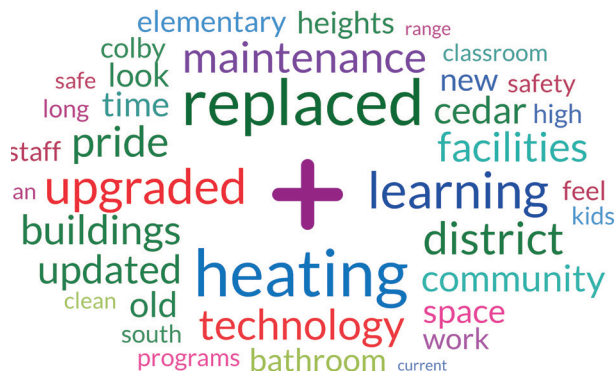




COMMUNITY CONNECTION - SPRING 2022

Future Facility Planning

"What should be considered as SKSD plans for the improvement of facilities in the years to come?" This is the question the SKSD Facility Committee asked the community in their work to develop long term facility improvement scenarios. Over the last year, the Facility Planning Committee analyzed the condition and educational adequacy of all South Kitsap's facilities. In February they asked the community to share thoughts and assign priorities related to the improvement of district facilities. Input will be used to develop scenarios which will be shared with the community for feedback before the timeline and any ballot measure is finalized.



Top Thoughts:

- All South Kitsap School District facilities are more than 30 years old and many are 50-60 years old
- There are critical improvement needs at all sites
- There is a desire for our community to keep pace with neighboring districts in their investments in schools
- There is a need for a long term plan to address every site
- Strong stewardship of community funding and long term sensible decisions are essential. Delaying improvements is robbing our future selves.

*Listen, Learn
& Revise:*

Develop Scenarios



**Community Outreach
for Feedback**



**Finalize Ballot
Measure & Timeline**

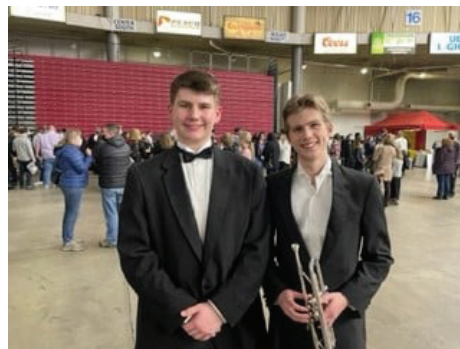


Student Success - Arts, Athletics & More

The SKHS Drama and Music Department performed the spring musical, Mamma Mia! It was so good to see people coming together to support smiling and talented students and staff. A well-deserved congratulations go to all involved. We have talented students in South Kitsap. The music, the dancing (both on stage and in the audience) and the collaboration to put the show together was inspiring. Thank you for bringing joy to SK and for sending people home with music in their hearts.



South Kitsap wrestlers Stone Hartford and Mitchell Neiner won state champion titles. The Wrestling Team earned third place in State. Neiner went on to earn Top 8 All American honors for his weight class.



Congratulations to All State Band and Wind Ensemble students Danial Johnson, David Young, and Mikayla Tipton! Also, thirty band and Orchestra students qualified for the State competition.



Kaden Cole, senior at SKHS, won the state title in the 50 yard adaptive backstroke with an impressive time of 39.03!



Congratulations to the DECA students who qualified for the International Competition: Jesse LaCross-Lambert, Ava Dageenakis, Fiona Najera, Leta McDonald, Myha Sirianni, Isabella Gross, Katie Wright, Marissa Jackman, and Reese Willson.



Luna Phelps' artwork entitled "Anxiety" won a \$2000 scholarship offer to Central Washington University and Zoe Byrne's piece entitled "Too Much Space" won the "People's Choice" award at the Olympic ESD Regional High School Art Show.



Congratulations to SKHS Senior Nathan Chien for his performance at the WIAA State Speech and Debate Competition. Nathan placed 11th in Student Congress.

Staff Success - STEM Educator of the Year!



SKHS Teacher Stephanie Winslow is GeekWire STEM Educator of the Year!

Each year, GeekWire celebrates the Pacific Northwest's top innovators, technology leaders and educators. South Kitsap High School's own Stephanie Winslow, Environmental Science and Astronomy Teacher, is an honoree for GeekWire STEM Educator of the Year!

Ms. Winslow is one of South Kitsap School District's strongest educators. She exhibits true passion and is always striving to grow. Stephanie is a true student advocate and focuses on supporting learning and planning beyond high school. She uses student data to help identify areas in which students need differentiation and extra supports to be successful. She believes every student is capable and she provides support while teaching students to advocate for themselves. Ms. Winslow is a Link Crew Advisor, focusing on the betterment of the overall school culture and supports integration of all students.

Ms. Winslow is dedicated to encouraging and recruiting students to dive into STEM. Diversity is evident in her classroom and encouragement can be seen on every wall. She works to inform all students of STEM opportunities, continually showcases student work, and participates in community events. She brings students that equally represent genders, races, and disabilities to display their success and to encourage others. Mrs. Winslow is a prime example of the SK Way!

Learn more about the GeekWire Awards at geekwire.com/events/geekwire-awards-2022/

Online Option for South Kitsap Students

Students achieve success through different pathways. While some students excel in a traditional classroom, others thrive through non-traditional online and hybrid learning. In the South Kitsap School District families who are interested in non-traditional online education have an option at Explorer Academy.

Explorer serves students in Kindergarten through grade twelve. Advisors assist families to choose the form of educational delivery that works best for their student - all online or a hybrid of online and in person courses. Explorer Academy is part of the South Kitsap School District and there is no cost to enroll.

Student success is best achieved with a committed partnership consisting of parents, students, and staff. Just like a traditional school, students work a full school day with rigorous and challenging curriculum. Students meet weekly with their academic advisor for progress and performance monitoring, accountability, and encouragement. High school students are encouraged to take math and Senior English classes on campus. Middle school and elementary students meet one day a week on campus. Explorer classrooms are available as dedicated workspace for students who want or need extra support. Furthermore, students are supported by counselors, teachers, and other staff to keep them on track with learning.



Explorer Academy is dedicated to growing a strong community where students, parents, and staff work together to create a safe and supportive learning environment where students can succeed. To learn more about online education in South Kitsap, please reach out to Principal Paul Hulbert at 360-443-3605.



District Annual Report 2021-2022

This report is a 'snapshot' of South Kitsap School District for the 2021-2022 school year. It captures information about student demographics. Typically the annual report also includes State assessment data for the previous year (2020-2021). Smarter

Balanced Assessment is a comprehensive system designed to measure how well students are learning the Washington State K-12 Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

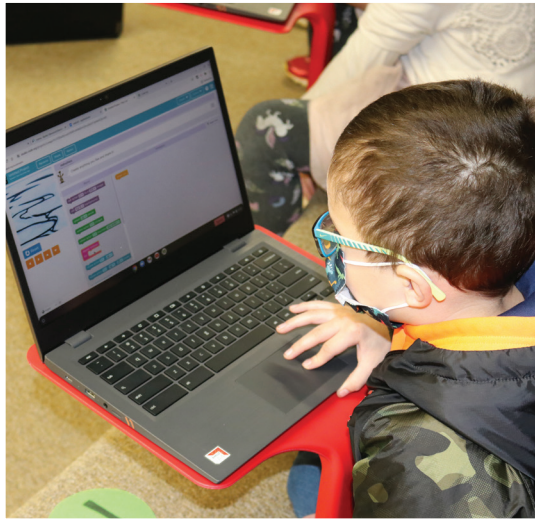
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, early school facility closure, and the suspension of year end testing, the State assessment and NAEP were not administered in 2020. Additional detailed information, including South Kitsap School District's previous year performance on statewide assessments and Washington State's performance on NAEP is available on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website:

www.k12.wa.us. Select the blue State Report Card button on the right hand side and choose your district or school. You may also request a printed copy by contacting the Teaching & Learning Department at 360-874-7004.



A Manchester student displaying their artwork.

helps students participating in Title I programs achieve academic success. The full parental engagement policy (4130) is also available on the SKSD website: www.skschools.org.



Burley Glenwood Elementary student working on coding in the library.

Families may have questions or concerns about an aspect of their child's educational experience. The parent guide to resolution and the complaint procedure are available on the SKSD website.

SKSD recognizes that parent and family engagement

SKSD Enrollment

October 2021 Student Count includes Connections Academy	9,825
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Gender 2021-2022

Male	52.3%
Female	47.4%

Race/Ethnicity 2021-2022

Hispanic / Latino of any race(s)	13.5%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	1.0%
Asian	3.3%
Black / African American	1.9%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	1.9%
White	66.1%
Two or More Races	12.3%

Special Programs 2021-2022

Free or Reduced-Price Meals	36%
Special Education	15.8%
Transitional Bilingual	3.1%
Migrant	0.0%
Section 504	4.8%

Other Information

Adjusted 4-Year Cohort Graduation Rate (Class of 2021)	81%
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District Finance - School Funding

South Kitsap School District takes pride in operating in a resourceful and responsible manner. Our annual operating budget is approximately \$184 million and most of our spending directly supports classroom instruction. Our resources, equipment, and technology sustain innovative programs and instruction to support safe and successful learning.

Funding Sources



State Dollars **\$126,026,348**
The largest source of funding for local schools comes from state tax dollars.



Federal Dollars **\$28,334,341**
Over 99% of federal dollars are strictly allocated meaning the district can't use federal dollars to make up shortages in other funding. This includes special education targeted assistance and school food programs.

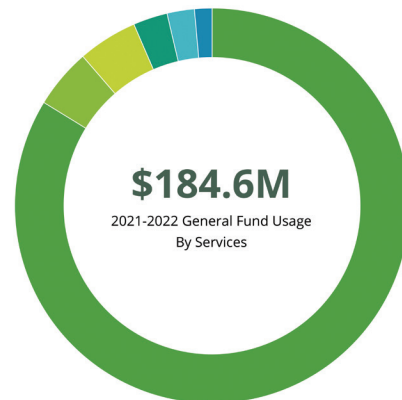


Local Levy Dollars **\$26,769,480**
Enrichment levy funds are collected from taxpayers and must be approved by local voters. The funds are used for day-to-day costs and are collected over a set number of years.



Other Dollars **\$2,642,000**
All other funding sources include local gifts and donations, which are used to fill very specific needs.

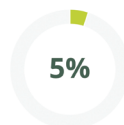
How the Funding is Used



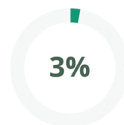
Teaching & Teaching Support, School & Central Office **\$154,626,067**
We spent almost 84¢ of every dollar on teaching & teaching support, which includes librarians, counselors, and classroom assistants, and special education support.



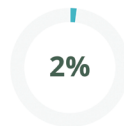
Custodial, Maintenance, & Grounds **\$9,020,432**
Roughly 5¢ of every dollar spent was on school maintenance, custodians, and ground crews.



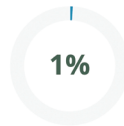
Transportation **\$9,015,498**
Roughly 5¢ per dollar was spent on buses and drivers, who safely transported students approximately 1.33 million miles.



All Other Support Services **\$5,188,824**
Everything else that goes into keeping our schools running, including technology, cost just under 3¢ per dollar spent.



Nutrition Services **\$4,132,206**
Just over 2¢ per dollar spent went to provide students with nutritious meals.



Utilities **\$2,643,200**
Just over 1¢ per dollar was spent on power, water, and sewer for our 16 schools and seven additional buildings.

All figures shown are from the 2021-2022 Budget



Communities in Schools Program at SKHS

South Kitsap High School Principal Dave Goodwin has witnessed the difference wrap around support makes for kids. The Communities in Schools (CIS) program is a coordinated effort to remove barriers for students and fill the gap in services. He and Superintendent Winter worked with the CIS Board to authorize a pilot at South Kitsap High School that will be starting soon. The collaborative efforts of Communities in Schools result in reduced drop out rates, improved attendance, behavior, and academic achievement.



"CIS is perfect for South Kitsap and we are thrilled to see it action," stated Principal Goodwin. "South Kitsap High School will have a dedicated CIS staff person working directly with our school counselors to identify needs and connect our students with a network of resources and supports. They will help with everything from tutoring and emotional support to financial aid, and food resources."

Priority Plan Update

The course to our Destination Top 5 is set with our Priority Plan. We are creating a culture of belonging for all students and staff. We continue our work on equity, inclusion, and MTSS (multi tiered systems of support). These elements are all necessary to reach belonging and we are making progress:

- Phase One is planning for our success with a focus on leadership and staff training. District-wide equity trainings were held in the Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022.
- Phase Two in 2022 and 2023, will focus on monitoring and refining the district-wide fidelity of implementation. Are we aligned in every school? Do we have a shared understanding of terms and is common language used by all?
- Phase Three in 2023 and beyond will focus on sustaining and expanding our efforts.



The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws. The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator
Will Sarett,
Executive Director of Human Resources
2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366
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