EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER of Lorain County

2026-27 SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ALL LORAIN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Events are open to all Lorain County public, private, parochial, homeschool and charter schools

November 18 - ESCLC Middle School Academic Challenge

- Grades 5-8.
- Student will gain exceptional knowledge in assigned topics which coincide with the curriculum they are learning.
- Learn how to strategically work with teammates to gain the most points.
- Awards to all placing teams.
- Venue: The Lodge of New Russia Township.

February 20 - Lorain County Solo & Ensemble Contest

- Grades 4-12.
- Students will perform in front of music adjudicators for scoring and comments.
- Great opportunity for students who take music seriously and want to enhance skills.
- Venue: Firelands High School, Oberlin

March 18 - Middle School Honors Choir & Band Festival

- Currently Amherst, Clearview, Columbia, Elyria, Firelands, Keystone, Lorain, Midview, Sheffield and Wellington participate (*only public schools may participate).
- Grades 7 & 8.
- A seasoned Choir and Band Conductor lead the performances.
- Great opportunity for students who take music seriously.
- Venue: Keystone High School.

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Scripps National Spelling Bee®

March 11 - Lorain County Grade 7 & 8 Spelling Bee

- Grades 7 & 8.
- The finalist and a guest will be sent to Washington D.C. to compete in the 2027 Scripps National Spelling Bee, all expenses paid.
- Awards to all participants.
- Venue: Northwood Middle School.
- Scripps National Spelling Bee competition held the last week of May.

April 8 & April 22 - ESCLC Elementary Spelling Bees

- Grades 3-6.
- One Bee for Grades 3-4 and one for Grades 5-6.
- Awards to all participants.
- Venue: Northwood Middle School, Elyria.

May 12 - Lorain County Young Authors Conference & Open House

- Grades 3-6.
- Stories and Illustrations are judged - Awards given to best story/illustration per grade.
- A guest author and illustrator will give presentations at the conference.
- Conference held at Elyria Performing Arts Center and Open House/Book Signing at the ESCLC.

October 26-November 13 - Lorain County High School Art Show

- Grades 9-12.
- Best of Show and Excellence Awards are given plus People's Choice Awards by public vote.
- Venue: West River Elyria Public Library.

January 11-29 - Lorain County Teacher's Art Show

- Grades K-12 teachers.
- People's Choice Awards by public vote.
- Venue: West River Elyria Public Library.

April 26-May 14 - Lorain County Elementary & Middle School Art Show

- Grades K-8.
- Best of Show and Excellence Awards are given plus People's Choice Awards by public vote.
- Venue: West River Elyria Public Library.

2026-27 GIFTED EVENTS FOR GIFTED CONSORTIUM DISTRICTS

October 14 - Visual Arts

- Grades K-12.
- Communicate ideas, emotions and perspectives in a personal and meaningful way.
- Attain self-confidence in having their portfolio evaluated.
- Learn how to receive and apply constructive feedback which helps them handle critique with resilience and maturity.
- Venue: ESCLC.

DECEMBER 4 - MOCK TRIAL

- Grades 5-8.
- Students learn to analyze evidence, identify logical arguments and anticipate counter-arguments.
- Builds confidence in speaking clearly and persuasively, responding sometimes under pressure.
- Each role (attorney, witness, juror) requires students to work together toward a shared goal - as a team.
- Help students grasp how the legal system works, what justice looks like in action and why informed citizens matter in a democracy.
- Venue: Lorain County Juvenile Court Building.

January 7 - Math Mania

- Grades 4 - 6.
- Math games that challenge students to think quickly, recognize patterns and manipulate numbers or shapes in creative way.
- Math Games that reinforces number sense and helps students develop speed and confidence with math facts.
- Students will use logic and visual spatial skills which are essential for higher-level math, coding and abstract thinking.
- Venue: The Lodge of New Russia Township.

2026-27 CELEBRATION BANQUETS

October 8, 2026 - Bus Driver Awards Banquet

- We are honored to celebrate our dedicated bus drivers, who ensure students arrive safely to and from school each day. This banquet is a heartfelt thank-you for their commitment, care, and the vital role they play in our school community.

May 6, 2027 - Food Services Awards Banquet

- Join us in celebrating our dedicated Food Service personnel, whose hard work ensures every student receives a nutritious meal each day. This special banquet is our way of honoring their vital contributions to the health and success of our school community.

May 27, 2027 - Custodial Services Awards Banquet

- Join us in celebrating our dedicated Custodial personnel, whose hard work ensures every school is clean, safe and welcoming. This special banquet is our way of honoring all their hard work to create a healthy environment for our students and staff every day.