players will practice evenings during the week and Sundays based on Coaches' availability. Games will be played on Saturdays in the months of December, January, and February. More information will be sent home with students and placed on the Community Ed web page in October. Volunteer coaches are needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Ross Scheevel at **(320) 395-2521 ext 1184**.



Flag Football

Flag Football is open to 1st-3rd grade boys and girls. The league is held on Saturday mornings beginning in September and is led by current Bulldog coaches and players. Registration forms are available in the school entrance. Contact Coach Scoblic (jscoblic@lp.k12.mn.us) with any questions.

Ages: 1st-3rd Grade

Dates: Saturdays: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Location: LP HS Practice Field

Cost: \$20

Future Hoopsters

Students in K-3rd grades will learn the fundamentals of basketball. Information will be sent home with students in November. Sessions will be held 8:00 - 9:15 AM on January 4, 11, 18, and 25. Future Hoopsters will be featured during a Varsity Basketball game. Sessions are led by our Bulldog Basketball Head Coaches and current players. If you have any questions, please call Kim Schauer at **(320) 395-2521 ext 1105**.



Youth Enrichment

Join Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts are active in Lester Prairie! There are monthly troop meetings for grades K-5 and Service Unit Events.

Girl Scouts is the best girl leadership program in the world. Our program centers on what we call the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, or GSLE—a collection of engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects.

Visit [GirlScoutsRV.org/Join](https://www.girlscoutsrv.org/Join) or call 1-800-845-0787 to sign up today!

Lester Prairie Ambassador Program

Are you interested in sharing your love of Lester Prairie with others? By signing up as a Lester Prairie Ambassador Candidate, you will be able to share your love through community service projects, parades, coronations, and a wide variety of other events.

The Lester Prairie Ambassador Program has two age groups for candidates. The Junior Ambassador Program is open to young women in Grades 5-8. Junior Ambassadors will have the opportunity to attend community events, local parades and coronations, and Twin's Sparkle Night. The Senior Ambassador Program is open to young women between the ages of 16-21. Senior Ambassadors will travel throughout Minnesota representing Lester Prairie in parades, coronations, and a wide variety of Sparkle Programs. They will also participate in local community service projects. Senior Ambassadors will compete throughout the year for the chance to attend the Minneapolis Aquatennial in their title of Queen of the Lakes and Princess.

If you are interested in becoming a Lester Prairie Ambassador, please contact Lauren Trittbaugh or Taylor Bayerl, LP Ambassador Coordinators, at lesterprairieambassadors@gmail.com. Candidacy forms and handbooks will be available Spring of 2025 in the Lester Prairie School Office, City Hall, and on the Prairie Days website. Stay updated by following the official pages of the Lester Prairie Ambassadors on Facebook (**Lester Prairie Royalty**) and Instagram ([@lesterprairieambassadors](https://www.instagram.com/lesterprairieambassadors)).



Music Lessons

Learning an instrument is both fun and good for you. It can be done at any age! Once you understand your brain's learning style, you can learn almost any new idea. This year, David Rue is offering lessons in guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano, ukulele and voice. It's a chance for you or your young one to experience one of life's most joyful and satisfying things: playing an instrument.

Ages: All

Dates & Times: By appt., 30 minute sessions

Location: Lester Prairie School Music Room

Cost: \$122 per month (4 lessons/month)

Instructor: David Rue, email twostringbanjo@gmail.com for more information

3rd Annual Craft/Vendor/Garage Sale

Join us for a unique shopping experience, food, and fun! We are offering a friendly, local indoor market. Support your neighbors. Concessions available. All proceeds go to LP Community Ed. If you want to reserve a booth to sell your products, please contact Kim Schauer (see below).

Date: Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Lester Prairie School South Gym and Commons

Booth Rental: \$25.00

Contact: schauer@lp.k12.mn.us or by phone: 320-395-2521 ext 1105

Registration form on LP School website under Community tab



Swap and Shop

Do you have sports equipment that your kids have outgrown? Are you looking for some sports equipment for your children this year? We now have the Bulldog Equipment Swap. You can donate gently used items by bringing them to the school office. They will then be organized by sport and size. Keep an eye on the school's facebook page for swap dates for each season. Simply come and take what you need. No money will be exchanged. You can donate equipment for any sport at any time. Specific items to donate for the fall swap include football cleats and gloves, volleyball shoes and knee pads. Winter would include wrestling and basketball shoes. More swap nights will occur before each season.

Any questions contact Terri Helland at helland@lp.k12.mn.us.

Classroom Driver Education

This is the 30 hours of classroom training needed before taking the state written test to receive a driving permit, if you are under the age of 18. Attendance at every class is mandatory. Students will have reading and homework assignments.

Classes will be filled on a first come first served basis with a completed registration form and paid fee. Students are encouraged to enroll in the session closest to their 15th birthday.

Age: Must be 14 years of age on or before the start of class

Minimum: 12 Students

Tentative Dates:

Maximum: 25 Students

- Session 1: March 3rd 2025 - March 14th 2025
- Session 2: May 27th 2025 - June 7th 2025

Make checks payable to: Lester Prairie Community Education (LPCE)

Location: Lester Prairie School

Submit with payment to: Lester Prairie Community Education
c/o Bill Neubarth
131 Hickory Street North
Lester Prairie, MN 55354

Cost: \$120 (includes a MN Driver's Manual)

Instructor: Bill Neubarth

Behind the Wheel

This is the six-hour behind the wheel component of driver education. Students will be contacted individually by the instructor to arrange driving times. Those closest to their 16th birthday will be contacted first. Note: Drivers under the age of 18 need to have a valid permit for 6 months before they may apply for a driver's license.

Age: 15 years or older with a valid MN Driver's Permit

Dates: Instructor will contact to arrange dates and times

Cost: \$270

Instructor: Bill Neubarth

55+ Driver Discount Course

The Driver Improvement Program (55+ DIP) is an approved Accident Prevention course by the MN Department of Public Safety. Participants who complete the course are eligible for a 10% discount on their personal automobile insurance premium. The 55+ DIP will give participants a better understanding of vehicle and traffic safety, new technology, physical changes and increased driving risks as we age, changes to laws, and the decisions drivers can make to be safer on our roadways.

Become an informed driver by registering at www.mnsafetycenter.org or by calling **1-888-234-1294**.

4 Hour Refresher

Date: Sept. 19th, Oct. 24th, Nov. 14th, and Dec. 6th

Time: 5:30 - 9:30 PM

Location: Lester Prairie Media Center

Cost: \$24

Instructor: Steve Soeffker

Deadline: 1 week prior to the class (minimum: 10)

English Language, GED, and Adult Basic Education - FREE

English Language, GED, and Adult Basic Education is offered through West Educational Cooperative. Please see the school website for more information.

Dates: Monday evenings when school is in session

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Location: Room 167

Instructor: Nancy Mellesmoen

Adult Basic Education

For adults of all ages who want to acquire or improve their math, reading, grammar and/or writing skills for work, training, college or for personal enrichment. Adult Basic Education (ABE) addresses a variety of learner goals. ABE helps learners to:

- Attain employment and/or better their current employment;
- Achieve high school equivalency (GED or Adult High School Diploma);
- Attain skills necessary to enter post-secondary education and training;
- Learn to speak and write the English language;
- Master basic academic skills to help their children succeed in school;
- Become U.S. citizens and participate in democratic society; and
- Gain self-esteem, personal confidence and sense of personal and civic responsibility.

More information about available courses and enrollment can be found at <https://www.westabe.org/>

Interested in volunteering? Opportunities are available for both virtual and in-person tutoring in ABE and ESL.

Call **763-682-8688** for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Medicare

Let's talk about Medicare. As you get closer to 65, the amount of information you receive concerning Medicare can make the process of applying very confusing. This is an educational meeting about Medicare and Medicare insurance that will answer your questions. We will discuss what Medicare covers, what it costs, and how and when to enroll. We will also review the types of Medicare insurance available and the factors to consider when deciding what type of plan is best for you

Date: October 24th, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: Lester Prairie School Media Center

Cost: Free

Instructor: Jill Ehrman and Tom Hill

Deadline: October 17th, 2024

CPR/AED/First Aid

The class is hands-on skills training, preparing individuals to respond to breathing, cardiac, and medical emergencies in adults, children, and infants. This American Heart Association certification fulfills OSHA and daycare requirements and is valid for 2 years.

Date: Thursday, October 3rd, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Lester Prairie School Media Center

Cost: \$50

Instructor: Crown College EMTI

Deadline: September 26th, 2024 (minimum 6)

2024-2025 Community Ed Registration Form

Participant Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____ Grade for 24-25 School Year: _____

Camp/Course Title: _____

Cost: _____ Shirt size (if applicable): _____

*Drivers Ed: Session 1 Session 2 Date of birth: _____

Make checks payable to: Lester Prairie Community Education (LPCE)

Submit with payment to: Lester Prairie Community Education

Mail to: Lester Prairie School
 Community Ed
 131 Hickory St N
 Lester Prairie, MN 55354

***There will be a \$10.00 LATE FEE for all late registrations.**

***Registrations will not be accepted after the first practice for sports activities.**

Health Concerns

Waiver Clause

Parent/Guardian must read and sign: I hereby acknowledge that my child is medically fit to participate in camp activities. I authorize the director to secure any medical treatment deemed necessary and waive and release the camp from any and all liability for any injuries incurred.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

I am interested in coaching _____

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Census - Be sure you are counted.

Census Form

This form is kept strictly for district records

1. Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2024 _____ Sex M/F

2. Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2024 _____ Sex M/F

3. Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2024 _____ Sex M/F

4. Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age as of 9/1/2024 _____ Sex M/F

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Street Address (P.O. Box): _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

Complete this form and drop off at school or mail to:

Lester Prairie School - Census
131 Hickory St. N.
Lester Prairie, MN 55354

Or email: schauer@lp.k12.mn.us