

Congratulations to our GIRLS' BASKETBALL Team on their Section Championship and qualification for the State Tournament!

As a 'school of excellence', we always strive to support our strong academics and celebrate our top-notch co-curricular programs. This email will clarify our policy as it relates to a student's school attendance and this State Tournament event.

Our first STATE game is **WEDNESDAY at NOON** at Williams Arena (U of M) vs Maple Grove. Those students who wish to attend the game may be **excused at 10:30 am** (during 3rd hour).

Students may sign up to ride on a fan bus (\$5, *first come, first served till the buses are full*)...OR they may provide their own transportation to the tourney.

****Deadlines****

Fan Bus Sign Up: Tuesday at 12:30pm (or whenever all spots have filled up)

Parent Email Excusal: Wednesday at 8am

Below is an explanation of how to secure your excused absence...

Special Notes...Please read carefully...

* No calls or handwritten notes will be accepted by the Attendance Office.

* The excusal will not be completed through our online ticketing system as it has been the past couple of years.

Here is how parents will excuse their child...

1. By Wednesday at 8am, the parent/ guardian must email LNHS Attendance (lnhsattendance@isd194.org) to let them know their child will be excused for the game.
 - o **You must use the Subject Line, "State Girls' Basketball"**
 - o **Make sure the email clearly states the student's full name & grade, with the parent guardian's name and phone number included as well.**
2. To complete the excused absence, when the student arrives at Williams Arena, they need to check in (at the student section) with AD, Mike Zweber, either showing their student ID or their Student Portal Login on IC.

Those who choose to **ride the Fan Bus**... *Please read the following rules:*

- All riders must sign up & pay in advance (deadline: 12:30pm on Tuesday, but it is first come, first served until full, so act quickly. Link: <https://gofan.co/event/1456506?schoolId=MN9784>)
- Students who buy a spot on the Fan Bus must also have their parent email in their excused absence.
- Students who sign up for the bus **MUST** ride the Fan Bus **BOTH WAYS**. No exceptions.
- Students who are late to the departure time from LN or Williams Arena will not be issued a refund.
- Students must also purchase an online ticket to get into the game from the MSHSL (no cash sales): <https://www.mshsl.org/tickets>
- Students will be excused from class at 10:30am, and the bus departs LNHS at 10:35am.
- The bus will leave for home 15 minutes after the conclusion of the contest.
- Students must make arrangements with their teachers for make-up work that they will miss while at the State Tourney.
- Students are expected to represent LNHS with class.

Those who choose **NOT to ride the Fan Bus**...Please read the following rules:

- Students will be excused from class at 10:30am (deadline to complete this form is 8am on game day, no excused absences will be granted after the deadline.)
- Students must check-in at Williams Arena with LN Administration with the QR Code generated from the online permission form to get scanned which will complete their excused absence.
- Failure to check-in at the student section will result in an unexcused absence.
- Students must purchase an online ticket to get into the game from the MSHSL (no cash sales): <https://www.mshsl.org/tickets>
- Students must make arrangements with their teachers for make-up work that they will miss while at the State Tourney.
- Students are expected to represent LNHS with class.

***** Remember: NO calls or handwritten notes will be accepted by the Attendance Office...and students must check in at the game with a photo ID to complete the excused absence*****

*****Lakeville North Administration reserves the right to hold students back due to academic or behavioral concerns*****

Some Helpful Details & Links:

- General Info: <https://www.mshsl.org/sports-and-activities/basketball-girls>
- Tourney Bracket: <https://www.mshsl.org/tournaments/2024-state-class-aaaa-basketball-girls-tournament>
- Tickets: <https://www.mshsl.org/tickets>.
- Livestream: <https://nspn.tv/MSHSL>
- Spectator Guide: <https://www.mshsl.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/2024%20Girls%20Basketball%20Spectator%20Guide.pdf>

GO PANTHERS!

