

The Columbia School District Receives State Award for Educational Excellence

Hunters, WA—March 5, 2026—The Columbia School District is honored to have been selected as 1 of 25 award-winning school districts for the State Superintendent’s Award for Educational Excellence in Student Progress.

The State Superintendent’s Award for Educational Excellence recognizes the 25 top-performing school districts in educational achievement in the previous school year and the 25 top-performing school districts in progress over the last three school years.

“I am so proud of our kids, staff, and community for their commitment to excellence. The Columbia School District is a great place to send your kids!” said Greg Price, Columbia School District Superintendent.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) evaluates school districts for the award based on the metrics of student opportunity and outcomes below.

Student Opportunity Measures

- Regular Attendance
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Highly Capable Program Participation
- High School Level Math in 8th Grade
- Dual Credit Participation Including Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- Dual Credit Participation Excluding CTE

Student Outcome Measures

- 4th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Reading
- 8th Grade Math
- Ninth Graders on Track
- 4-Year Graduation Rate

The award criteria align with the state’s [Annual Snapshot on Student Opportunity and Outcomes](#), which shows how individual districts and the state as a whole are progressing on key focus areas.

“It is an honor to recognize the Columbia School District for their dedication to student opportunity and success,” said State Superintendent Chris Reykdal. “From high-quality instruction, to targeted strategies to improving attendance, to ensuring all students have access to advanced coursework, The Columbia School District is an inspiring representation of Washington’s outstanding public schools.”

The Columbia School District will receive a banner and a plaque from OSPI recognizing their achievement and commitment to student success. This is the inaugural year of this state award.

For More Information

- [State Superintendent’s Award for Educational Excellence](#) (OSPI webpage)