



# Linn County R-I Ledger

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## Linn Co. Loyals!

There are several milestones to be thankful for this year among our staff.



- Steve Biggs 20 years
- Lenita Rinehart 15 years
- Catherine Black 10 years
- Jamie Phinney 10 years
- Kerry Burkholder 30 years

Thank you for hanging in there with us!

## New Staff at Linn Co. R-1

The 2024-2025 school year started off with a few new faces:

- Ms. Lillian Conger
- Ms. Peyton Neimeier
- Mrs. Sidney Jeffries
- Mrs. McKenzie Shrum
- Mrs. Whitney Gardner
- Mrs. Sasha Parker



## Back to School Open House

Monday, August 19, 2024  
3-6 p.m.

## First Day of School

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

## Fall Photos

School Picture Day  
Friday, August 23, 2024

## News from Mr. Shrum

Summer flew by and we are ready for another school year! We are excited to have the students back in the building. Open House will be on August 19<sup>th</sup>. However, there is a change with Open House this year as we have adjusted hours for parents and students to arrive between 3-6 pm. We have several new teachers again this year in the building so please stop by and introduce yourselves. Parents and students are all encouraged to attend Open House. There will be an FFA BBQ that evening as well for all members of the community.



## Parents As Teachers Missouri Curriculum Partner

Missouri's Parent Education Program is a voluntary program offered through local school districts, serving families who are expecting a child or have children under the age of kindergarten entry. Missouri's Parent Education Program helps to establish positive partnerships between home, school and the community and plays a vital role in supporting families and children from the very beginning toward school readiness.

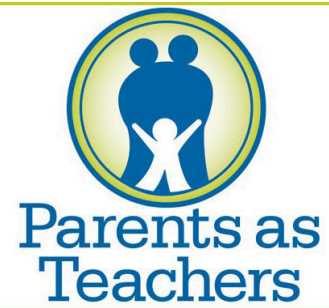
A trained parent educator provides home visits with families to promote early learning, knowledge and understanding of important developmental milestones.

Periodic Screenings increase parents' understanding of their children's developmental progress, as well as inform them of any possible delays. Early intervention for identified concerns helps improve school readiness for young children.

This early childhood program is designed to offer regularly scheduled family personal visits, annual developmental screenings, monthly group connections and access to a

network of resources. These components are integral in supporting and preparing children, families, schools and communities toward school readiness. Missouri's Parent Education Program provides opportunities to assist families with a smooth transition into preschool and kindergarten.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Janie Wood – School Phone 660-244-5035, Email – [jwood@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:jwood@linnr1.k12.mo.us), Facebook – Linn County R-1 Parents As Teachers, Cell Phone – 660-734-1076.



### Cell Phone Policy

This year the current cell phone policy listed on Page 26 of the High School Student Handbook will be enforced. Students are allowed to use their cell phones during passing periods, before school, after school, and at lunch. However, there will be **zero tolerance** for cell phones being used in the classroom. If a student is sent to the office for a cell phone violation, their phone will be confiscated and the appropriate consequence will be issued.

### FFA News

As a part of FFA students participated in Food Insecurity Day and the Hay Project.

Their Back to School BBQ was a huge success!



### Senior Orientation

Senior Orientation will be held during Open House on Monday, August 19th at 5:00 pm in Room 10. All Seniors and parents are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing numerous topics that will take place during your student's senior year---scholarships, college visits, test scores, college interest, career outlooks, etc.



### VoTech Information

For those Juniors and Seniors who are enrolled in VoTech at Brookfield, the first day of school is Wednesday, August 21st. A letter with more details will be mailed to each student attending during the second week of August. The letter will include information about the bus schedule and other important details. Students caught driving to/from VoTech without written permission from Linn County administration will be subject to strict consequences including the possibility of being removed from VoTech.

### Freshmen Orientation

Freshmen Orientation will be held during Open House on Monday, August 19th at 5:30 pm in Room 10. All Freshmen and their parents are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing graduation requirements as well as A+ requirements and guidelines for participation in the A+ program. New enrollment or changes to schedules will not take place before, during or immediately after the orientation meeting.

### Elementary Handbook, Secondary Handbook and Athletic Handbook

Our school district is asking that you use the District web page ([www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us)) to review the elementary, secondary, and athletic handbooks. To view the handbooks, click on the District information tab at the top of the page, then click on handbooks and then click on the name of the handbook(s) that you wish to view. Once you view the handbook(s), you will be able to sign one form that is being sent home in the first of the year folders stating that you have read and understand the handbook(s). If you do not have access to the web or you would like to have a hard copy of the handbook(s) sent to you, we can do that. On the form in the first of the year folders just check the line of the handbook(s) that you would like a copy of and return the form to the office and we will send it home to you.



### IReady Summer Reading Challenge

Summer is coming to a close as well as our I-ready Summer Challenge. The I-ready Summer Challenge began as soon as school was out in May and ran until July 31st. Students were required to pass 20 reading lessons and pass 20 math lessons. We had 25 students to complete this requirement. All students that participated will receive a certificate. Students that completed the challenge will receive a certificate, medal, and a field trip. Details on the field trip will be released at a later date. A HUGE thank you goes to students, parents, and teachers for helping students complete this challenge!

### Upcoming Events:

- 9-3 SB/BB @ Higbee 5 pm
- 9-4 After School Art Program (ASAP)
- 9-6 Grandparents Day Celebration
- 9-6 SB/BB @ Brashear 5 pm

### Changes to Preschool Drop-off

Per policy, preschool students should arrive no sooner than 7:40 am. This year, instead of taking students to the preschool building, please bring students to the gymnasium to sit with the other Elementary classes. Please have your students enter through the Elementary doors, hang their belongings on their designated hooks, and then go to the gymnasium. There will be faculty members in the gym each morning to help you get your student to the proper spot. If you arrive late, please check your student into the principal's office.

### Get your FFA T-Shirt Today!

Contact the school for order forms!



Linn County R-I  
High School  
ATHLETIC, CLUB AND ACTIVITY  
HANDBOOK  
2024-2025



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### Junior Class Fundraiser

Tuesday August 27th- September 13th

### Order Your Linn Co. Gear!



Go to the school homepage and follow the link!

**Linn County R-I  
Home of the Mustangs**

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Fax: (660) 244-5025

Sign up for text alerts at  
[www.linnr1.k12.mo.us](http://www.linnr1.k12.mo.us)  
Look for the Mustang Alerts on  
the right side of the homepage.

**Administration**

Ryan Livingston, Superintendent  
Devin Shrum, Principal

LEARNING FOR TODAY,  
PREPARING FOR TOMORROW

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**Board of Education**

Jack Green, Pres. 4 years  
Daniel Singleton, V.P. 5 years  
Racheal Neal, 13 years  
Chad Gooch, 13 years  
Shannon Murrell, 11 years  
Bryon Rojas, 2 year  
Tod Sparks, April 2024

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**2024-2025 is off to a great start!**



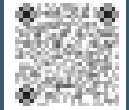
# Linn County High School Juniors

ORDERS DUE BY:

**9/13/2024**

REGISTER,  
SHARE, &  
SHOP @

**SHOPFUND.COM**



With your help, we will be raising \$2,000 for Prom 2025. We are asking every student to REGISTER & SHARE with 5 or more supporters to reach our group goal! We are counting on these funds for the benefit of every child. This funding does not come from other sources so your participation, at any level, is critical. Thank you for your support! Every student is expected to sell 15 items to reach their goal!

Make sure to play the Register. Share. Win. Game after you create your account.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. REGISTER today at [ShopFund.com](https://shopfund.com).
2. SHARE with 5 or more supporters with the online tools.
3. WIN from over \$100,000 in prize giveaways.
4. Make checks payable to: Linn County High School Juniors

800+ items available online PLUS take your order form to work, practice & other places to raise more!



Share fundraiser with 10+ contacts for chance at \$100,000 in prizes!



Text, email, call family & friends to support!



Family & friends nationwide can shop from 800+ items



Get at least 5 supporters to help reach our goal!

Questions? Contact Robyn Sayre at (660)244-5035 or email [rsayre@linnr1.k12.mo.us](mailto:rsayre@linnr1.k12.mo.us)



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TRACK SUPPORTERS & LEADERBOARD STANDING



**Share**  
YOUR FUNDRAISER WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS NATIONWIDE



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FROM 800+ ITEMS AND PAY ONLINE

August 2024

Parents/Guardians,

Our district is required to inform you of information that you, according to the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-95), have the right to know.

Upon your request, our district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instructions.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In-Addition to the information that parents may request, a building receiving Title I.A funds must provide to each individual parent:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of their student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under Title I.A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

**Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)  
COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

This guide explains how to file a complaint about any of the programs<sup>1</sup> that are administered by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)<sup>2</sup>.

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**1. What is a complaint?**

For these purposes, a complaint is a written allegation that a local education agency (LEA) or the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (the Department) has violated a federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under ESSA.

**2. Who may file a complaint?**

Any individual or organization may file a complaint.

**3. How can a complaint be filed?**

Complaints can be filed with the LEA or with the Department.

**4. How will a complaint filed with the LEA be investigated?**

Complaints filed with the LEA are to be investigated and attempted to be resolved according to the locally developed and adopted procedures.

**5. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the local level (LEA)?**

A complaint not resolved at the local level may be appealed to the Department.

<sup>1</sup> Programs include Title I, A, B, C, D, Title II, Title III, Title IV, A, Title V  
<sup>2</sup> In compliance with ESSA Title VIII- Part C, Sec. 8204(a)(3)(C)

**6. How can a complaint be filed with the Department?**

A complaint filed with the Department must be a written, signed statement that includes:

1. A statement that a requirement that applies to an ESSA program has been violated by the LEA or the Department, and
2. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

**7. How will a complaint filed with the Department be investigated?**

The investigation and complaint resolution proceedings will be completed within a time limit of forty-five calendar days. That time limit can be extended by the agreement of all parties.

The following activities will occur in the investigation:

1. **Record.** A written record of the investigation will be kept.
2. **Notification of LEA.** The LEA will be notified of the complaint within five days of the complaint being filed.
3. **Resolution at LEA.** The LEA will then initiate its local complaint procedures in an effort to first resolve the complaint at the local level.
4. **Report by LEA.** Within thirty-five days of the complaint being filed, the LEA will submit a written summary of the LEA investigation and complaint resolution. This report is considered public record and may be made available to parents, teachers, and other members of the general public.
5. **Verification.** Within five days of receiving the written summary of a complaint resolution, the Department will verify the resolution of the complaint through an on-site visit, letter, or telephone call(s).
6. **Appeal.** The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the U.S. Department of Education.

**8. How are complaints related to equitable services to nonpublic school children handled differently?**

In addition to the procedures listed in number 7 above, complaints related to equitable services will also be filed with the U.S. Department of Education, and they will receive all information related to the investigation and resolution of the complaint. Also, appeals to the United States Department of Education must be filed no longer than thirty days following the Department's resolution of the complaint (or its failure to resolve the complaint).

**9. How will appeals to the Department be investigated?**

The Department will initiate an investigation within ten days, which will be concluded within thirty days from the day of the appeal. This investigation may be continued beyond the thirty day limit at the discretion of the Department. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Department will communicate the decision and reasons for the decision to the complainant and the LEA. Recommendations and details of the decision are to be implemented within fifteen days of the decision being delivered to the LEA.

**10. What happens if a complaint is not resolved at the state level (the Department)?**

The complainant or the LEA may appeal the decision of the Department to the United States Department of Education.