

Emerson High School
Annual Report – 2024-25

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Principal: Dr. Nell Ballard-Jones
Associate Principal: Sarah Wiegand
Mascot: Dragon
Colors: Rainbow

of students, October 2024: 68
of teachers: 13
Teachers with at least a Master's Degree: 38.5%
Student regular attendance rate: 10%
4-year graduation rate (class of 2025): 65.2%

District Mission

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School Mission

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School Description

Emerson High School is a choice school. It is unique in the district for its small size and educational focus. The school accepts a maximum of 135 students in grades 9 to 12. That size allows us to emphasize individual student learning styles and tailor educational opportunities to specific student goals. We provide a unique educational program that helps students be the best people they can be academically, emotionally and socially. Emerson High School starts with the student and builds his or her ability to perform academically while shaping a positive view of self.

Students apply to EmHS. They attend because they want to be at the school. With the school's smaller size, teachers can provide high levels of individually guided and personalized instruction. Thus, students are able to pick up missed credits or accelerate their education. Emerson H.S. is a place where students are cared about and known. Teachers set high standards for academic achievement, personal conduct, and job competence, while providing opportunities for students to assume responsibility and serve others.

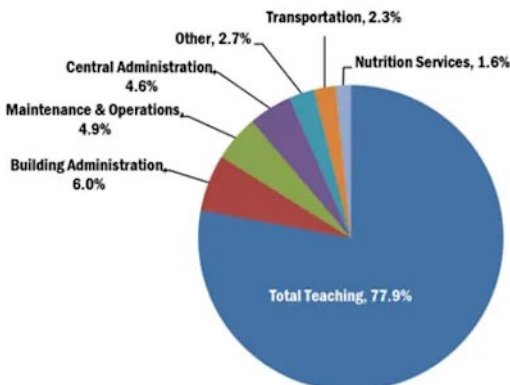
School Funding

District General Fund Budget: \$602.5 million
District Per Pupil Expenditure: \$18,815.21 per pupil
Building Budget for this school: \$57,647

2024-25 District Expenditures

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2024-25 School Goals

English Language Arts (Grades 9-12):

Students will improve explanatory writing skill across content areas.

Mathematics (Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2 students):

Students will improve ability to model with mathematics.

Social Emotional Learning (All School):

Increase in students reporting positive sense of belonging as measured by Spring 2025 Panorama and counselor survey data.

State Assessment Results

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)⁺

English Language Arts (ELA) SBA results by grade and year (School, District, State)

High School			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	53	82	60
2024-25	31	81	59

Math SBA results by grade and year (School, District, State)

High School			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	32	64	30
2024-25	<19	66	31

Science SBA results by grade and year (School, District, State)*

High School			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	<10	30	36
2024-25	33	38	37

Student demographics:

Gender	% of students
Female	50%
Gender X	7%
Male	43%

Race/Ethnicity	% of students
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%
Asian	6%
Black/African American	3%
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race(s)	21%
Two or More Races	9%
White	60%

Programs	% of students
English Language Learners	9%
Low Income	37%
Students with Disabilities	50%

SAT**

Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)			
Year	School	State	National
2024-25	*Suppressed	560	521
Math			
Year	School	State	National
2024-25	*Suppressed	535	508
ACT (Average Composite Scores)			
Year	School	State	National
2024-25	*Suppressed	24.8	19.4

+Smarter Balanced Assessment is a Washington state standardized exam. Scores represent percentage of students who met the standards. Students who did not take the test were counted as not meeting standard.

*Scores are suppressed when groups are so small that the information could potentially be used to identify or derive information about individual students. Many 11th grade students refused to take the test: they may have already met graduation requirements through passing the old state tests in 10th grade.

**The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT) are required by many colleges and universities for admission. Students elect to take these tests.

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

Invitation to Participate

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.

School Building

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

Building Condition Assessment: Fair

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.