



Welcome to 8th Grade at Poulsbo Middle School!



Eighth grade is an important year of preparation for high school. Students will take on greater responsibility for their learning while completing courses and requirements that will carry into their high school experience.

What to Expect in 8th 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.
- Counselors will work with students throughout the year to help them prepare for the transition to high school.

High School Credit

- Students will earn high school credit for Health and PE completed this year.
 - Students must pass these courses to earn credit. Students who do not pass will need to retake the courses in high school.
- Students enrolled in Integrated Math 1 also earn high school math credit.
- Courses taken for high school credit in 8th grade will be recorded on the student's high school transcript.

High School & Beyond Plan

- Students will continue working on their High School & Beyond Plan through SchoolLinks.
 - **SchoolLinks:** <https://www.schoollinks.com/>
- Counselors will visit 8th grade classrooms throughout the year to provide lessons and guide students through required SchoolLinks activities about their interests and goals.

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 transition to high school and the courses, activities, and opportunities they are interested in.

When Your Student Needs Support

As students prepare for high school, they may have academic, social, and emotional questions. Students and families can reach out to:

- Counselors – academic planning, high school preparation, social/emotional support
 - Carrie Lujan (clujan@nkschools.org): Students with last names A–K
 - Sanchen 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 (ndrargo@nkschools.org), Vice-Principal

We are excited to have you here! Go Panthers!