

Full Day Kindergarten in Issaquah

Parent Orientation
2026-27 School Year





- Welcome to Grand Ridge :
Jill Ravenscraft, Principal
Lori Shimizu, Admin. Intern
- Registrar:
Chris Ross
- Secretary to the Principal
Kelly Scibetta
- Immunizations\Health Forms:
Sarah Dellicker, Nurse
- PTSA President:
Garth Higgins/Elizabeth Parker
- Family Partnership Liaison
Lina Marin



State-funded Full Day Kindergarten

- No cost to families
- Provides maximum learning opportunity for students
- Offers full access to specialists (PE, Music, Library)
- Developmentally appropriate and student centered
- Integrated content with rich, hands-on experiences
- Based on rigorous standards



State-funded Full Day Kindergarten

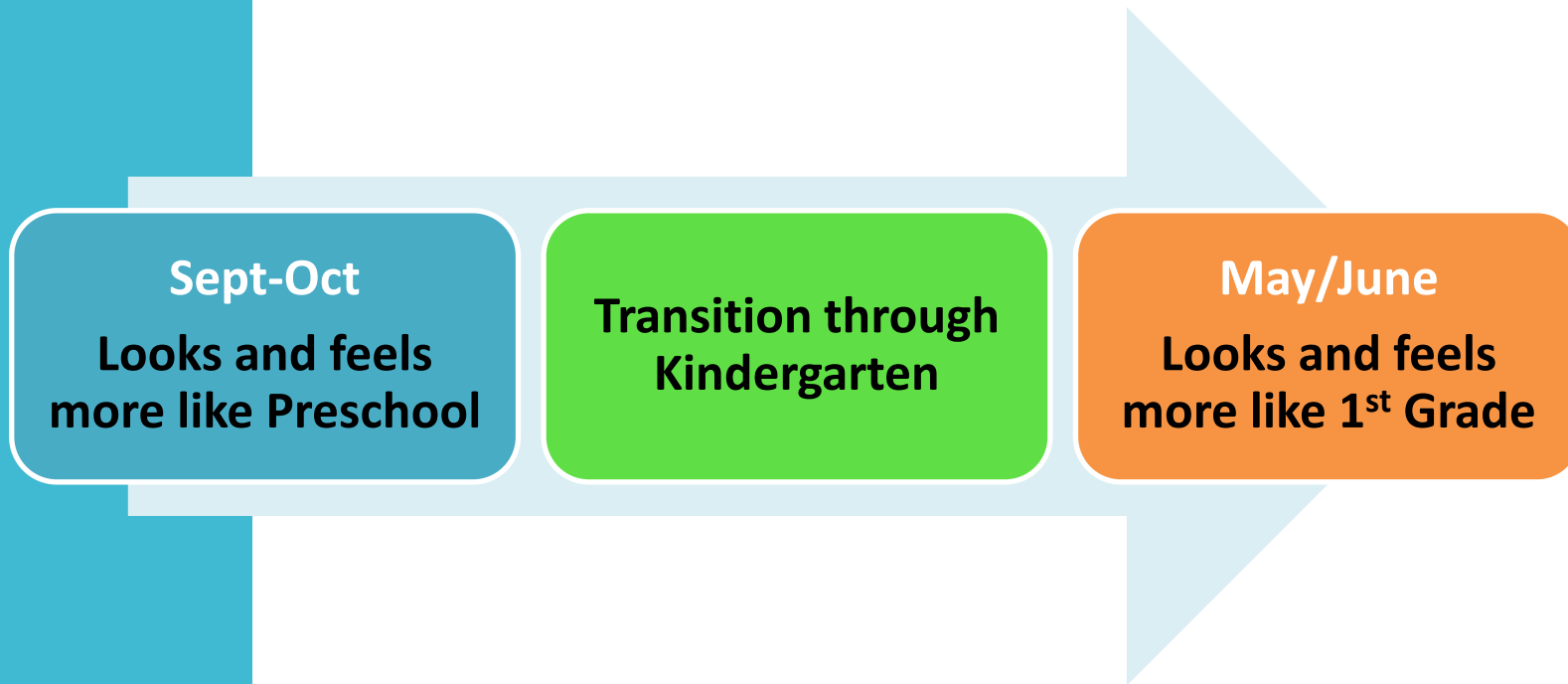
- State requires full day kindergarten be available to all students
- Parents may opt for half-day
 - Student will be placed in full-day classroom in the morning for 3 hours

Full-Day Kindergarten

Every student, every classroom, every day



Kindergarten is a transition year





Washington
Kindergarten Inventory
of Developing Skills

What can we
expect at the
beginning of
the year?

➤ Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills
(WAKIDS)

- A required component of State-funded Full Day Kindergarten
- A transition process that helps to ensure a successful start to kindergarten and beyond

Preparing for September

Can manage their personal needs without help

- Put on/take off coat
- Tie their own shoes
- Wash their hands
- Snap, button, zip and buckle clothes (change their own clothing)
- Zip and unzip backpacks
- Use the public restroom independently (use, flush, wash)
- Open their snack and lunchbox containers



Kindergarten Assessment

Wednesday, May 6,
2026

1:30 – 4:00

- In order to assist us in making appropriate classroom placement decisions we will be assessing all incoming kindergarten students.
- The assessment will be done at Grand Ridge by one of our kindergarten teachers and will take approximately 10-15 minutes.



What can we expect at the beginning of the year?

- **Family Connection Meeting**
 - Classroom teacher meets with each family for 30 minutes on one of the first 3 days of the school year.
 - First day of school for grades 1-5 is August 27th
 - Family Connection Meetings on August 27, August 28, August 31
 - First Day of Kindergarten is on September 1

- **Whole-Child Assessment:** September/October
 - Kindergarten teacher observes children during everyday classroom activities
 - Helps teachers find out what each child knows and can do at the beginning of the year
 - Inventory taken of each child's developing skills in six areas
 - Social-emotional
 - Physical
 - Cognitive
 - Language
 - Literacy
 - Mathematics

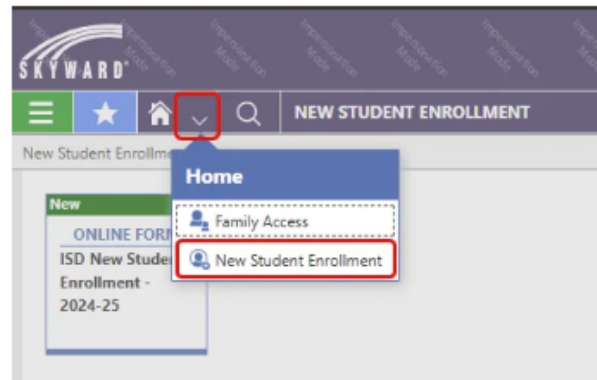
Enroll at www.ISD411.org!

The Issaquah School District utilizes an online application process to enroll new students. This process is for students not currently enrolled in an ISD school; students in grades K-12 transferring between schools within the district do not need to complete an enrollment application. Prior to using the online application process, families are advised to have the required documents available to upload into the application. You may save as you go and do not have to complete it all in one sitting. The completed application, once submitted online, will be available to the school for approval. Submitted applications will not be approved until all required documents are received by the school.

Visit our **Enrollment Forms page** for downloadable and translated copies of the Enrollment forms that are filled out during New Student Enrollment.

New and Returning Families: Create an Enrollment User Account

Current Families: If you have current active students in the district, **Log in to your Family Access Account** and select New Student Enrollment from the dropdown for the New Student Enrollment Tile to appear.





Registration

- Your child must be 5 by August 31, 2026
- For those families living in the Grand Ridge attendance area. Check the ISD website attendance map to verify or email transportation department.
- Complete online enrollment on the ISD website. Registration opens on February 2 and is due by February 27.
- Sign up for Kindergarten Assessment – email to come in April.
- The enrollment process can be completed in many other languages.

Information Required to Register

- Proof of Birth Date: A copy of birth certificate or passport must be provided. Can be uploaded.
- Proof of Residency – 1 item: Property tax statement, mortgage statement, homeowners insurance, unexpired lease agreement, renters insurance policy, documents from public agencies, current utility or cable bill
 - A residency document must show your name and address and expiration date if a lease.
 - A copy of a utility bill no more than 30 days old. (Utility bill must be power, gas, or cable – not cell phone). Can be uploaded.
- Photo ID: The person registering the child must be the legal parent/guardian listed on the registration form. Bring in to the office.
- Immunizations: A complete record of shots verified by a physician must be provided. Can be uploaded.

Additional Paperwork

Required additional paperwork to complete enrollment

- Parent ID - copy will be made by Registrar – NO NEED TO UPLOAD
- Parenting Plan?

Additional information in the kindergarten packet:

- Kindergarten Readiness Information
- Information From the Nurse
- Issaquah School District Registration Timeline
- Invitation to Ride the Bus this summer
- Before and After School Care Information



What's next?

- The Registrar will call you to set up an appointment to finish any paperwork and confirm your child's profile is set up correctly.
- Sign-up for your child's assessment on May 6th from 1:30-4:00. Registrar will send you a link to the sign-ups in mid-April.
- Sign-up to receive the Grand Ridge Bulletin.
- In August, watch for information about becoming approved to volunteer. Required annually.

Immunizations & Life-Threatening Health Conditions

Requirements for Incoming Students

2026-27 School Year


Proof of Immunization Required

- New students need to provide a **medically verified immunization record** at the time of registration.
- A medically verified record can come directly from:
 - The **Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIIS)**.
 - A medical clinic or office where immunizations were given
 - Pharmacy records of immunizations given
 - Another state's or country's formal immunization database
 - Immunizations verified by the State Dept.

CIS or WAIS Documentation

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the (WAIS)
- A physical copy of the State CIS form **with a healthcare provider signature.**
- A CIS printed from MyIR.
myirmobile.com

<https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/immunization/access-your-familys-immunization-information>

 **Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS)** Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
Signed CIS or F&T: Yes No

Please print. See back for instructions on how to fill out this form or get it printed from the Washington State Immunization Information System.

Child's Last Name: _____		First Name: _____		Middle Initial: _____		Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____	
I give permission to my child's school/child care to add immunization information into the Immunization Information System to help the school maintain my child's record.				Conditional Status Only: I acknowledge that my child is entering school/child care in conditional status. For my child to remain in school, I must provide required documentation of immunization by established deadlines. See back for guidance on conditional status.			
X _____ Parent/Guardian Signature				Date: _____		X _____ Parent/Guardian Signature Required if Starting in Conditional Status	
Registered to School <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Child Care Provider <input type="checkbox"/>		MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY
Required Vaccines for School or Child Care Entry							
<input type="checkbox"/> TTaP (Tetanus, Pertussis)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) (grade 7)							
<input type="checkbox"/> DT or Td (Tetanus, Diphtheria)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B							
<input type="checkbox"/> Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b)							
<input type="checkbox"/> IPV (Polio) (any combination of IPV/IPV)							
<input type="checkbox"/> OPV (Polio)							
<input type="checkbox"/> MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)							
<input type="checkbox"/> PCV/PPSV (Pneumococcal)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (Chickenpox)							
<input type="checkbox"/> History of disease verified by ID							
Recommended Vaccines (Not Required for School or Child Care Entry)							
COVID-19							
Flu (Influenza)							
Hepatitis A							
HPV (Human Papillomavirus)							
MMV/MPV (Measles/mumps/rubella type 1, 2, 3)							
Morbilli (Measles/mumps/rubella type 2)							
Rubella							

Documentation of Disease Immunity (Health care provider use only)

If the child named in this CIS has a history of varicella (chickenpox) disease or can show immunity by blood test (titer), it must be verified by a health care provider.

I certify that the child named on this CIS has:

A verified history of varicella (chickenpox) disease.
 Laboratory evidence of immunity (titer) to disease(s) marked below.

<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B
<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps
<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio (all 3 serotypes meet these immunity)		

Licensed Health Care Provider Signature Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

I certify that the information provided on this form is correct and verifiable. Health Care Provider or School Official Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
If verified by school or child care staff the medical immunization records must be attached to this document.

Required Immunizations for K-6 Students

- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis) given in the appropriate time frames
 - 1 Tdap for students 7th grade and above
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B, given in the appropriate time frames
- 4 doses of polio (IPV) given in a specific time frames
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) given in the appropriate time frames
- 2 doses of varicella given in the appropriate time frames


Exemptions

Parent and Child's Provider signatures

- Medical Exemption
- Philosophical/Personal Exemption
- Religious Exemption

Religion restricting care from medical professional

- Religious Membership Exemption



Certificate of Exemption—Personal/Religious

For School, Child Care, and Preschool Immunization Requirements

Child's Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY):
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NOTICE: A parent or guardian may exempt their child from the vaccinations listed below by submitting this completed form to the child's school and/or child care. A person who has been exempted from a vaccination is considered at risk for the disease or diseases for which the vaccination offers protection. An exempted child/student may be excluded from school or child care settings and activities during an outbreak of the disease that they have not been fully vaccinated against. Vaccine-preventable diseases still exist, and can spread quickly in school and child care settings. Immunization is one of the best ways to protect people from getting and spreading diseases that may result in serious illness, disability, or death.

Personal/Philosophical or Religious Exemption
 I am exempting my child from the requirement my child be vaccinated against the following disease(s) to attend school or child care. (Select an exemption type and the vaccinations you wish to exempt your child from):

PERSONAL/PHILOSOPHICAL EXEMPTION*			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	<input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis (whooping cough)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)
*Measles, mumps, or rubella may not be exempted for personal/philosophical reasons per state law			
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Diphtheria	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> Hib	<input type="checkbox"/> Pneumococcal
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio	<input type="checkbox"/> Pertussis (whooping cough)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tetanus	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella (chickenpox)
<input type="checkbox"/> Measles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mumps	<input type="checkbox"/> Rubella	

Parent/Guardian Declaration
 One or more of the required vaccines are in conflict with my personal, philosophical, or religious beliefs. I have discussed the benefits and risks of immunizations with the health care practitioner (signed below). I have been told if an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease occurs for which my child is exempted, my child may be excluded from their school or child care for the duration of the outbreak. The information on this form is complete and correct.

X _____
 Parent/Guardian Name (print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Health Care Practitioner Declaration
 I have discussed the benefits and risks of immunizations with the parent/legal guardian as a condition for exempting their child. I certify I am a qualified MD, ND, DO, ARNP, or PA licensed in Washington State.

X _____
 Licensed Health Care Practitioner Name (print) Licensed Health Care Practitioner Signature Date

MD ND DO ARNP PA Washington License # _____

RELIGIOUS MEMBERSHIP EXEMPTION
 Complete this section ONLY if you belong to a church or religion that objects to the use of medical treatment. Use the section above if you have a religious objection to vaccinations but the beliefs or teachings of your church or religion allow for your child to be treated by medical professionals such as doctors and nurses.

Parent/Guardian Declaration
 I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named child. I affirm I am a member of a church or religion whose teaching does not allow health care practitioners to give medical treatment to my child. I have been told if an outbreak of vaccine-preventable disease occurs for which my child is exempted, my child may be excluded from their school or child care for the duration of the outbreak. The information on this form is complete and correct.

X _____
 Parent/Guardian Name (print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

If you have a disability and need this form in a different format please call 1-800-525-0127 (TDD/TTY Call 711). DOH-348-106 October 2019

Is My Kindergartener Too Young?

Children can receive their school immunizations at age 4. Contact your healthcare provider to schedule your appointment.



Where Can I Get My Child Immunized?

- Your child's healthcare provider

- WithinReach, Family Health Hotline:

800-322-2588

<http://www.withinreachwa.org/>

- Community Health Access Program:

206-284-0331 or 800-756-5437

<https://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dph/health-safety/health-centers-programs-services/access-outreach-program/community-health-access-program>

- Your school nurse is a resource for you if you need assistance



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SCHOOL DISTRICT 411

SUMMARY of IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION

- Your student may register for school, **but MAY NOT attend school until provider-verified immunizations** have been received and validated by the school nurse.
- The child must have all immunizations they are eligible to receive prior to starting school.
- Or there is a **Certificate of Exemption** on file signed by the parent AND the licensed healthcare provider.

Notify the School if your Child has a Life-Threatening Health Condition such as:

- Allergy requiring an EpiPen™
- Insulin-dependent Diabetes
- Severe Asthma
- A Seizure disorder
- A Cardiac condition
- Adrenal Insufficiency
- Other conditions

Why does the school need to know?

- If your child has a life-threatening condition, **WA state law** says there must be an **emergency care plan and any associated medication** in place in the school building **before the child can attend school**.
- This is to keep the student safe in the event they experience a medical emergency during the school day.
- If your child has a life-threatening condition, let the school nurse know:
 - School Care Plan signed by provider, parent and RN
 - Medication prescribed by provider with ISD paperwork

Medications at School

- If your child must receive medication during school hours, you need to provide a medication authorization form that has been completed by a licensed healthcare provider and signed/dated by the provider and parent. A new form is required each school year.
 - Prescription medications
 - Over-the-counter medications
 - Medical treatments/procedures
- Do not send medications to school with your child.
- Students may not carry medications in their backpack (including cough drops, or other over-the-counter medications).

Questions?

Nurse Contact Info:

Sarah Dellicker, RN

Office: 425-837-7930

Email: DellickerS@issaquah.wednet.edu



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Welcome Families, My name is Lina Marin, your Family Liaison.

I am part of the ISD Equity, Belonging and Family Partnership Department. We host information sessions for families with a wide variety of topics throughout the school year. [Family Partnerships - Issaquah School District 411](#)

If you need interpretation, we arrange to host these sessions in your preferred language.



Feel free to contact me.

MarinIsazaL@issaquah.wednet.edu

Office: (425) 837-7008

Cell: 425 651-9245

Text: 252 563 3498

Languages spoken: English, Spanish.

Schools I support:

Apollo, Briarwood, Cougar Ridge, Grand Ridge, Maple Hills, Newcastle, Cougar Mountain, Maywood, and Liberty

How Can I Help You?

As your Family Partnership Liaison, I can:

- Welcome new families and explain school systems and procedures
- Help you use tools like Family Access and Canvas
- Guide you in navigating district and school websites
- Support communication with school and district staff
- Connect you with community resources and programs



♥ Welcome to Kindergarten



When: Monday, March 9, 2026 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. [Register here](#)

Where: Zoom – Presentations in English, Español, and 普通話

Who: All incoming Kindergarten families are invited to learn more about the Issaquah School District's Kindergarten program. While everyone is welcome, this session will be especially helpful for families who are new to the U.S. public school system.

What: Information will include:

Kindergarten Preparedness

General school day schedule (lunch and recess)

Classroom general information

Transportation

Immunization

On-Site Before- and After-School Care Program

Differences between school systems in the U.S. vs. some other countries



Hosted by the **Issaquah School District Family Partnership Team**, we warmly welcome you to our community and look forward to supporting you as you navigate our schools.

If you have any questions or need interpretation in another language at the event (한국어, 日本語, Русский, or Tiếng Việt), please contact Lorna Gilmour at gilmourl@issaquah.wednet.edu.



ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL AGE CARE

SERVING K-5 STUDENTS

The Before and After School Care Program (BASC) provides a positive environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually under the guidance of our well-trained team. We offer diverse activities to meet the interests and skill levels of our participants, including STEM, cooperative games, community service learning, art, and cooking.

During out of school time, children will be able to access many areas of our schools, including the gym, playground, and multi-purpose room. In addition to our well stocked club rooms, we provide a designated homework time, morning and afternoon snacks, family nights, enrichment activities, school break care, and summer day camps.



Days of Operation

Monday – Friday

School break services are available through a separate registration process

Program Hours

6:30 AM – school start

School end – 6:30 PM

There is no care provided during the school day for 1/2 day kindergarten students.

Locations

All 16 I.S.D.
elementary schools

Registration Information

www.isd411.org

programs and services ->

*before and after
school care*

QUESTIONS?

Email

Michelle Morrison

morrison@issaquah.wednet.edu



Completing forms and communicating with the school

Please let any school
staff know if you need
help completing forms
or if you have questions.

We can help you in your language!

Please let us know if you need an
interpreter or a document translated into
your language—at no cost to you.

English

¡Podemos brindarle asistencia en español!

Por favor háganos saber si necesita un
intérprete o un documento traducido a
su idioma. Este servicio es gratuito.

Spanish

Мы можем помочь вам с переводом на русский язык!

Сообщите нам, если вам нужен устный
перевод или перевод документа на
ваш язык—бесплатно для вас.

Russian

Chúng tôi có thể giúp quý vị bằng tiếng Việt!

Xin cho chúng tôi biết nếu quý vị cần thông
dịch viên hay cần phiên dịch tài liệu qua
ngôn ngữ của quý vị—được miễn phí.

Vietnamese

我們可以用中文向您提 供幫助！

請告訴我們您是否需要我們向您提供免費口
譯員服務或將文件翻譯成您使用的語言。

Chinese

한국어 지원 서비스가 제공됩니다!

통역사가 필요하시거나 귀하의 언어로 번역된 문서
가 필요하시다면 저희에게 알려 주십시오. 부담하시
는 비용은 없습니다.

Korean

Ми можемо надати вам інформацію українською мовою!

Якщо вам потрібен перекладач або
переклад того чи іншого документа
українською мовою, просимо повідомити
нам про це—послуга безкоштовна.

Ukrainian

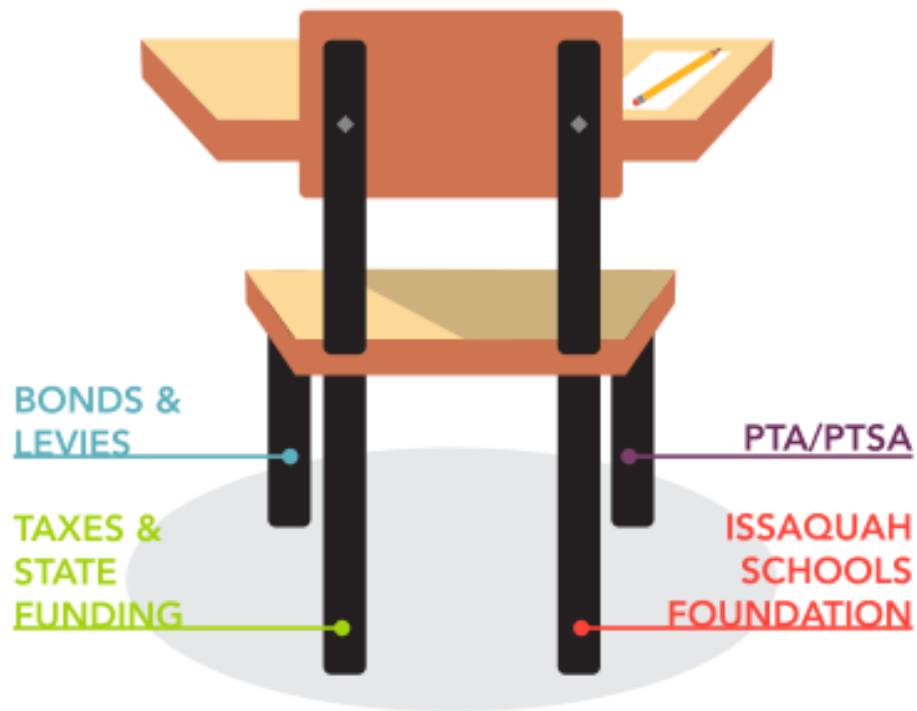
يمكننا مساعدتك باللغة العربية!

يرجى إعلامنا إذا ما كنت بحاجة إلى مترجم فوري
أو إلى ترجمة مستند إلى لغتك، دون تكلفة عليك.

Arabic

How are schools funded?

Issaquah students' success sits on the stability of four key funding sources



- ▶ **Bonds & Levies:** New school construction, renovations, land purchases. Must be approved by local voters.
- ▶ **Taxes & State Funding:** State pays for basic education with state school levies & taxes; does not cover everything a district needs to operate
- ▶ **PTA/PTSA:** Non-profit that raises money to fund art, technology, field trips, library book, playground equipment, STEM & cultural activities, assemblies & more.
- ▶ **Issaquah Schools Foundation:** Supports programs that benefit all Issaquah School District students including teacher and school grants.



GRAND RIDGE PTSA

M A N Y H A N D S + M A N Y H E A R T S

Provides Educational Enrichment for All Students

Grade-level Grants for
STEM & Field Trips

Arts Education in the
classroom

Musician & Author Visits

Science Fair

Literacy Programs & Tools

Supports our School

Teacher Stipends

Emergency Preparedness
& Safety Supplies

Volunteers for School
Programs

Reader Board and
Newsletter
Communications

Staff Appreciation

Builds Community

Family & Community
Events like Fallween &
Summerfest

Parent Education

Celebrating our Diversity at
Cultural Fair

Spelling Bee, Reflections
Art Contest & Talent Show

Community Outreach

Five Easy Ways To Support Grand Ridge

1. **Join or renew your family's PTSA membership**
2. **Consider volunteer opportunities**
Whether one-time or ongoing, find them on our website
3. **Participate in our fall fundraiser**
4. **Check out the calendar on our website and follow *Grand Ridge Elementary PTSA* on Facebook**
5. **Share your questions, ideas & feedback in person or email:
grptsa@gmail.com**

www.GrandRidgePTSA.org