



Connections



October 6, 2016

Community invited to comment on high school course schedules/credits

In 2014, state legislation (E2SSB 6552) and State Board of Education rules increased the number of credits required for high school graduation to 24 credits. High school schedules in Lake Washington School District are built around earning six credits a year. Over four years, that adds up to 24.

"With the change in credit requirements, students have less flexibility within a six period day," noted Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent. "Students have limited opportunity to make up a credit missed or to explore subjects in more depth. The College and Career Readiness Task Force is exploring ways to create more flexibility for students through the high school schedule. They will also review school start times for elementary, middle and high school."

The [College and Career Readiness Task Force](#) has been working since March 2015 to research and analyze these issues. The Task Force invites parents, students and community members to a series of meetings to gather feedback on potential high school schedule models.

These community meetings will take place at the following dates/times:

- October 19, Eastlake High School Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 26, Lake Washington High School, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- October 27, Juanita High School, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- November 3, Redmond High School, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

[Read more.](#)

Participate in "The Great Washington Shake Out" on October 20

More than 840,000 people around our state will practice how to drop, cover and hold during the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill on October 20 at 10:20 a.m. The Great Washington Shake Out is a yearly statewide effort to increase earthquake preparedness. All schools and support buildings will perform an earthquake drill. If you are in a school building at the time, please join staff and students in taking part. If you aren't, go to [The Great Washington Shake Out website](#) to learn more.

High School PE Credit Options

High school students can meet the Physical Education graduation requirement through taking PE classes, taking the Fitness Knowledge Assessment or submitting a Fitness Plan. The Fitness Knowledge Assessment is offered three times a year. The first session will be October 26. Students must fill out specific forms and register for this test at their high school. Students opting for the Fitness Plan will have three opportunities to submit their plan this year. The first deadline is October

26. See the [district website](#) for more information.

Help select instructional software

If you wonder how instructional software is selected, you have a chance to be part of the process. The Capital Technology Advisory provides recommendations for district-wide instructional software supported through the Capital Tech Levy. This group reviews current programs in use and determines needs in instructional software. It provides input on possible software tools and makes recommendations.

The Capital Technology Advisory will resume their monthly meetings October 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Resource Center. They seek one parent representative each from elementary, middle and high school. Interested parents are encouraged to contact [Richard Snyder](#) for more information and/or to submit their names for consideration.

10th Annual Eastside Native American Education Program (ENAEPP) Veterans' Pow Wow – October 22

The 10th annual Eastside Native American Education Program's Veterans' Honor Pow Wow will be held on Saturday, October 22. The Veterans dinner begins at 3 p.m. Grand Entry will start at 6 p.m. The event will be held at Juanita High School (10601 NE 132nd Street, Kirkland, WA 98034). For additional information, contact [Mary Wilber](#) at 425-936-1402. Admission is free.

Reminder: Elementary conferences on October 17, 18 and 20

The first set of [elementary conferences](#) is scheduled for October 17, 18 and 20 in the afternoon. (These dates will be [half-days for elementary students](#).) The conferences will give parents/guardians, students and teachers an opportunity to talk about the goals students have set for themselves.

Reminder: LEAP Day – October 21 (No School)

October 21 is a Learning Enhancement and Academic Planning (LEAP) Day. That means no school for students so that teachers and staff members can focus on professional development.

National School Bus Safety Week – October 17-21

National School Bus Safety Week is a public education program to address the importance of school bus safety. School districts throughout the country observe School Bus Safety Week the third week in October each year. This year's theme is #StopOnRed! Remember to stop for buses when the red lights blink and the Stop sign is out.

Wear orange on October 19 to show we're together against bullying *Unity Day is Wednesday, October 19*

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end! What are your true colors when it comes to bullying? If you care

about safe and supportive schools and communities make your color **ORANGE** on **Unity Day**. That's the day everyone can come together – in schools, communities, and online – and send one large **ORANGE** message of support, hope and unity. Show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion. [Read more.](#)

Meet the Central Leadership Team

The district's Central Leadership Team (CLT) is committed to providing high quality programs and services to students, staff, schools and families. To learn more about who is responsible for what in the district, see the [full CLT organizational chart](#).

School News

Community support encourages Lakeview walkers and bikers

The Kirkland community joined together this week to promote the healthy habits of walking and biking to school. In anticipation of International Walk to School Day (October 5), the **Lakeview Elementary School** PTSA held its annual Walk and Bike to School Week September 26–30. The week began with members of the Kirkland Police and Fire departments visiting the school, welcoming students and families. [Read more.](#)



Juanita STEM Global Health students join EvergreenHealth medical experts for Grand Rounds

Vaccine experts presented case studies at EvergreenHealth to an audience of medical professionals and 35 students from **Juanita High School** on Sept. 16. This was the first chance of the school year for students in the JHS STEM Global Health Signature Program to attend the EvergreenHealth Grand Rounds. [Read more.](#)



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