

NorthStar Middle School Annual Report – 2023-24

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Principal: Dr. Nell Ballard-Jones
Associate Principal: Sarah Wiegand
Mascot: Penguin
Colors: Blue and Silver

of students, October 2023: 89
of teachers: 8
Teachers with at least a Master's Degree: 87.5%
Student regular attendance rate: 94.5%

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: \$547.2 million
District Per Pupil Expenditure: \$16,267 per pupil
Building Budget for this school: \$53,482

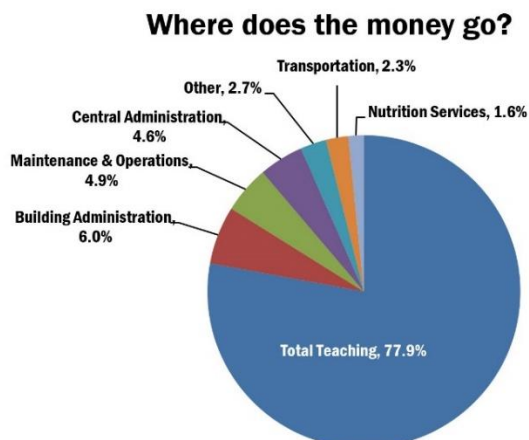
School Description

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.

2023-24 District Expenditures

Where does the money go?



2023-24 School Goals

Mathematics (6th grade):

Increased proficiency for students scoring Level 2 or 3 on the 5th grade SBA.

English/Language Arts (6th grade):

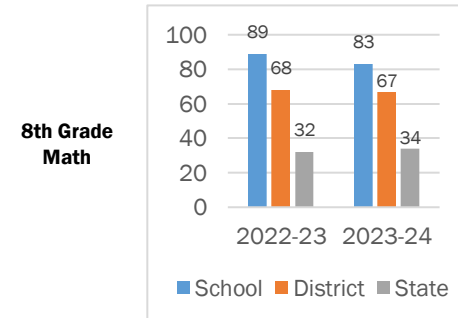
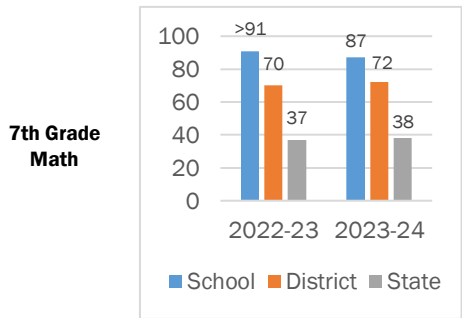
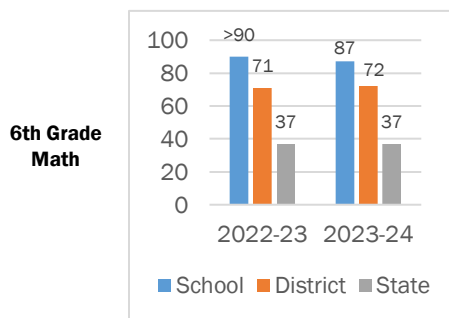
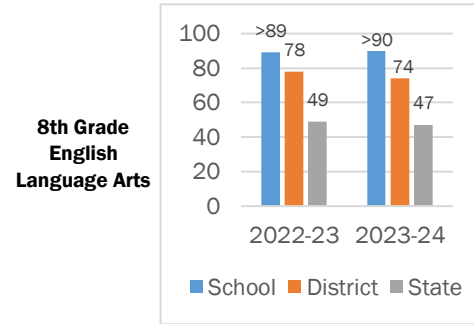
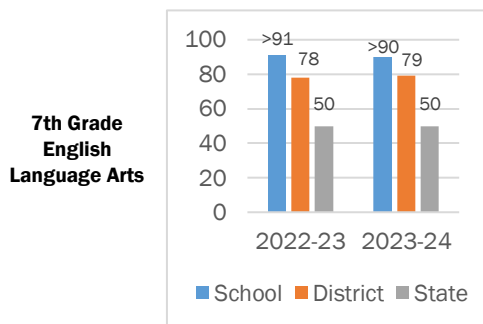
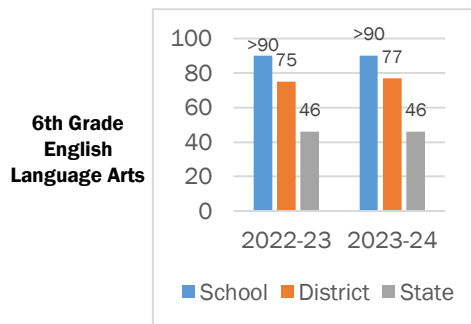
Increased proficiency for students scoring level 1 or 2 on a school-wide writing assessment (delivered in Support Group).

Social and Emotional (All-School):

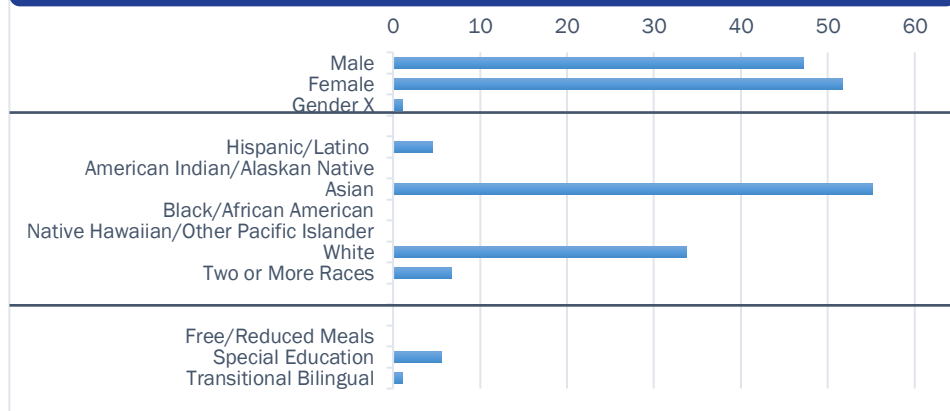
Reduction in school related stress and anxiety as measured by Spring 2024 Panorama and counselor survey data.

State Assessment Results

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)



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

Community Engagement is one of Lake Washington School District's strategic plan goals. We welcome and appreciate the involvement of families and community members in our school. Please contact our school office if you want to join us and help make a difference for our students.