

NorthStar Middle School Annual Report – 2024-25

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

of students, October 2024: 87
of teachers: 7
Teachers with at least a Master's Degree: 71.4%
Student regular attendance rate: 96.6%

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: \$602.5 million
District Per Pupil Expenditure: \$18,815.21 per pupil
Building Budget for this school: \$49,998

School Description

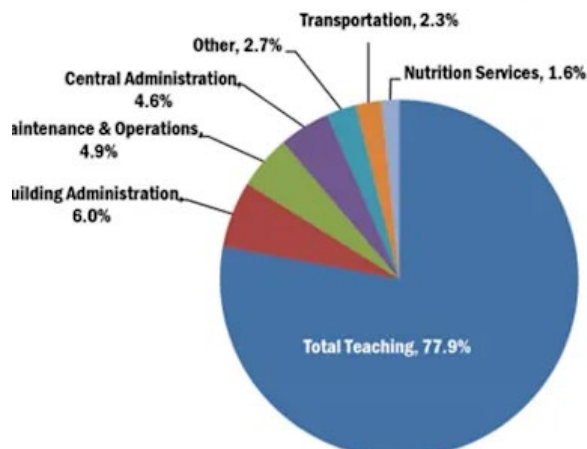
Northstar Middle School began in 1981 as one of Lake Washington's first choice schools. Northstar has four full-time teachers and a student body of nearly 90, with approximately 30 students per grade level. At Northstar, we believe students learn best in a small, caring community where individual talents 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.

2024-25 District Expenditures

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2024-25 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):

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)

English Language Arts (ELA)			
6 th Grade			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	90	77	46
2024-25	90	76	48
7 th Grade			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	90	79	50
2024-25	90	79	50
8 th Grade			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	90	74	47
2024-25	89	77	49

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

Math			
6 th Grade			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	87	72	37
2024-25	90	74	39
7 th Grade			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	87	72	38
2024-25	90	73	39
8 th Grade			
Year	School	District	State
2023-24	83	67	34
2024-25	89	70	36

Student demographics:

Gender	% of students
Female	53%
Male	47%

Race/Ethnicity	% of students
Asian	60%
Black/African American	1%
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race(s)	5%
Two or More Races	8%
White	26%

Programs	% of students
English Language Learners	0%
Low Income	3%
Students with Disabilities	7%

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.

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.