Lawrence County School District Calendar 2026-2027

July 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

July

4	Independence day

August 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

August

5-7, 10-12, 12 (Flex)	Professional Development (6)
13	First Day of School

September 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

September

7	Labor Day
24	Student Day/Parent Teacher Conf (Double Day)
25	Student/Faculty non attendance day

October 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October

16	End of Quarter 1 *(45 Days)*
19	Begin Quarter 2

November 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

November

23-27	No School- Thanksgiving Break

December 2026

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

December

18	End Quarter 2 *(40 Days)*
21-31	No School- Christmas Break

January 2027

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

January

1	No School- Christmas Break
4	Professional Development (7) flex
5	Begin Quarter 3
18	Professional Development *(no school MLK)* *(8)* flex
18	Make Up Snow Day 1

February 2027

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

February

11	Student Day/Parent Teacher Conf (Double Day)
12	Student/Faculty non attendance day
15	Professional Development *(no school Pres Day)* *(9)* *flex*

March 2027

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

March

12	End Quarter 3 *(46 Days)*
15	Begin Quarter 4
19-26	No School- Spring Break

April 2027

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

April

16	Student/Faculty non attendance day
16	Make Up Snow Day 2

May 2027

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

May

9	Baccalaureate
10	Graduation
18	End Quarter 4- Last day of school *(40 Days)*
19	Professional Development *(10)*
19-21	Make Up Snow Day 3,4,5
24	Memorial Day

June 2027

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

June

178 School Days = 1068 Instructional Hours
171 Student Days= 6.25 hours per day (375 minimum
= 1068.75 hours
10 Professional Development Days
2 Parent Teacher Conf. Days

Lawrence County School Board Approved March 11, 2026

Walnut Ridge School
Telephone Numbers

Elementary Building	886-3482
Middle Level Building	886-6697
High School Building	886-6623
Superintendent Office	886-6634
Bus Shop	886-2571
Cafeteria	819-0555
Parent Center	819-0443

WALNUT RIDGE SCHOOL
ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent ..... Jacob Kersey
High School Principal (7-12) ..... Tashena Tate
Asst. Principal (K-12)..... Tyler Roby
Elem. Principal (K-6) ..... Lea Andra Foster

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2026-2027

Vickie Mitchell, Joe Penn, Pat Roby,
Brittany Farmer, Chad Ditto, Scott
Brady, Kai Rorex

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faculty list

- Administration
- High School Teachers
- Middle School Teachers
- Elementary School Teachers

Have you downloaded the @ParentSquare app yet?

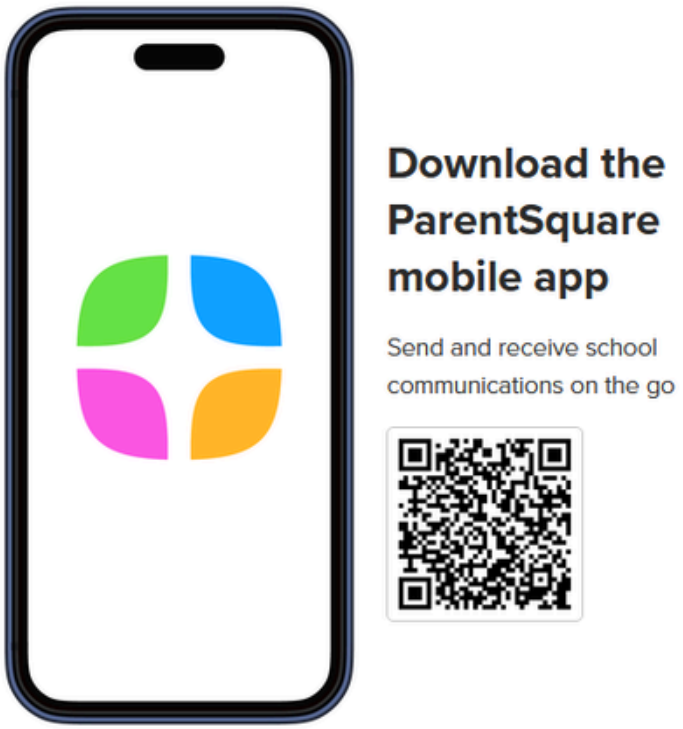
The free app makes it easy to keep up with LCSD wherever you are. You can:

- View school and classroom updates
- Send and receive messages
- Complete forms and permission slips
- Respond to signups and event invitations
- Manage your notification and language preferences

Download the app:

https://www.parentsquare.com/resources/app-download/

You can also access ParentSquare from a web browser at https://www.parentsquare.com/signin



LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Walnut Ridge Public Schools
(870) 886-6634
510 Southern Avenue
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

August 13, 2026

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Lawrence County School District receives federal funding under Title I, Part A. As part of our commitment to keeping you informed, we want to make you aware of your right to request information about the professional qualifications of the individuals working with your child.

You are entitled to request the following information regarding your child's teacher(s):

- Whether the teacher has met Arkansas' certification and licensure requirements for the grade levels and subject areas they are teaching.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status in which certification criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college degree(s), major(s), and any graduate certificates or degrees, including the field of study.

In addition, if your child is taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered highly qualified under state standards, the school will notify you.

If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services and is being supported by a paraprofessional, you may also request the following information:

- Whether the paraprofessional has completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education.
- Whether the paraprofessional has earned an associate degree (or higher).
- Whether the paraprofessional has met the state's standards for paraprofessional certification.
- Whether the paraprofessional has demonstrated the knowledge and ability to assist in instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics, or in other instructional areas such as homework support, reading readiness, and related educational activities.

To request any of this information, please contact your child's school office directly at (870) 886-3482 or via email at leaandra.foster@bobcats.k12.ar.us.

If you have any additional questions regarding your child's education, feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office at (870) 886-6634.

Sincerely,

Jacob Kersey
Superintendent
Lawrence County School District

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Lawrence County School District to develop the ability of all students by motivating, challenging, and fostering independent learning. To accomplish this mission, the Lawrence County School District will ensure a positive educational environment that enhances learning, fosters growth, and provides opportunities for all students and faculty to exceed and excel beyond the educational setting.

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPACT
Parents for Excellence

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PLEDGE:

Lawrence County Schools are committed to the belief that all children can learn and acknowledge that all of us – teachers, administrators, and parents –working together can make a positive difference in student achievement. The school district will provide an optimum learning environment in which students will experience success and achieve excellence in learning.

PARENT'S PLEDGE:

As parents, we want our children to have the best possible education and realize that strong school systems are essential. We, therefore, join with the Lawrence County School District in providing an optimum learning environment for our children.

1) I will insist that all homework assignments are done each night.
2) I will discuss at some point each day what my child has learned at school each day.
3) I will remind my child of the necessity of discipline in the classroom – especially self-discipline.
4) I will provide for my child a period of uninterrupted time which will be devoted to an instructional activity.

PARENT Signature _____

STUDENT Signature_____

TEACHER Signature_____

PRINCIPAL Signature_____

LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parental Involvement Plan

Walnut Ridge Elementary & Walnut Ridge High Schools

2026-2027

Abridged version of the LCSD Parental Involvement Plan. The complete version can be found at https:www.bobcats.k12.ar.us/files/documents/2026%202027%20Parent%20Family%20and%20Community%20Engagement.pdf

If you would like a copy of or more information about the Parent Involvement Policy or information about the Parent Center, contact Angela Brady at 870-819-0451 or Lindsey Romine at 870-819-0443.

Lawrence County School District
Parent Involvement Policy

Lawrence County School District (LCSD) will involve parents in regular, two-way meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring:

- that parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning
- that parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education
- that parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

In compliance with Section 1118(a)(2), of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), **LCSD** agrees to implement required statutory requirements to:

- Involve parents in the joint planning and development of the district's Title I plan through representation on the district ESEA team and participation in fall and spring ESEA meetings.
- Involve parents in an Annual Local Review of the Title I Program and use the results of the Annual Review to address any identified barriers to parental participation. The Annual Review will be conducted each spring and will include an analysis of state and local assessment data, a review of grade level needs and services provided, parent/teacher/and/or student survey data, and a summary analysis of the effectiveness of Title I Services.
- Involve parents in the development, implementation, and review of Parent-School Compacts. The compact will be discussed and signed during fall parent-teacher conferences and reviewed during spring conferences. The compact will also be posted on the district website.
- Involve parents in the planning and development of effective parent involvement activities through representation on each building's Title I Needs Assessment/Evaluation Committee or Schoolwide Committee. Committee meetings will be scheduled flexibly with the scheduling needs of parents in mind.
- Build the schools' and parents' capacity for parent involvement by:
    - providing parents with information on state standards, assessments, requirements of Title I, monitoring their child's progress, and working with educators. Information will be provided during an annual fall meeting, through quarterly progress notices, at parent-teacher conferences, in the district newsletter, and on the district website.
    - providing materials, resources and training to help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement. Resources will be provided in classroom newsletters and communications, through the school website, and the Parent Center. Parent trainings and family education nights will be planned each year based on the school needs assessment and may include a family Literacy Night, Math Night, etc.
    - communicating regularly with parents in clear and understandable terms. This will include opportunities for parents to participate in decision-making roles, volunteer opportunities, classroom newsletters, an annual parent survey, parent-school compacts, and parent-teacher conferences. Parent-teacher meetings will be scheduled at any time, as requested by parents.
    - coordinating parent involvement activities with other initiatives including HeadStart, after-school programs, etc.

The **LCSD Parental Involvement Policy** has been developed jointly with, and agreed on with, parents of children participating in Title I programs as evidenced by meeting minutes.

WALNUT RIDGE SCHOOL

PARENT CENTER SURVEY

Walnut Ridge School is committed to parental involvement within our school system. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to be involved in their child's education. This survey is to help us improve and better understand your needs. Please complete the form and return to the school with your child or mail to Walnut Ridge School, Attn: Parent Center, 508 East Free Street, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476. Thank you in advance for your time.

1. Are you aware the Parent Center provides materials and services for parents to aid their children with homework and school projects?
   ____ YES_____NO

2. Are you aware the Parent Center is available to parents with children in Kindergarten through 12th grades?
   ____ YES_____NO

3. Are you aware the materials in the Parent Center are available for your use free of charge?
   ____ YES_____NO

4. Are you interested in utilizing the Parent Center for educational or parenting needs?
   ____ YES_____NO

   If yes, what time of day would be the most convenient for you to use the Parent Center?
   _____MORNING_____NOON_____AFTERNOON_____EVENING

5. Would you be willing to volunteer some of your time at the Parent Center?
   ____ YES_____NO

6. Would you be interested in attending parent meetings (approx. 1 hr. in length)?
   ____ YES_____NO

   If yes, which would be the best time for you to attend parent meetings?
   _____ MORNING____EVENING

The Parent Center provides parent meetings throughout the school year. Please check any areas in which you are interested in or that would benefit you the most.

_____Homework Strategies

_____Health/Nutrition

_____Family Relationships

_____Managing Stress

_____Volunteering

_____Internet Safety

_____Single Parenting

_____Other _____

Materials in the Parent Center range from preschool through 12th grade, along with a variety of parenting books. If you would like to see more materials in a specific area, please list.

_____

Please check the appropriate grade level(s) of your child(ren) enrolled in Walnut Ridge School.

_____ Kindergarten - 6th grade

_____7th -12th grade

Walnut Ridge School
Volunteer Information Sheet

We are looking for parents and other adults who are committed to supporting Walnut Ridge School by helping to provide the community's children with the best possible education. Our school gives students a variety of opportunities for challenge and enrichment, but we could do even more with your help.

We invite you to participate in our volunteer program. Could you spend an hour a week during story time, helping students with an art project, tutoring a child, or volunteering in the parent center? Could you speak to classes about your business or hobby when they are studying a related topic? We have a need that you could fill.

Please check any areas which you would be interested in volunteering:

____Reading with a student_____Parent Center ____Volunteer from home

____Tutoring a student ____Teacher Helper

Do you have an age level you would prefer to work with? _____

Would you be interested in speaking to a class about your business or hobby? _____
If so, what is your business or hobby? _____

Circle which time of day would be most convenient for you to volunteer:
Morning Afternoon Either

Name_____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Child(ren) you have enrolled in our school

Name_____Grade____ Name_____Grade ____

Name_____Grade____ Name_____Grade ____

Volunteer Survey

We love volunteers at Walnut Ridge School and we want you! In addition to providing important services to the school, volunteering provides a chance to meet and work with other parents and staff. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out this survey and return to school as soon as possible so we can begin putting your talents to use.

I am interested in volunteering **in the classroom** in the areas checked.

- o Tutoring Students
- o Reading with students
- o Working with small groups
- o Attending field trips
- o Assisting with special events (celebrations, pep rallies)
- o Help with class projects
- o Appearing as a guest speaker to:
  - ▪ Share my profession Please list: _____
  - ▪ Share my travels Please list: _____
  - ▪ Share my culture Please list: _____
  - ▪ Share a talent, skill, or craft Please list: _____

I am interested in volunteering **in other areas**. I'd like to:

- o Work in high school library
- o Do copying and laminating
- o Prepare posters, displays, etc.

I am interested in volunteering **in the parent center** in the areas checked.

- o Copying
- o Laminating
- o Cutting letters

Your Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-mail_____
Please mark an * by the best method of reaching you when assistance is needed.

Child(ren) _____ Teacher _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

Volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer training class. We will contact you on the next available date. If you have any questions, contact Lindsey Romine, Parent Center Coordinator, at 819-0443.



Walnut Ridge Parent Center

Providing parents with materials and services to improve children's academic achievement.

***ABOUT THE PARENT CENTER…**

We are here to help parents by providing a variety of materials for your use when helping your children with school work. We can also help you design specialized materials to help meet your child's specific educational needs.

Parenting materials are also available to check out that cover a variety of topics. Some topics, just to name a few, include ADD/ADHD, homework, discipline, behavior, listening, drug and alcohol prevention, and how to encourage a child to read.

***COST…**

All materials are **FREE** for your use!!!

***VOLUNTEERS…**

Volunteers are also welcome and needed. If you have a willingness to help we could use you on our team!

Materials:

- PARENTING BOOKS
- PAMPHLETS
- LEARNING GAMES
- FLASH CARDS
- MUCH, MUCH, MORE

Equipment Available:

- COPY MACHINE
- LAMINATOR
- CUTTING/TRIMMING BOARD
- ELLISON LETTER CUTTING SYSTEM
- COMPUTER

Activities in the Parent Center:

- Parenting Classes
- Volunteering
- Box Tops, Best Choice UPC Codes, and Tyson Project A+ Labels

LOCATION:

The Parent Center is located in the old gym.

HOURS:

We are open throughout the school day. Extended hours available by appointment.

Lindsey Romine, Coordinator
Angela Brady, Facilitator





EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.

The Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

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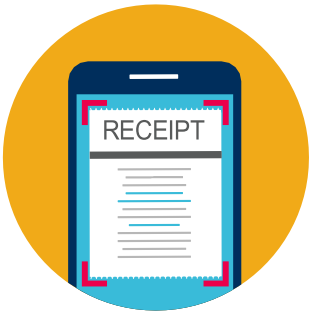


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Use the Store Locator to find more than 4,400 Best Choice™ family of brand items at more than 3,000 stores in 28 states. Brands include Best Choice", Clearly by Best Choice™, and Best Choice" Superior Selections".

2

SAVE THE LABELS FROM YOUR PRODUCTS

Clip the labels off your Best Choice™ family of brand products and collect them. Be sure to save the UPC portion.



3

SEND TO YOUR SCHOOL

Put Best Choice labels in a baggie or envelope.

Please include student name, homeroom teacher, and number of Best Choice labels.

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE BEST CHOICE SAVE-A-LABEL



WRES Child Care Programs

The Walnut Ridge School District recognizes the needs of our parents in regard to the hours they work and the fact that these hours may not match the regular school day. To help our parents, we provide quality Child Care Programs during the school year and the summer.

Paw Patch, a before and after school child care program, is open on days school is in session, unless otherwise noted. In the event school is dismissed early due due to inclement weather, Paw Patch will be closed, too.

Eligible children must be enrolled in the Walnut Ridge School District (Kindergarten through 6th grade). Fees are based on the number of children in a family and the hours they attend. Children may attend either before school, after school, or a combination of both. They may be enrolled full-time, part-time, or drop in.

Paw Patch opens at 6 am and closes at 6 pm. Children are provided an afternoon snack at no additional charge.

The opening day for Vacation Station, a summer child care program, depends on the school calendar. It closes for the summer on or near the end of July.

Any child enrolled at WRES who has had their 5th birthday and are enrolled in Kindergarten through the 6th grade for the next school year may participate.

Vacation Station opens at 6 am and closes at 6 pm. During the summer, children are provided breakfast, lunch, and a snack at no additional charge. Various field trips and activities may be planned throughout the summer.

Both programs are approved by the Department of Human Services. A special enrollment form to participate in either program must be completed and turned in each year.

To enroll or ask questions for either program, contact Jessica Harris, Director.
Email jessica.harris@bobcats.k12.ar.us

ARKANSAS CHILD FIND

Helping All Children Succeed

Do you have concerns about your child's development or progress in school?

What Is Child Find?

Child Find is part of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA '04) that requires states to locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities, ages birth through 21 years, who are in need of early intervention or special education services.



Developmental and Educational Services for Children Ages Birth through 21 Years

Some children have more difficulty learning than others. They may have trouble in one or more of the following developmental or academic areas:

- Vision and Hearing
- Motor Control or Coordination
- Behavior or Social Skills
- Speech or Communication Skills
- Academic Skills

A referral for early intervention or special education services can come from:

- a parent
- guardian
- foster parent
- family member
- teacher
- counselor
- student who finds learning difficult

The earlier you express your concerns, the sooner your child's needs will be identified and the sooner he or she will receive the help needed to succeed.

Help for Infants and Toddlers

Children ages birth to 3 years are screened through Arkansas First Connections, https://dhs.arkansas.gov/dds/firstconnectionsweb/#fc-home, or telephone number is 1-800-643-8258.

Help for Preschool and School-Aged Children

Contact your local school district or the charter school your child attends. If your child attends a private school, contact the district office at the school district in which the private school is located.

TOGETHER WE ARE

Transforming Arkansas to Lead the Nation in Student-Focused Education

LEADERSHIP SUPPORT SERVICE

Parent Activities Planned for 2026-2027

The following are parent involvement activities planned for the 2026-2027 school year. More information will be posted on the website and in the newsletters when the event date is near. We look forward to and encourage involvement from all of our parents.

Activity	**Date**
WRHS Orientation (9th Graders & New Students)	August 06
Open House	August 06
Volunteer Training	October
Booster Club	Quarterly
8th Grade Parent Meeting	October
Parent/Teacher Conferences	September 25
Senior Class Parent Meeting	September
Band Parent Association (Grades 6-12)	Fall, Winter,Spring
One School, One Book (Grades K-8)	Jan/Feb
Financial Aide Night	February
Parent/Teacher Conferences	February 11
Kindergarten Registration	April
Volunteering	Ongoing
Parent/Teacher Organization	Ongoing

If you would like a paper copy please contact our office at 870-886-6634