

## OPS:

Omaha Public Schools is the largest public school district in the state of Nebraska. In 2015-16, OPS enrolled 52,000 students across 63 elementary, 12 middle, and 7 high schools. OPS serves a diverse population; 25.2% of students are Black or African American, 34.9% are Hispanic or Latino, and 5.3% are Asian. Additionally, refugee students make up 5.0% of the student population. OPS also supports its 74% of students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Programs offered by OPS include an English Language Learner program serving 17,000 students who speak 120 different languages, special education services for over 9,000 students, and an academic program for gifted and talented students. High school offerings include special instructing in STEAM (science, technology, engineering arts and math), dual language, law and global studies, as well as more than 20 career academy programs in fields such as urban agriculture, health occupations, culinary arts, and automotive technology. The district's graduation rate is 80.7%.

## LPS:

Lincoln Public Schools is the second largest public school district in the state of Nebraska. In 2015-16, LPS enrolled 41,000 across 40 elementary, 13 middle, and 7 high schools. Its student population is on an upward trajectory, with a 2.5 percent increase in 2016-17 and a 24 percent increase in the last decade. LPS serves a diverse population; 6.3% of students are Black or African American, 13.3% are Hispanic or Latino, and 4.6% are Asian. LPS also supports its 45.8% of students who qualify for free or reduced lunches. Programs offered by LPS include all-day kindergarten, an English Language Learner program serving 3,235 students from 110 countries in 121 languages, special education services for 6,836 students, and an academic program for gifted students serving 4,761 students. High school offerings include an International Baccalaureate Program, school-to-career programs, an alternative classroom setting, and focus programs in science, arts and humanities, information technology and entrepreneurship. The district's graduation rate is 86.6 percent.