



This report is a summary of data submitted for the 2023-2024 school year by early childhood centers, elementary schools and high schools operated by The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) along with information obtained from the LCMS School Ministry Office, LCMS Districts and the LCMS Office of Rosters and Statistics.

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When schools flourish, matters stand well, and the church is saved. Let them call us doctors and masters if they please, but youth is the seed and the fount of the church. Where would other doctors and masters come from after we are dead if there were no schools. We are compelled to have schools in the church. God preserves the church through schools.”

Martin Luther
On Youth and Education

Total Number of Schools- 1,784

- Early Childhood Centers – 1,641*
- Elementary Schools – 732*
- Middle Schools – 623*
- High Schools – 109*

Total Number of Students- 172,565

- Early Childhood – 65,245*
- Grades k-8 – 88,443*
- Grades 9-12 – 18,877

Total Number of Teachers- 21,500

- Rostered Teachers – 10,152
 - Active – 4,997
 - Candidate – 1,314
 - Emeritus – 3,841
- Non-Rostered Teachers – 11,348

National Lutheran School

Accreditation – 659

- Early Childhood Centers – 497**
- Elementary Schools- 507**
- High Schools – 79**

LCMS Operated International Schools

- Hong Kong International – 2,917
- Concordia International Shanghai – 1,157
- Concordia International Hanoi- 500

Total Number of Schools by District 1,784

Atlantic	29
California/Nevada/Hawaii	57
Central Illinois	50
Eastern	37
English	41
Florida-Georgia	59
Indiana	91
Iowa East	27
Iowa West	39
Kansas	47
Michigan	140
Mid-South	22
Minnesota North	25
Minnesota South	79
Missouri	102
Montana	17
Nebraska	62
New England	19
New Jersey	18
North Dakota	3
North Wisconsin	51
Northern Illinois	77
Northwest	96
Ohio	54
Oklahoma	18
Pacific Southwest	108
Rocky Mountain	50
SELC	13
South Dakota	19
South Wisconsin	86
Southeastern	63
Southern	23
Southern Illinois	34
Texas	114
Wyoming	14

*The number of schools listed in each section represents schools that have indicated that they contain grade levels in the indicated area and as such may be counted in multiple sections.
**This data includes schools that may have been accredited separately at each level, or together as a single school location with multiple programs and grade levels.