



Welcome to 7th Grade at Poulsbo Middle School!



Seventh grade is an exciting year of growth and increasing independence for students and families. Students continue to build strong academic habits, explore their interests, and take more ownership of their learning while beginning to look ahead to high school.

What to Expect in 7th Grade

Preparing for High School

- Students will continue to take more responsibility for their learning, organization, and time management.
- Students are encouraged to communicate directly with teachers and ask for help when needed.

High School Graduation Requirements

- Students will begin completing high school graduation requirements this year.
- Washington State History will be completed during 2nd semester.
 - Washington State History is a high school graduation requirement.
 - Students must pass the course to earn credit. Students who do not pass the course will need to retake the class in high school.

High School & Beyond Plan

- Students will begin their High School & Beyond Plan through SchoolLinks this year.
 - **SchoolLinks:** <https://www.schoollinks.com/>
- Students will begin exploring their interests, strengths, goals, and plans for high school and beyond. Counselors will visit 7th grade classrooms throughout the year to guide students through required SchoolLinks activities.

How Families Can Help

- Encourage your student to take ownership of their grades, assignments, and school responsibilities by checking Google Classroom and Skyward regularly.
 - **Skyward Family Access:** <https://www02.wrdc.wa-k12.net/nkitsas/web/fwemnu01.w>
- Talk with your student about their goals and what they are looking forward to in high school.

When Your Student Needs Support

Middle school continues to bring academic, social, and emotional challenges, and students do not have to navigate them alone. Students and families can reach out to:

- **Counselors** – academic planning, high school preparation, social/emotional support, and school-related concerns
 - Carrie Lujan (clujan@nkschools.org): Students with last names A–K
 - Sancheen Collins (scollins@nkschools.org): Students with last names L–Z
- **Teachers** – questions about learning, assignments, and classes
- **Administrators** – school-wide concerns and support
 - Michael Cron (mcron@nkschools.org), Principal
 - Nicky Drago (ndrago@nkschools.org), Vice-Principal

We are excited to have you here! Go Panthers!