

the Washougal Commitment

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OUR MISSION

Creating a supportive and welcoming environment for student success, our schools and community will collaborate to ensure all students become self-reliant, well-rounded, and productive citizens through a broad range of opportunities.

OUR VISION

Together, entrusted with and accountable for the success of each student.



Washougal School District

OUR GOALS

are to assure that...

- » Each student will develop a strong academic foundation that includes the arts, health, technology, and second language skills.
- » Each student will develop the ability to use time effectively, think critically, work cooperatively, and utilize a variety of skills to solve real world problems.
- » Each student will develop civic and cultural understanding, an appreciation of diversity, and an ability to engage in civil discourse within a democratic society.
- » Each student will develop an understanding of life-long fitness and the skills needed to make healthy choices.
- » Each student will develop effective written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking and communicating to a variety of audiences, and demonstrate positive and appropriate social interaction.
- » Each student will leave high school ready to assume adult responsibilities, manage resources, successfully apply for opportunities, live independently, collaborate as a member of a team, and commit to hard work.

Experiences and Opportunities

We asked community members, parents, students, and staff what experiences and opportunities they believed students should have in school to be successful in life. These three major themes emerged.

1. A wide variety of co-curricular and extra curricular activities

Each student will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities including athletics, performing arts, and high interest clubs.

2. Partnering with the community for the students' futures

Washougal School District will partner with community, businesses, and agencies to introduce students to a broad range of occupations and expertise and to get the feedback needed to keep instruction relevant. Students will have opportunities to apply what they have learned in class to real work experiences and contribute to community needs.

3. Extending learning within and beyond the classroom

Each student will have learning experiences including field trips to enrich learning in and beyond the classroom. Students will actively engage in projects including scientific inquiry, environmental studies, technology, governmental systems and leadership.

Our Culture

We asked community members, parents, students, and staff what aspects of the district culture should remain the same, and what aspects needed focus.

Welcoming and Inclusive Culture

Washougal School District celebrates the strong sense of community that has been created. Our goal is to build and nurture a culture that is inviting to everyone, considers the needs of working families and accepts differences in others.

Student Learning

Washougal School District celebrates success in providing effective supports for students through social and behavior development programs, specialists that provide for the broader needs of students and families, diverse educational learning pathways, and recognition of student accomplishments. Our goal is to provide for additional learning and behavioral success with the support of up to date curricular materials and technology tools that are aligned across the district.

Adult Support of Student Learning

Washougal School District celebrates the collaborative culture that has been created to support student learning. Student achievement data is used to drive instructional decisions. Our goal is to partner with parents to support their children's' learning, mentor new staff members, and provide training to better meet the needs of diverse students.

Strategic Planning

In the fall of 2011, Washougal School District Superintendent Dawn Tarzian convened a core group of staff, board members and administrators to gather input from the greater Washougal School District community to develop a vision to serve as a roadmap for the future of education in the district.

Through a process that involved staff, students and community, the group set out to develop a five- to six-year strategic plan to guide the district in its improvement work and set a vision for the district.

A series of Staff and Community Input Meetings were offered for staff and parent groups at each school: WHS, Excelsior, Canyon Creek, Jemtegaard, Cape Horn-Skye, Gause, and Hathaway.

Another set of meetings targeted community and business leaders, as well as families at the poverty level.

Finally, an online survey offered an input opportunity for those who could not attend meetings. The community was invited via postcard and an announcement on the website to participate in this survey.

A steering committee reviewed data, created major strategic goals identified through the process, and reviewed vision and mission statements.

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