

District Profile

Lowville Academy is located in central Lewis County in the Black River valley region of northwestern NYS. The school was founded as a private school in 1808 and celebrated its 200th anniversary in 2008 with a year-long celebration that culminated in the development of the "Bicentennial" Building project. In the early 1900's the Trustees of the Academy agreed to provide a free and public education for all children of Lowville. In 1942, many of the rural districts and townships in the surrounding area joined with the Town of Lowville to form what became the Lowville Academy and Central School District. The school district now encompasses a large and rural land area of 257 square miles located in all or a part of 11 towns with the Village of Lowville at its center, the total resident population of the district exceeds 9,000 people. The district is also home to the largest wind farm in the eastern U.S. with 195 wind turbines located approximately five miles from the school in the Tug Hill plateau.

As of January 2012 the school district houses a PK-12 population of 1,480 students and 220 plus staff members at a single location of approximately 320,000 square feet in the middle of the Village of Lowville. The campus today includes a 1924 building housing the high school, an elementary school located in a wing connected to the high school built in 1958 (with an addition in 1987) and a middle school wing built for grades 6-8 in 1999. The school campus is land locked and borders the Lewis County Courthouse on the southern boundary and residential housing on all other sides.

Historically, there has been strong public sentiment to educate all children of the district in one location. The campus is beautifully maintained and reflects the pride the school community feels about the facility. The central campus is built upon nine acres with additional land leased by the school district at the nearby Lewis County Fairgrounds for athletic teams and community use. The district also owns approximately ten acres of athletic fields purchased and developed in the 1999 project approximately one-half mile from school for athletic practices and green space purposes.

Lowville Academy is an outstanding school district with a focus on constant improvement of school programs and support services. The school community is dedicated to the school's success and holds high expectations for students who "Enter To Learn . . . Go Forth To Serve".

District Mission Statement

The mission of the Lowville Academy and Central School District is to provide a responsible and comprehensive educational program that meets the immediate and long-term affective, cognitive and developmental needs of individual students, resulting in people who are happy and self-confident, who perform consistently to their ability, and who are prepared to be contributing and productive members in tomorrow's society.

Statistics:

Professional/Instructional Staff	139
Non-Instructional Staff	108
Student Enrollment	1,480

Financial Data:

Budget	\$25,325,410
True Value	\$467,698,894
Tax Rate on True Value	\$8.23
State Aid Ratio	88.5%

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The Lowville Academy & Central School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

An invitation to apply for the position of

Superintendent of Schools



Lowville Academy and Central School

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Our Community



The Lowville school district and surrounding community is a vibrant and important part of Lewis County history. The natural green space and rural setting of Lowville is a great asset to tourism and the dairy industry.

The area's economy relies heavily on independent family farms with a few large scale operations. One of the area's largest dairy employers, Kraft, employs over 400 people manufacturing cream cheese for the entire country. Other major employers within the district include AMF Bowling Products, Climax Specialty Manufacturing, Fibermark, the Lewis County General Hospital and a host of small and growing businesses. The community also is located within close proximity of the 10th Mountain Division post at Fort Drum, New York. Approximately 130 military dependents attend Lowville Academy.

Lowville is a peaceful, safe and welcoming community that features several civic and cultural organizations. Approximately 50 miles north of Utica, Lowville is 30 miles from Watertown and 90 miles from Syracuse.



LACS At A Glance....

Celebrating Success

- "Newsweek's" Outstanding HS's in America Extensive Advanced-Placement Program
- Exceptional second language program featuring 4th and 5th year/college level programs
- Outstanding five year college going rate of 85%
- Advanced Regents Diploma Rate 55% plus over the last three graduating classes
- Universal pre-kindergarten for all students
- Extensive award-winning fine arts program
- State of the art technology environment with 1000 plus computers in a Wi-Fi setting
- National Blue Ribbon Jr.-Sr. High School 1999-one of 167 nationwide
- 18 varsity sports—new athletic complex
- A comprehensive gifted and talented program grades K-12
- Regional summer school at all levels
- Comprehensive after school program including open library, tutoring and extra-curricular activities
- Exceptional science opportunities for accelerated students in MS and HS
- Updated and modern facility-completely accessible
- Wide range of integrated classroom opportunities for students with disabilities
- Consistently high graduation rate
- Exceptional instructional and support staff
- Strongly supportive community



Application and Selection Process

Candidates should submit the following by:

March 1, 2012

- Letter of Interest
- Current Resume
- Completed Application
- Placement File
- Copy of New York State Certification
- The application is available at the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES website at www.boces.com

TO:

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Candidates must not contact members of the Board of Education directly.

A new superintendent is expected to be selected by May/June to assume duties by mid-July.

COMPENSATION

The Board seeks an exceptional candidate with prior successful building and district administrative experience. The salary range is negotiable up to \$120-\$140,000 commensurate with experience. A full selection of negotiated benefits will be offered to the successful candidate.

Residency within the district is required. The successful candidate will understand the unique character of the school community and be willing to become an active, visible member of the community along with being personally involved in the total educational program.

Qualities and Characteristics of the new Superintendent

The Superintendent of the Lowville Academy & Central School District will be a student-centered educational leader with vision and integrity who:

- Has a commitment to excellence, high expectations for students, faculty, staff and the ability to continue the development of a high quality educational program;
- Exhibits expertise in understanding school finance and the management of business affairs;
- Is familiar with New York State Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations;
- Exhibits expertise and an understanding of curriculum and staff development with a particular emphasis on Race-to-the-Top requirements;
- Will work collaboratively with the Board and respond to their requests for information promptly;
- Has had experience as a successful educator in New York State;
- Is an adept public speaker and puts others at ease during conversation;
- Visible throughout the district;
- Possesses a positive attitude but has the fortitude to implement difficult decisions;
- Will be active in community organizations.

