



TRAILBLAZER NEWS

APRIL 2024

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK BEGINS

APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 5



We hope everyone has a fun and restful break.

April 8th starts the last 10 weeks of school.

Let's get to school on time and be ready to work hard so everyone can finish the school year strong.

SHOUT OUT to Nurse Katie!

Did you know that Nurse Katie sees an average of 50 - 70+ kids in our health room EVERY SINGLE DAY (over 300 kids per week)? That's the same as an average Urgent Care (with a staff of 6+), EXCEPT she is BY HERSELF! We are INCREDIBLY blessed to have her. Please thank her when you see her.



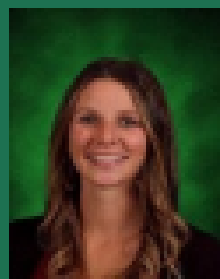
THANK YOU NURSE KATIE!

MWMS Counseling Department

Your MWMS Counselors:



Zack Fogel
Students with last
names A-K
fogel@skschools.org
360-874-6164



Haley Mishko
Students with last
names L-Z
mishkoh@skschools.org
360-874-6166

Registration:

- All students should have turned in registration forms to request electives for the upcoming year. Please speak with your student about their course selections and ensure that they have completed the task.

Career Exploration:

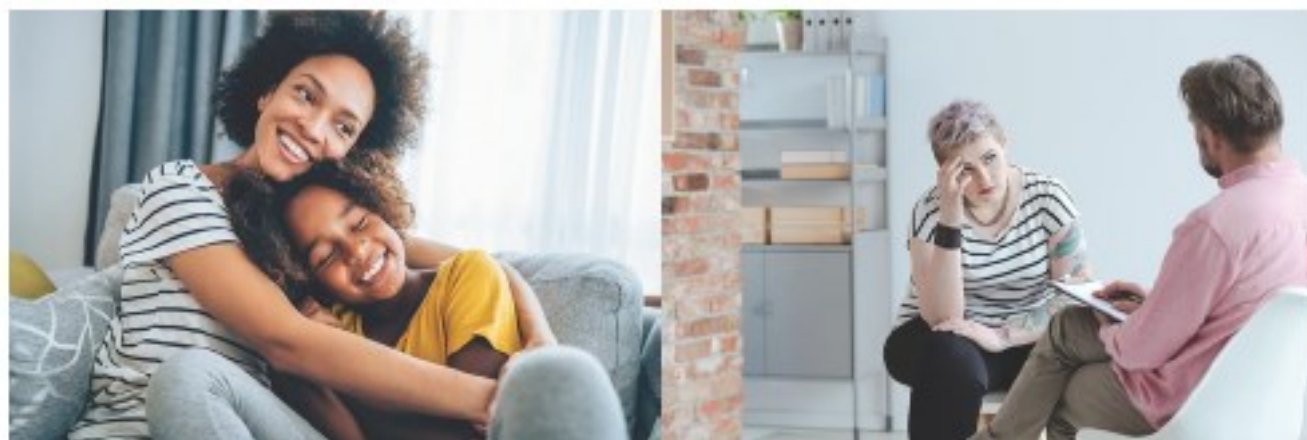
- All students will be doing Xello lessons in their science classes. Xello lessons allow students to explore career options for after high school and are part of their graduation requirements.

Testing:

Testing is coming up! A friendly reminder that students are most successful when they are well **fed** and well **rested**!

- The CDC recommends that 11 and 12 year old students get between 9 and 12 hours of sleep per night and that 13 and 14 year old students get between 8 and 10 hours per night.
- Cell phone use can negatively impact teen sleep
 - Blue light from screens inhibit the brain's production of melatonin, the hormone that helps us fall asleep and stay asleep.
 - American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 1 hour per day of non academic screen time for students ages 2-12. They recommend 2 hours per day for teens 13 and up.
 - Article on Teen Sleep:
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/analysis-teens-are-sleeping-less-why-smartphones>
- Need help getting your student fed during the day? Marcus offers free breakfast and lunch for all students.

Washington's Mental Health Referral Service for Children and Teens



4 Important Things to Know About our Service

Families are connected to mental and behavioral health providers

We provide a free service to any Washington family seeking outpatient providers who have availability and accept your child's insurance. The Mental Health Referral Service will provide thorough mental health referrals for children and teens 17 and younger from across Washington.

Families are served as quickly as possible

Our service strives to connect with families in real-time or to return communication within 48 hours. After calling or submitting an online form, families schedule an intake with a referral specialist. Approximately 2 weeks after their intake, families will receive information for one or two recommended providers.

Families give the service high marks

A family satisfaction survey found that respondents were very likely to recommend the Mental Health Service for Children and Teens to others who need mental and behavioral health care (4.6 out of 5).

We offer Interpreter Services

To call our program using an interpreter, call 1 (866) 583-1527. Listen for your preferred language and select the number provided. You will be placed on a brief hold while an interpreter is selected. Once an interpreter is on the line, ask them to call our program directly at (833) 303-5437.

More about the service:

- Families can access the service by calling (833) 303-5437, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific time, to connect with a referral specialist.
- All healthcare providers are encouraged to direct families to our service.
- Washington Healthcare Authority funds the referral service and Seattle Children's operates it.
- Teens aged 13+ can contact our service on their own! Parents/guardians do not need to be notified if patient is over 13.
- Providers are screened by our program and Case Managers to ensure active licensure with no outstanding violations.
- We will find referrals that fit your needs
- Visit our website at www.seattlechildrens.org/wa-mental-health

SBA and WCAS State Testing Schedule

Below you will find the testing schedule for our required state testing. All of our students will be participating in the Smarter Balanced Assessment for math and ELA in May (see detailed schedule below). Our eighth graders will be also be taking the Washington Comprehensive Assessment for Science (WCAS) in place of 1st and 2nd period, on Tuesday, May 21st from 8:10am to 10:15am.

If your student is absent on the day of testing, we will have them make up the test prior to the end of the testing window. If you know you will be gone multiple days, then please email Mrs. Chang the dates, so she can arrange an alternate testing time, if necessary.

To help your student perform their best, please make sure they are well rested and eat a healthy breakfast. They will need to come prepared with a charged Chromebook and headphones. A good pep talk never hurts!

If you have any questions regarding testing, you may reach out to Mrs. Chang at 360-874-6175 or via email at chang@skschools.org.

CAT=Computer Adaptive Test; PT=Performance Task; WCAS=Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science

Monday May 6	Tuesday May 7	Wednesday May 8	Thursday May 9	Friday May 10
ELA CAT (2 Hour)	ELA PT (2 Hour)		ELA PT (1 Hour)	
Monday May 13	Tuesday May 14	Wednesday May 15	Thursday May 16	Friday May 17
Math CAT (2 Hour)	MATH PT (1 Hour)			
Monday May. 20	Tuesday May. 21	Wednesday May. 22	Thursday May. 23	Friday May. 24
	8th WCAS 8th Grade Only (1st/2nd Period)			

May 6th, May 7th and May 13th

Testing Block: 8:10am to 10:10am

Periods 1 to 6: 10:15am to 2:45pm

Lunch Times:

6th: 10:55-11:25

7th: 11:35-12:05

8th: 12:15-12:45

May 9th and May 14th

Testing Block: 8:10am to 9:10am

Periods 1 to 6: 9:15am to 2:45pm

Lunch Times:

6th: 10:55-11:25

7th: 11:45-12:15

8th: 12:35-1:05

BE SURE-State Testing

On May 6th, 7th, 9th, 13th, and 14th (All Grade Levels) and May 21st (8th grade only):

1. Be sure your student gets enough sleep.
2. Be sure they have a healthy breakfast. Remember, we serve breakfast every morning at Marcus Whitman in the Commons!
3. Be sure their Chromebooks are charged and ready.
4. Be sure their Chromebooks make it to school with them.
5. Be sure to send them with wired headphones on Monday, May 6th.
6. Be sure to encourage them to leave their Bluetooth headphones, smart watches, and other electronic devices at home on testing days. Why?

Electronics are not allowed in the testing area and can cause a test to be invalidated.

Electronics can be distracting, even when they are in the backpack.

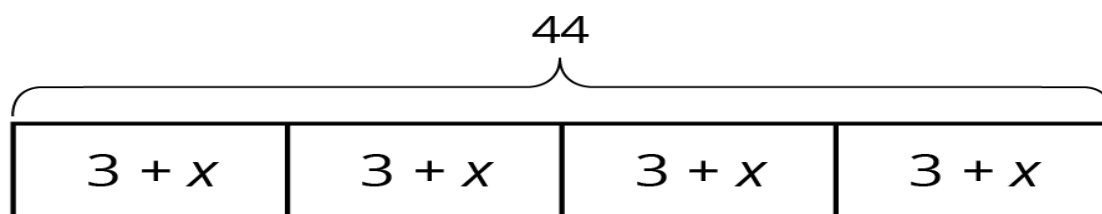


In math classes at Marcus Whitman, students are engaging in tasks that help them make sense of why generalizations or procedures work.

Try this task together at home following the launch. What mathematical habits did you use to help you process the task? Check out the Mathematical Habits of Mind and Interaction here!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G7oBOInu7jU6f8OaE8lou7YKiBcPbPzs/view?usp=sharing>

What is a story problem or context you could create to represent this tape diagram? What would the value of x be?



Check out the MW Math Website for more resources!

<https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/home>

Emily Fogel

Learning Support Specialist - Math

APRIL FAMILY DARES

WRITE OUT ONE THING YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR PAST SELF, ONE THING YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR PRESENT SELF, AND ONE THING YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE SELF. PUT IT SOMEWHERE YOU WILL SEE DAILY AND SHARE THEM AS A FAMILY.

SEND A FAMILY MEMBER A PICTURE OF YOUR FACE SMILING AND TELL THEM ONE REASON THEY MAKE YOU HAPPY.

CHALLENGE A FAMILY MEMBER TO SEND YOU A PICTURE OF WHAT THEY BELIEVE WILL MOST MAKE YOU SAY, "AWWWWW."

GO FOR A WALK AS A FAMILY AND IDENTIFY 5 THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THAT EXIST WITHIN A 10 MINUTE WALK OF WHERE YOU LIVE.

WRITE A SHORT, LOVING NOTE TO ONE FAMILY MEMBER AND HIDE IT IN A PLACE THAT MIGHT BE HARD FOR THEM TO DISCOVER. TEXT THEM THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITH MYSTERIOUS HINTS.

AS A FAMILY, WRITE A SHORT, ANONYMOUS POEM ABOUT WHY THE WORLD IS BEAUTIFUL AND WHY EVERYONE DESERVES KINDNESS AND POST IT IN A PUBLIC SPACE.



"Celebrating Student Excellence"

Ms. Jordan and Mr. Smith's MWMS 7th Grade CTE Science "Teacher's Choice" Winners:
~Activity 3.1.4 PLTW "Wind with Miller" Blade Design Challenge

In this popular student project, students experimented with blade materials, shapes, sizes, number of blades, angle of blades, and drag to determine the most efficient design for wind power generation. Students researched aerodynamics, designed and created their blade system, and then ran three trials to collect data to determine how their design was able to "WORK," in terms of watts generated.

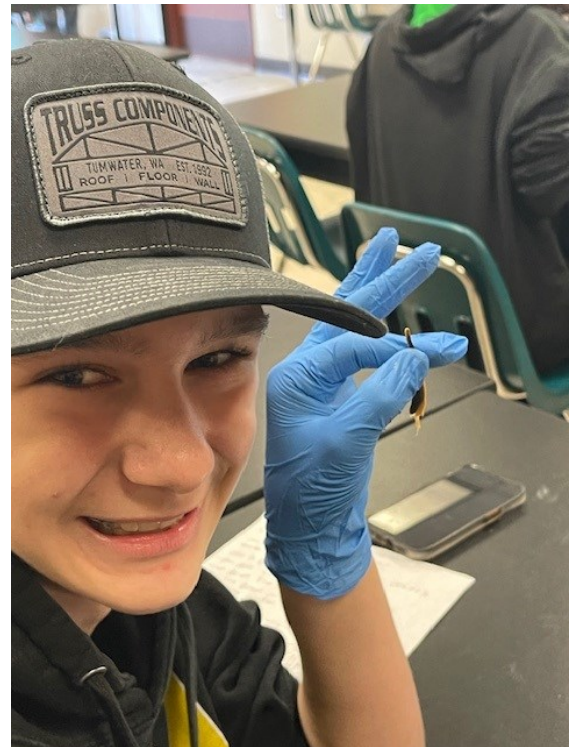
Top Wattage/ Lifting Designs: Tabitha Riley, Demi Morton, Ari Castillo, Kenneth Meritts, and Weston Simmons



Pictured:

Tabitha Riley, Austin Cruz, Ari Castillo, Axel Robison, Ryan Gray, Shawn Christiansen, Jose Castillo, Penelope Rosario, Claire Reid, Olivia Searles, Ty Crowder, Hadley May, Sydney Wainwright, Lyric Tauave, Nancy King, Jack Brady, and Grayson Williams



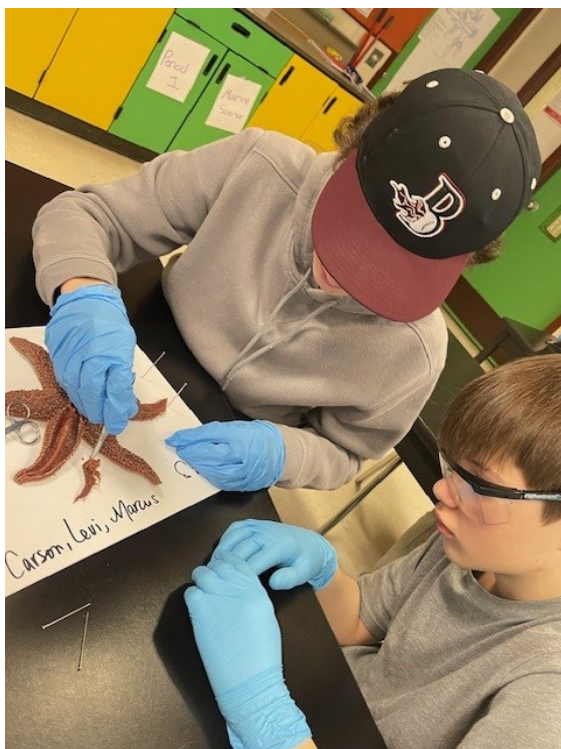


Ms. Jordan's Marine Science Class

Squid

Perch

Sea Stars





More....

Squid Perch Sea Stars

Marine Science Class



Intramural Sports

April 12- May 05, 2023

What? Flag Football and Girls Volleyball

Who? 6th and 7th Graders only

Where? TBD

When? Tuesday, April 12th, 3:00-4.30pm

You will need: Shorts, T-shirt, Tennis Shoes, and a WATER BOTTLE.

Practice Schedule: TBD

All interested participants **MUST** have completed their athletic registration via **FINAL FORMS** before practice on April 12th. A current sports physical **MUST** be on file.

An ASB fee (\$30) is required to participate for all team members. Students on free and reduced are eligible for a waiver with parent permission to release status of information. IF you have any questions regarding fees, please speak to Ms. Cynthia at the student store.

Looking forward to seeing you then! Dan Tajalle, Head Football Coach

GO BLAZERS!



MWMS

STEAM

night

APRIL 15th, 2024. 5:30pm-7pm

Activities Include:

- Planetarium**
- Science Games**
- Math Games**
- Technology Activities**
- Music Activities**
- And Much More**



MARCUS WHITMAN SHOWCASE

Join us for a museum-
style display of
Trailblazer excellence.

DROP IN
MAY 30TH
5:30-7PM

**April is a great time to ask your
child about their showcase project.**

JOIN US FOR THE MWMS SHOWCASE!

It's almost time for the MWMS Showcase. This is a great opportunity for students to showcase their talents, growth, and achievements. Students are working hard to create displays and put together performances. Drop in and walk through our museum-style exhibits of student excellence.

This year's showcase

May 30th, 5:30-7pm.

We hope to see you there!

CALLING ALL MARCUS ALUMNI!

Do you remember "A Touch of Class?" Do you have photos of you and your friends dressed in your Touch of Class best?

We are seeking photos, memories, and stories to ensure that our current and future Marcus students understand the origin and importance of this uniquely MW tradition.

Please contact one of us if you have questions or anything you'd like to share for this project!

Mrs. Bush (bush@skschools.org)

Mrs. Peckham (peckham@skschools.org)

Mrs. Van Doornik (vandoornik@skschools.org)

Volunteer Opportunities

Your student may become more independent at the Middle School level, however, there are still volunteer opportunities such as:

Tutoring students/ Assisting the teacher

Band/Choir/Orchestra Assistant

Help with Student Events

Fieldtrip Chaperones

Teacher Appreciation events



Volunteer applications are available in the Main office and are required to be in place before volunteering. Applications will be sent to the District Office for processing.

District Contact: Amy Miller at Millera@skschools.org (360) 874-7005.

April

Spirit

April 12th~

DC vs. Marvel

Find an outfit and choose a side to dress up as. Who will win?

April 19th~

Favorite Person Day

Dress up as your favorite person, whether it is a TV character, Music Artist, Book Character, etc.

April 26th~

Twin Day

Find someone to match outfits with.

BONUS: COME TO THE SOCIAL WITH YOUR TWIN FOR A PRIZE!

April 12th- Participants counted in 6th period

April 19th- Participants counted 1st period

April 26th- Participants counted 2nd Period

Attention first semester Marine Science parents!
Ms. Jordan and Ms. Bates 7/8 classes

The rescheduled field trip to the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium is Friday, April 19th, 9:30 to 1:00 pm. Original permission slips are still good.



MS. JORDAN still needs at least four chaperones, otherwise the class will not be able go. It would be greatly appreciated to communicate about getting your background check and volunteering to chaperone!

MS BATES has enough chaperones for her class at this time.



Volunteers needed for Cross Country Meets

We will be hosting 3 Cross Country meets at Marcus this year. We will need some volunteers to help out. Please consider volunteering your time at the following Cross Country meets.

Wed. April 17th

Wed. May 8th

Wed. May 22nd

If you need to get a volunteer application in just stop by the Main office to fill out the form. If you have any questions you can contact Coach Kogan at kogan@skschools.org.





The Allies GSA Club: Are you looking for a safe and supportive place to connect and socialize with fellow LGBTQ+ peers and allies? If so, Allies GSA club is for you! Students in the club work together to provide inclusive community experiences for all at Marcus Whitman! Club will meet every Thursday in room 203, 2:50-3:50. Grab a permission slip from Mrs. Bush or Ms. Williams.

Weight Lifting Club has started. They will be meeting Tuesday and Thursday in the Weight Room. Time is from 2:50 pm to 3:50. Permission slips are at the main office. Advisors Mr. Zappey

STEM Club will meet Thursday in Room 112 (Woodshop) and go from 2:45—3:45. Permission slips are at the main office.

ASL Club meets Thursday from 2:45—3:30 in Portable 8. Come join in and discover a whole new language.

Painting Club meets Monday from 2:45—3:30 in Room 217.

D & D Game Club meets Monday from 2:45-3:45 in Portable 7.

Drama Club meets Tuesday from 2:45—3:30 in the Amphitheater.

MW Running Cub: Interested in getting into shape or conditioning for a sport? Walking/running with your friends? Starting Wed, Jan 24th after school from 3:00-4:30.

Harry Potter Club Meets on Select Friday's from 2:50—3:45 in Portable 5.

Football Schedule -4:00 start

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE
Apr 13	Jamboree	SKHS
Apr 18	Klahowya	Marcus
Apr 25	Fairview	Fairview
May 2	Kingston	Marcus
May 9	Hawkins	Hawkins
May 16	Cedar	Cedar
May 23	Division Playoffs	TBD

Intramural Flag Football - 3:30 start round robin format

Date	Opponent	Place
Apr 19	Cedar/Sedgwick	Marcus
Apr 26	Cedar/Sedgwick	Cedar
May 3	Cedar/Sedgwick	Sedgwick

Volleyball Game Schedule - 3:30 start

Date	Opponent	Place
Apr 16	Curtis	Curtis
Apr 18	Cedar	Marcus
Apr 23	Sedgwick	Sedgwick
Apr 25	Hawkins	Hawkins
Apr 30	Mt. View	Marcus
May 7	Curtis	Marcus
May 9	Cedar	Cedar
May 14	Sedgwick	Marcus
May 16	Hawkins	Marcus
May 21	Mt. View	Mt. View

Intramural Volleyball - 3:30 start round robin format

Date	Games	Place
Apr 19	Game 1 JS vs CH Game 2 CH vs MW Game 3 MW vs JS	Marcus
Apr 26	Game 1 CH vs MW Game 2 MW vs JS Game 3 JS vs CH	Cedar
May 3	Game 1 MW vs JS Game 2 JS vs CH Game 3 CH vs MW	Sedgwick

Cross Country Meet Schedule - 4:00 start

Date	Opponent	Place
Apr 10	Jamboree	Sedgwick
Apr 17	Fairview/Mt. View	Marcus
Apr 24	CKMS/Poulsbo	Poulsbo
May 6	Sedgwick/Cedar	Cedar
May 8	Sedgwick/Poulsbo/Ridgetop	Marcus
May 15	Cedar/Mt. View	Mt. View
May 21	South Futurist	Mt. View
May 22	WSMS League Championships	Marcus



Non-Discrimination Statement

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, Section 504 Coordinator, and Gender Inclusivity Officer 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. 360-874-7071. sarett@skschools.org	Section 504 Coordinator: Kimberly House, Director of Special Services 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366. 360-443-3648. house@skschools.org	Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer: Dr. Tom Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement 2689 Hoover Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366. 360-874-7003. edwards@skschools.org
---	---	---

El Distrito Escolar South Kitsap brinda igualdad de oportunidades educativas y de empleo sin distinción de raza, credo, religión, color, origen nacional, edad, veterano honorable o militar, sexo, orientación sexual, incluida la expresión o identidad de género, estado civil o la presencia de cualquier discapacidad sensorial, mental o física, el uso de una guía de perro o animal de servicio entrenado por una persona con una discapacidad. Se brinda acceso equitativo a las actividades, instalaciones y programas a Boy Scouts of America y otros grupos juveniles designados. El Oficial del Título IX, el Coordinador de la Sección 504 y el Oficial de Inclusión de Género con la responsabilidad de monitorear, auditar y garantizar el cumplimiento de esta política son: Coordinador de cumplimiento / ADA / Título IX: Will Sarett, Executive Director of Human Resources 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-874-7071, sarett@skschools.org. Section 504 Coordinator: Kimberly House, Director of Special Services, 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-443-3648, house@skschools.org. Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer: Dr. Tom Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, 2689 Hoover Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-874-7003, edwards@skschools.org.

Ang Distrito ng Paaralan ng South Kitsap ay nagbibigay ng pantay na pang-edukasyon at pagkakataon sa trabaho nang walang pagsasaalang-alang sa lahi, paniniwala, relihiyon, kula, bansang pinanggalingan, edad, karangalan na pinalaya ng beterano o katayuan sa militar, kasarian, oryentasyong sekswal - kabilang ang pagsapahayag ng kasarian o pagkakakilanlan, katayuan sa kasal, o ang pagkakaroon ng anumang pandama, mental, o pisikal na kapansanan, ang paggamit ng isang sinasay na gabay sa aso o hayop ng serbisyo ng isang taong may kapansanan. Ang pantay na pag-access sa mga aktibidad, pasilidad at programa ay ibinibigay sa Boy Scouts of America at iba pang mga itinalagang grupo ng kabataan. Ang pamamaraan ng distrito ay sumusunod sa lahat ng naaangkop na batas ng estado at pederal. Ang Title IX Officer, Section 504 Coordinator, at Gender Inclusivity Officer na may responsibilidad sa pagsubaybay, pag-audit at pagtiyak ng pagsunod sa patakarang ito ay: Will Sarett, Executive Director of Human Resources 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-874-7071, sarett@skschools.org. Section 504 Coordinator: Kimberly House, Director of Special Services 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-443-3648, house@skschools.org. Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer: Dr. Tom Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, 2689 Hoover Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-874-7003, edwards@skschools.org.

South Kitsap xuéqū tígōng píngděng de jiàoyù hé jiùyè jīhuì, bù fēn zhōngzú, xìnyǎng, zōngjiào, fūzè, guójí, niánlíng, róngyù tuìwú de tuìwú jūnrén huò jūnrén shēnfēn, xìngbié, xìng qǔxiàng - bǎo gūā xìngbié biàodé huò shēnfēn, hūnyīn zhuàngkuàng, huò rénshì gǎnguān, jīngshén huò shēntǐ cǎnjí de cúnzài, cǎnjí rén shìyòng xūnlǎn yǒu sù de gǒu dǎoyóu huò fúwú xíng dòngwù. Wèi měiguó tóngzǐ jūn hé qīā zhǐdìng de qīngnián tuántǐ tígōng píngděng de huódòng, shēnshì hé fāng'àn. Dìqū chéngxù fúhé suǒyǒu shìyòng de zhōu hé liánbāng fǎlǚ. Fúzé jiāndū, shēnjī hé quèbǎo zūnshǒu běn zhèngcè de Title IX guǎnyuán, dì 504 jié xiétǎo yuán hé xìngbié bǎoróng guǎnyuán shì: Will Sarett, Executive Director of Human Resources 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-874-7071, sarett@skschools.org. Section 504 Coordinator: Kimberly House, Director of Special Services, 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-443-3648, house@skschools.org. Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer: Dr. Tom Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement, 2689 Hoover Ave SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366, 360-874-7003, edwards@skschools.org.