Stella Schola Annual Report – 2024-25

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Lake Washington School District

Principal: Joe Gorder
Associate Principals: Alicia Mendez, Kristen Tollefsen
Mascot: Dragon
Colors: Gold and Royal Blue

# of students, October 2024: 90
# of teachers: 5
Teachers with at least a Master's Degree: 80.0%
Student regular attendance rate: 93.3%

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 provide an inclusive comprehensive, challenging, and engaging learning environment with high academic standards and character development through extraordinary school - family – community partnerships

School Funding

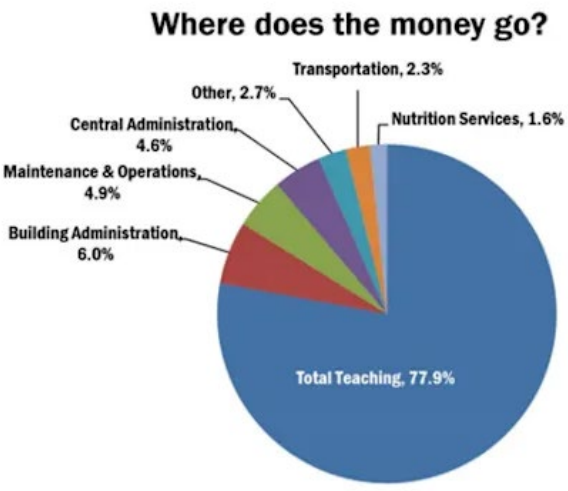
District General Fund Budget: $602.5 million
District Per Pupil Expenditure: $18,815.21 per pupil
Building Budget for this school: $35,097

School Description

Stella Schola ("Star School" in Latin) is a Choice middle school in Lake Washington School District. Stella Schola offers sixth, seventh, and eighth graders a comprehensive, consistent, and challenging learning environment with high academic and behavioral standards and solid teacher support. The school encourages parents and community members to assist students in developing skills to become independent and self-sufficient adults who will succeed and contribute responsibly in a global community. The rich, comprehensive learning environment is based on historical themes with an emphasis on mastery learning for all students. By integrating as many subjects as possible into year-long historical themes, students learn from the past to make better choices and decisions in the future. Students have the same teacher for most of the school day, which enhances opportunities for integration of subject matter, helps promote curricular continuity, and increases the students' sense of belonging during early adolescence. Teachers work collaboratively to provide a challenging, stimulating, and hands-on curriculum for students. In-depth studies of the core subjects are emphasized. Students participate in a student-to-student mentoring program. Stella Schola's unique schedule allows teachers to create a highly personalized environment for students. Students get individual academic assistance after school as necessary to ensure mastery of content. Students recognize the benefits of their hard work and focus on learning by experiencing personal and academic success.

2024-25 District Expenditures

Where does the money go?



2024-25 School Goals

Science (6th – 8th Grade):
All students will improve their critical thinking skills as demonstrated in classroom discussions by Spring 2025.

Science (6th – 8th Grade):
Science curriculum is updated to include phenomenon-based instruction and more closely aligned to NGSS. Each year, each grade will update one grade-level unit to meet this outcome over three years. By Spring 2025, each grade will have four updated phenomenon-based instructional units in Science.

Social and Emotional (6th – 8th Grade):
Data from the Spring 2025 Panorama survey will reflect a 5% increase from the Fall 2024 survey in the area of Self-Efficacy.

State Assessment Results

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)

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

English Language Arts (ELA)			
6th Grade			
Year	**School**	**District**	**State**
2023-24	87	77	46
2024-25	90	76	48
7th Grade			
Year	**School**	**District**	**State**
2023-24	86	79	50
2024-25	90	79	50
8th Grade			
Year	**School**	**District**	**State**
2023-24	86	74	47
2024-25	87	77	49

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

Math			
6th Grade			
Year	**School**	**District**	**State**
2023-24	90	72	37
2024-25	79	74	39
7th Grade			
Year	**School**	**District**	**State**
2023-24	83	72	38
2024-25	87	73	39
8th Grade			
Year	**School**	**District**	**State**
2023-24	79	67	34
2024-25	90	70	36

Student demographics:

Gender	% of students
Female	57%
Gender X	1%
Male	41%

Race/Ethnicity	% of students
Asian	52%
Hispanic/Latino of Any Race(s)	3%
Two or More Races	9%
White	36%

Programs	% of students
English Language Learners	2%
Low Income	2%
Students with Disabilities	4%

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.