

# Northstar Middle School Annual Report – 2020-21

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**Principal:** Dr. Nell Ballard-Jones  
**Associate Principal:** Catherine Fredenburg  
**Mascot:** Penguin  
**Colors:** Blue and Silver

**# of students, October 2020:** 87  
**# of teachers:** 8  
**Teachers with at least a Master's Degree:** 87.5%  
**Student regular attendance rate:** >96%

## District Mission

*Each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding, responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society.*

## School Mission

*To meet student learning objectives in an atmosphere that focuses on academic excellence, character, and creativity.*

## School Funding

**District General Fund Budget:** \$491.1 million  
**District Per Pupil Expenditure:** \$15,054.21 per pupil  
**Building Budget for this school:** \$49,846

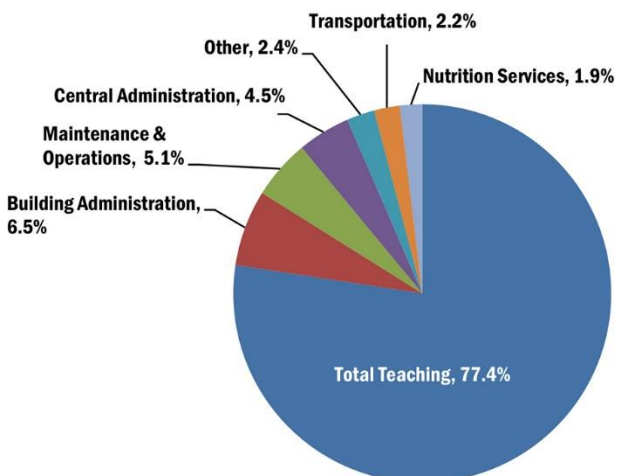
## School Description

Northstar Middle School began in 1981 as one of Lake Washington's first choice schools. Northstar has four full-time teachers and a student body of nearly 90, with approximately 30 students per grade level. At Northstar, we believe students learn best in a small, caring community where individual talents can be recognized and nurtured, academic growth encouraged, and moral development fostered.

Northstar is located on the Emerson Campus in the Houghton neighborhood. Northstar emphasizes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and creativity. Experienced teachers work as a team to lead multi-age, theme-based classes. We foster the unique aspects of each student and appreciate individual differences. Students are encouraged to connect to people in their community through service learning.

## 2020-21 District Expenditures

*Where does the money go?*

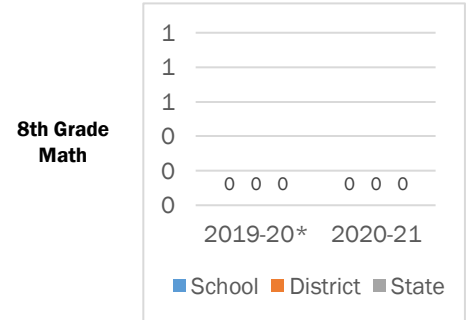
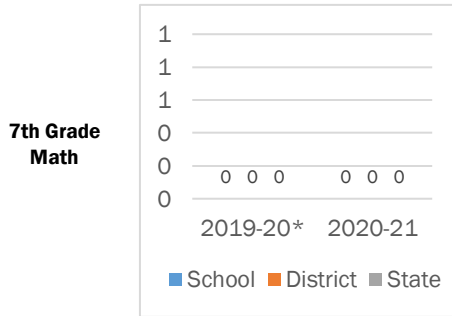
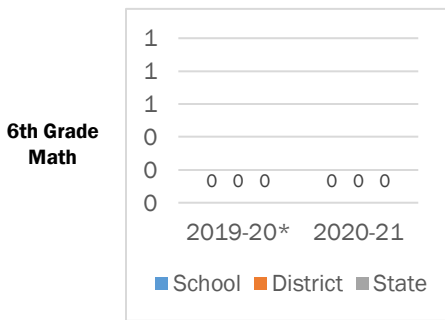
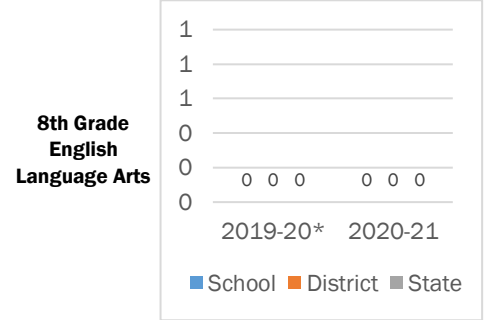
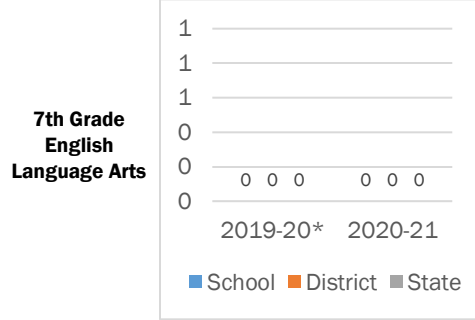
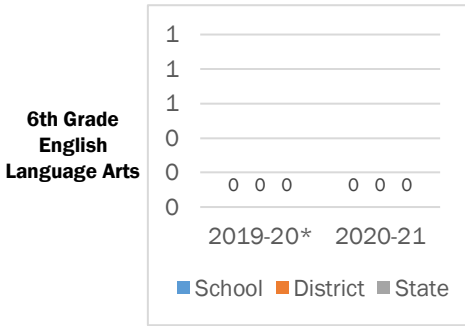


## 2020-21 School Goals

- Grades 6-8 English Language Arts (ELA): 90% of students at standard on ELA SBA
- Grades 6-8 Math: 90% of students at standard
- Grade 8 science: 85% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet/exceed standard on new state science exam
- Achievement gap: 85% of special education students will meet or exceed standard on the Math & ELA SBA
- College & Career Readiness: All students will complete Xello's Matchmaker and grade-level specific assignments as part of their High School and Beyond Plan.
- School Effectiveness: Continue to work with parent advisory group (NAC) to formalize and clarify protocols for allocating donated funds to support curricular and extracurricular programs
- Attendance: Communicate with parents by phone, email and during conferences regarding the importance of regular and timely attendance.
- Discipline: Continue to refine our communication processes around minor behavior infractions at school so that we can partner with parents to support positive student behavior and decision making

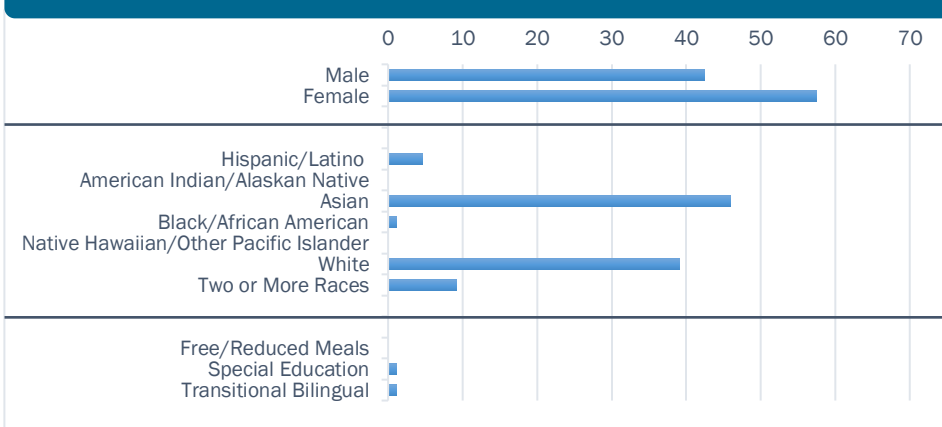
# State Assessment Results

## Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)



\*No State Assessments occurred in Spring 2020 due to COVID-19

### Student Demographics



To view state test scores by demographic group, please visit: <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>. Select Lake Washington School District\_Northstar Middle School.

### School Building

Our school facilities are available for public use by contacting our school office.

#### Building Condition Assessment: Good

The Building Condition Assessment represents an overall permanent building condition assessment. It is conducted by a third party in accordance with the state's Asset Preservation Program.

### Invitation to Participate

One of Lake Washington School District's Strategic Plan Goals is Community Engagement. Families and community members are encouraged to participate in our school. Volunteers are trained and work in a variety of positions. Due to COVID-19, volunteer opportunities are limited to essential activities only. To get involved, call our school office.