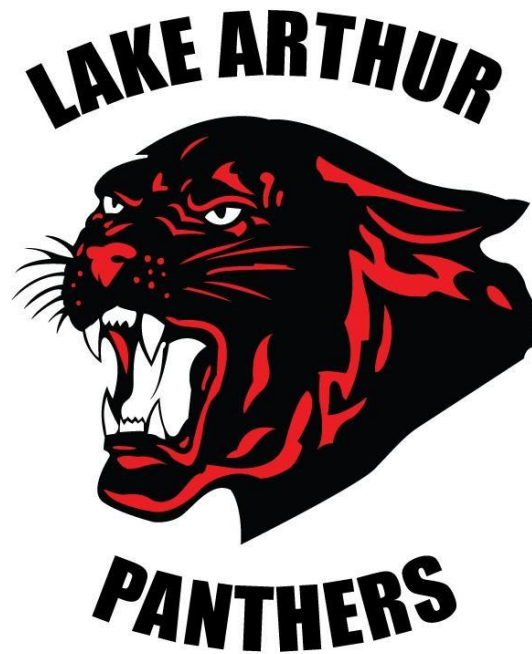


# LAKE ARTHUR MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

## 2024-2025 Student Culture Guide



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at Lake Arthur Municipal Schools! As we embark on this exciting journey together, we look forward to creating lasting memories and achieving great milestones. The experiences you gain here will be cherished for a lifetime, shaping your growth and learning in profound ways.

Lake Arthur Municipal Schools is proud to offer a vibrant environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and personally. We are known for having the best students, parents, staff, and community in the Pecos Valley; one dedicated to working toward continuous improvement. Our community is known for its dedication to excellence, and we are excited to have you as part of our Panther family. With your support and active participation, we will continue to uphold the legacy of pride and accomplishment that defines our schools.

At our school, we believe that education is more than just academics; it's about fostering a holistic growth environment where students can thrive and excel. Our culture guide is designed to guide and support students in developing essential skills and values that will prepare them for success in school and beyond. We encourage you to embrace this opportunity, strive for excellence, and take full advantage of the activities and opportunities available. We look forward to a successful and fulfilling school year, working together with parents, students, and the entire school community to achieve our shared goals. Together, let's make this school year unforgettable and continue to build on the achievements of Lake Arthur Municipal Schools.

The administration and staff of Lake Arthur Municipal Schools welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

*Elisa Begueria*

Elisa Begueria, Superintendent

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**Vision:**

“Ready for Life, College or Career.”

**Mission:**

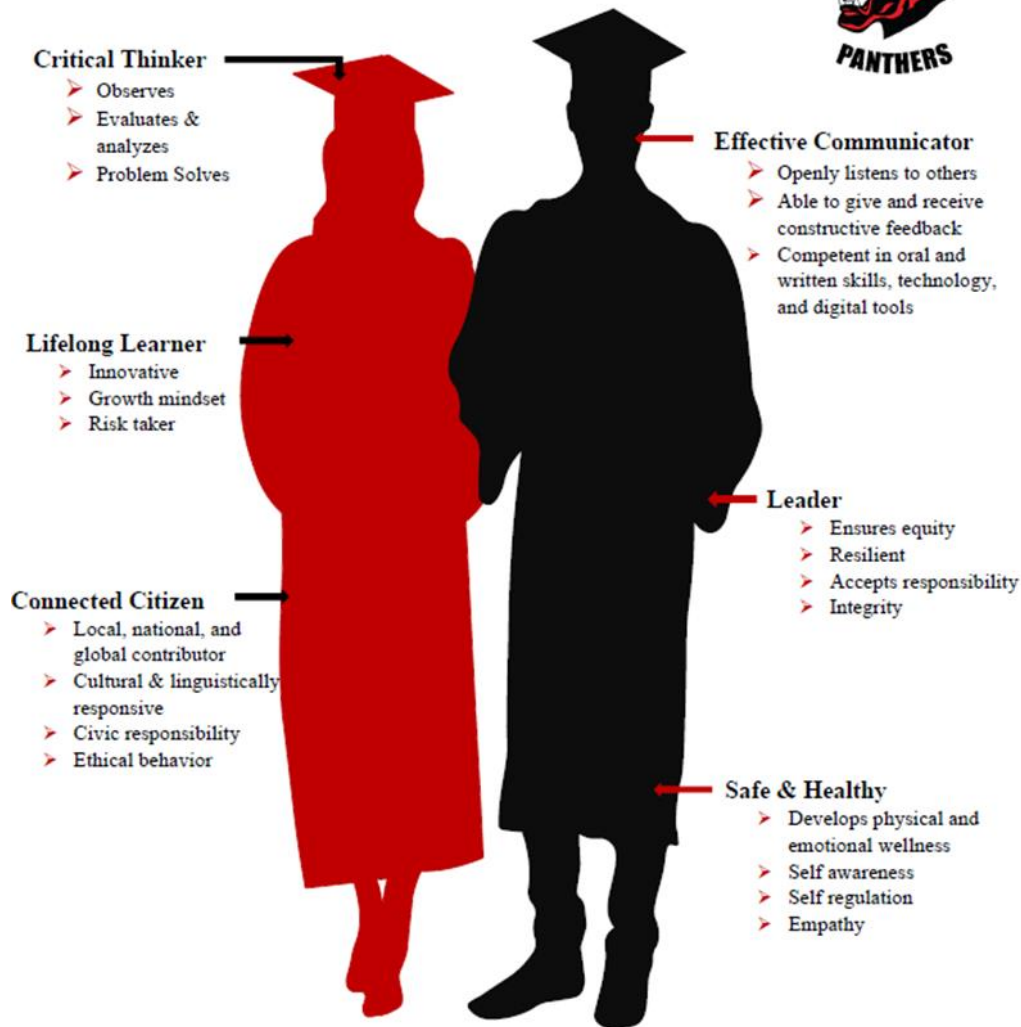
“Inspire, Challenge, and Support our Students to Achieve Their Full Potential.”

**Core Values:**

Community, Safety, Perseverance, Integrity, Compassion and Respect

**The Portrait of Lake Arthur Graduate:**

**PORTRAIT of a GRADUATE**



**READY FOR LIFE, COLLEGE, or CAREER**

# **Student Values Based on the Portrait of a Graduate**

## **Critical Thinker**

As a critical thinker, you are expected to observe, evaluate, and analyze information with an open mind and a desire to understand multiple perspectives. You will problem-solve by asking thoughtful questions and using evidence to make well-reasoned decisions. By thinking critically, you will be able to navigate complex situations both inside and outside the classroom.

## **Effective Communicator**

Effective communication is key to success. You are expected to express your thoughts clearly and respectfully, orally, written, and through technology. Listening actively to others, understanding their viewpoints, and engaging in meaningful discussions will help you collaborate and build strong relationships. Additionally, giving and receiving constructive feedback will empower you to share your ideas and influence your school positively.

## **Lifelong Learner**

Learning doesn't end with graduation; it's a lifelong journey. You are encouraged to stay curious, seek new knowledge, and embrace opportunities for growth with an innovative and risk-taking attitude. By maintaining a growth mindset, you will continually develop new skills, adapt to change, and remain relevant in an ever-evolving world. This mindset will help you achieve personal and professional fulfillment throughout your life.

## **Connected Citizen**

As a connected citizen, you are expected to understand and appreciate the diverse world around you. Engage in your community, respect different cultures, and contribute positively to society with ethical behavior. By building connections with others and participating in civic activities, you will foster a sense of belonging and responsibility, helping to create a more inclusive and just world.

## **Leader**

Leadership is about inspiring and guiding others towards a common goal. You are expected to demonstrate integrity, take initiative, and motivate your peers with a focus on equity and responsibility. By setting a positive example, showing resilience, and making ethical decisions, you will earn the trust and respect of others. Your leadership will drive positive change within your school and community, preparing you to take on future challenges with confidence.

## **Safe & Healthy**

Your well-being is a top priority. You are expected to make choices that promote physical, mental, and emotional health through self-awareness and self-regulation. Respecting school policies, promoting empathy, maintaining a safe environment, and looking out for the welfare of yourself and others are crucial. You will dress professionally for school and school events, promoting a positive and focused learning environment. By prioritizing safety and health, you will create a supportive atmosphere where everyone can thrive.

*In order to achieve the Portrait of a Graduate, students must meet the graduation requirements set forth by the New Mexico Public Education Department and successfully complete the coursework mandated by Lake Arthur Schools. Below, you will find important information regarding these requirements.*

**Academics**

**Grading Policy**

The Lake Arthur Equitable Grading Policy is as follows. Additionally, following New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA), students will be eligible to participate in all extracurricular activities if passing all classes and maintaining a 2.0 grade point average. Juniors and Seniors will have opportunities to gain credit through dual credit, work based learning, and capstone projects. These students, as well as online students and out of district students, will have an additional contract.

A	90-100	Student is working independently above grade level
B	80-89	Student is working independently at grade level
C	70-79	Student is working near grade level with support
D	60-69	Students is working significantly bellow grade level with support
F	50-59	Student fails to demonstrate ability

**Graduation Requirements for Seniors 2025**

English	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	3 units
Social Studies	3.5 units
Physical Education	1 unit
Foreign Language/Career Cluster/Workplace Readiness	1 unit
Health	0.5 unit
Electives	7 units
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION</b>	<b>24 units</b>

**Make-Up Work & Attendance**

As a rule of thumb and to ensure everyone’s well-being, if a student does not feel good, they should stay home. If a student is absent, their parent or guardian must call the office to inform the school and excuse the absence. If a student is absent for three (3) or more days must have a doctor’s note to be excused. Make-up work must be completed in no more than two days from the first day missed and one day for each consecutive day thereafter but not to exceed one week.

**Report Cards and Progress Reports**

Report cards are issued at the end of each 9-week grading period as indicated on the school calendar. Mid-term progress reports are sent home each nine weeks. Additional progress reports may be sent home as frequently as needed by the teaching staff.

## **Technology**

Lake Arthur Municipal Schools will provide a Chromebook, with a case and charger, for each student. It is the parent and student responsibility to properly use and care for the device. A parent agreement will be signed at the time of the check out. Personal technology devices, including cell phones and headphones, will be permitted when appropriate and at the teachers' discretion. As technology develops it is imperative that we learn to utilize tools appropriately and ethically. AI will only be used under the directive and guidance of a supervising teacher. It is important to understand that AI is a resource and not the answer to daily tasks.

*At Lake Arthur Municipal Schools, we are dedicated to developing and nurturing responsible and respectful adults. Our commitment extends to fostering an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. To maintain this environment, it is imperative that all students adhere to the policies set forth by the Lake Arthur School Board of Education.*

*Any actions that violate these policies will be addressed in accordance with the established procedures and guidelines. Our aim is to ensure that every student understands the importance of these rules and the consequences of not following them, thereby promoting a safe and supportive learning environment for all.*