



Mergers



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Overview of School Action



Operating Lincoln-West as one school will benefit both schools through a higher-quality student experience, including additional career pathways and college credit courses

School of Global Studies and School of Science & Health

- Enrollment at the Lincoln-West schools is unsustainably low and declining; operating the schools as one will allow every student access to expanded career pathways and college credit courses
- The Lincoln-West building is in unsatisfactory condition; resources will be better spent building a new school building

Lincoln-West High School

- A new high school is in design and scheduled to open in 2030, welcoming students from both Lincoln-West schools and allowing us to maximize our capital resources, including leveraging matching funds available from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission
- Every student will have access to expanded career pathways, college credit courses, and electives, and the ability to pursue an honors diploma
- Global leadership and healthcare will continue to be areas of specialization that students can choose, along with opportunities like local and global expeditions and MetroHealth System-supported hands-on learning
- Students will continue to play sports and participate in extracurricular activities together, as they have always done on this shared campus

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School Data



Merging School Data	LW Global Studies	LW Science & Health	How the data informed the recommendation
HS Enrollment (SY 24-25)	● 283	● 205	- Enrollment at both Lincoln-West schools is very low compared to the 500-student target for HS 500 is the level at which a high school can sustainably offer more opportunities for students
Enrollment Trend (2022-2025)	● -27%	● -23%	Enrollment at both Lincoln-West schools has fallen at a more significant rate than the district median for high schools (-7%)
Building Condition Score	In Design (per OFCC Segment 8 plans)		- A new building for Lincoln-West is in design and will open in 2030 The new building will allow us to maximize our capital resources, including leveraging matching funds available from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission
Utilization of Building Planning Capacity			

HS Enrollment

- Strong (>500)
- Low (400-500)
- Very low (<400)

Enrollment Trend

- >0% growth
- 0-7% decline
- >7% decline

Building Condition Score

- Like New/Good >80
- Fair/Poor 60-80
- Unsatisfactory <60

Building Utilization

- >80%
- 60 to 80%
- Below 60%

Building Planning Capacity

- Below 500

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Student Experience



Merging these schools will **preserve what’s working while expanding access to career pathways, college credit courses, electives, and the option to pursue an honors diploma**

	LW GS SY 2025-26	LW S & H SY 2025-26	Lincoln-West SY 2026-27	
 Career Pathways	0	0	3	3 Career Pathways • Allied Health and Nursing • Business and Administration Services • Health Information Management
 College Credit Courses	0	2	2 or more	
 Electives in Arts & Languages	6	4	6 or more	

Additionally, in school year 2026-27, Lincoln-West will offer:

-  **Continued student supports** to meet academic, physical, special education, mental health, and language needs
-  **All current sports** and continued participation in Senate League

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Looking Ahead



Co-located merging schools

Current students in grades 9-11 at any of the Lincoln-West schools do not need to participate in School Choice to remain at the merged school.

All students will continue to be supported in their goal of graduating ready for college and career.

Students will move to the former Garrett Morgan building (4016 Woodbine Ave) while the new Lincoln-West building is under construction.

Special education single classrooms will still be offered at multiple schools. Families whose children are in these specialized classrooms will get additional outreach and support to enroll.



School choice

Families can use the CMSD School Finder and School Choice Book to better understand their options.

School Choice will launch in January and run through the end of February.



Leadership

Principals for the 2026-27 school year will be appointed in December.



Staff

Staff assignments will be confirmed in Spring 2026, following the School Choice process.

School staff teams will be merged in alignment with our contractual obligations, enrollment, and the needs of the merged student community.

School community

Students, families, and staff will have opportunities to connect and collaborate around the future of the unified school community over the course of the spring and summer before the start of the 2026-27 school year.