

# Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School (LTCHS) Volunteer Credits

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. What are LTCHS Volunteer Credits?

Volunteer Credits were developed by LTCHS Administration to encourage parents and guardians of LTCHS students to participate in activities that would generate funds to support activities, programs and clubs, hosted and/or supported by the school that meet the School's criteria.

### 2. How can I earn LTCHS Volunteer Credits?

There may be many ways to earn LTCHS Volunteer Credits, the most common way is by registering and working bingos or casinos for the LTCHS Booster Club. To register as an eligible volunteer to work LTCHS Bingos volunteers must register through the LTCHS Web Site. Volunteer opportunities are currently assigned by the LTCHS Bingo Coordinator as per the LTCHS Booster Club procedure. Depending on the number of interested volunteers, limitations on the number of bingos each family is assigned may be implemented to ensure the opportunity to earn LTCHS Volunteer Credits is equitable to all interested volunteers. As other volunteer opportunities are identified by LTCHS Administration, these will also be promoted on the LTCHS web site.

### 3. What is the value of my time?

Depending on the volunteer activity, and other variables, the LTCHS Volunteer Credit value may change. The value of working a bingo will be a set amount per bingo. This amount may vary from time to time, as determined by the LTCHS Administration. The Volunteer Credit value for other volunteer opportunities, such as casinos will be determined on a case-by-case basis by LTCHS Administration.

### 4. What is the LTCHS Booster Club and its purpose?

The LTCHS Booster Club is an independent, not-for-profit society that is made up of LTCHS parent volunteers. The LTCHS Booster Club also holds a gaming license with Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission (AGLC) that permits the Society to generate funds from gaming such as bingos and casinos. The LTCHS Booster Club is responsible to receive and distribute any earned gaming proceeds as per legislation. The purpose of the Society is to work in partnership with LTCHS Administration, and other associated groups and clubs, to enrich the student experience and to reduce financial barriers for student participation in extra-curricular activities at LTCHS.

### 5. Are these Volunteer Credits different than the Music Parent Society Credits?

Yes, The Music Parent's Society is another not-for-profit society made up of music-program parent volunteers who undertake fundraising on behalf of the LTCHS Music Program specifically. This board manages and distributes all of their volunteer and fundraising credits.

**6. Do I need to sign up for a specific group or club when I work a bingo/casino?**

No, when you work a bingo, it is important to note that you are working for the LTCHS Booster Club. There are a wide variety of clubs and groups associated with LTCHS which include, but are not limited to Athletics, Football, Robotics, Drama, Travel, Choir, Band, etc., all of these groups and teams are eligible to apply, through school administration, to the Booster Club for support of their various activities.

**7. Do I have to determine what I am using my LTCHS Volunteer Credits for prior to volunteering?**

No, your LTCHS Volunteer Credits can be placed on any of your child(ren)'s account currently participating at LTCHS, or in LTCHS activities (i.e. Gr. 8 students currently playing on the LTCHS Jr. Raider Football team).

**8. What can I spend my credits on?**

LTCHS Administration determines the criteria and limitations for use of Volunteer Credits. They are also responsible for the administration and accounting of these credits. Parents who earn volunteer credits can apply them to a variety of extracurricular activities including the cost of athletic fees, football fees, graduation fees and travel/exchanges.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Volunteer Credits can **only** be applied to travel once the trip has been approved by both the School Board and the Alberta Liquor and Gaming Commission. While you can indicate you wish your credits to be applied to your child's trip/exchange, they will not be applied until all approvals have been received by school Administration.

**9. How do I know the amount of credits I have earned and how can I apply them to my child's account?**

LTCHS Financial Coordinator monitors and administers the LTCHS Volunteer Credits. Updates are typically done monthly and a update letter will be sent via email. To apply the Volunteer Credits to your child's account, a LTCHS Credit Letter indicating the intent to apply the credits to an eligible expense must be completed and then presented to the LTCHS Bookstore. This form can be found online under LTCHS Booster Club.

**10. Can I transfer my credits to other students in my family?**

Yes, LTCHS Volunteer Credits are transferable. A signed LTCHS Credit letter indicating the intent to apply the credits to an eligible expense and to what child's account must be completed and presented at the LTCHS Bookstore. This form is also found online under the LTCHS Booster Club

**11. What happens with any unused LTCHS Volunteer Credits after my children are no longer attending LTCHS?**

Any unused LTCHS Volunteer Credits will be turned back to LTCHS Administration; they are of no cash value, are not transferable to another family and parents will not be reimbursed.

If you have further questions, please contact the Geannette Lehman, Vice Principal LTCHS at [geannette.lehman@rdpsd.ab.ca](mailto:geannette.lehman@rdpsd.ab.ca) or the LTCHS Booster Club at [ltchsboosterclub.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ltchsboosterclub.treasurer@gmail.com).