

## Abraham Lincoln High School

## Academy for College Preparation

Abraham Lincoln High School is a school on the move! Up until 2-3 years ago Lincoln was perceived as a troubled school in terms of: <u>academics</u>, <u>discipline</u>, <u>enrollment and expectations</u>. Over the past two years Lincoln has reached some important milestones. We believe we have carved out a nice system that we continue to tweak frequently to become a high achieving school as quickly as possible. The following are some of the pieces that are in place that we believe are making a difference for our school:

- Think College! Our mission is for all students to be prepare to attend and succeed in a four year college or university
- Multiple post secondary educational opportunities: APEX A, Fast College Fast Jobs, PSEO, DSF, AP courses (CU Denver, EGOS, CCD)
- College Board EXCELerator School status plus a newly formed College Board partnership that focuses on College Readiness for all students
- College Prep curriculum-Springboard
- Year long and summer Freshmen Academies
- Intentional Freshmen support: isolated location of core classes, guidance counselor that will loop with students, attendance liaison, Freshmen only student advisor and other support systems that integrate into our RTI model
- Lincoln HS Instructional Framework that has a laser like focus on instruction
- Data Teams in all subject areas
- Common Planning-teachers working collaboratively daily
- Professional Development plan that infuses AVID, SIOP (sheltered instructional practices and College Board/Springboard strategies)
- A focus on authentic student engagement; not passive learning
- School uniforms
- Closed campus for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- Organized parental involvement (full time parent coordinator)
- Strong marketing plan

## The following are some of the highlights over the past two years:

- 500 student enrollment increase
- CSAP proficiency increase in all areas: in particular reading and writing (double digit increases)
- Increase in ACT scores
- Increase in graduation rate (47% to 64%)
- Increase number of students taking AP courses from 145 to 335 students
- Additional 150 students enrolled in dual enrollment courses (120 10<sup>th</sup> graders)
- Decrease in fights from 45 in 04 to 8 in 08

- Increase in Freshmen Summer Academy enrollment from 75 in 06 to 275 in 08
- Past two years 85% of graduates have been accepted to a post secondary school
- School pride
- Community pride
- Increase in athletic participation
- Media recognition
- Lincoln recognized for high CSAP growth in 2008
- Effective Practice Incentive Community (EPIC) Tier I DPS High School Designation