

**KNOWN.
CHALLENGED.
CONNECTED.**

Joyful learning. High
academic standards. A
community where every
child is Known



DISCOVER Westside

Westside School is an accredited, independent Preschool–8th grade school located in beautiful West Seattle. Our connected school community brings students together with a program that combines joyful learning, high academic standards, and opportunities to learn and grow both inside and beyond the classroom.



PRESCHOOL-8TH

One Connected
School Community



SMALL CLASSES

Every student
known and valued



LANGUAGES

Spanish &
Mandarin Classes
Starting in PS



SUPPORT TEAM

Dedicated Counselors
and Learning
Specialists



45 YEARS

Growing Confident
Learners

AFFORDING WESTSIDE

24%
students receive
financial
support.

\$14,500
Average Awards
that do not need
to be repaid.

PAYMENTS
can be made
annually or in
monthly installments.

TUITION

2026-2027 School Year

Early Learning (PS & PK) \$23,500

Lower School (K-4th) \$26,900

Middle School (5th-8th) \$29,900

WHAT GUIDES A WESTSIDE EDUCATION

Our mission defines our purpose and what we want for every Westside student. Our vision looks ahead, guiding where we are going and the school we continue to build. Our values shape how we learn, work, and live together. And our approach puts all of these ideas into practice in the everyday student experience.

MISSION

Westside students learn to **think critically** and **act with compassion** in a **joyful, supportive community**.

VISION

Westside School is committed to being a collaborative, inclusive school where learners discover their unique strengths, embrace challenges, and develop a passion for learning, in order to contribute positively to their world.

VALUES

Joyful Learning | High Academic Standards
Confident Learners | Caring Community
Fostering Belonging



A school day designed for **MORE**

SCHOOL HOURS & EXTENDED CARE

Preschool: 8:45 am - 2:45 pm

Pre-K-2nd Grade: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

3rd & 4th Grade: 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

Middle School: 8:30 am - 3:25 pm

Westside offers extended care options designed to help the school day work for busy families. **Before Care** begins at **7:30 am**, and **Aftercare** is available until **5:30 pm**. Care is also offered during select school breaks and teacher work days.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Westside experience continues beyond the school day. Students can explore new interests, build skills, create, perform, and connect with friends through more than 10 enrichment offerings each semester. Classes range from garden club, art, STEM, cooking, and chess to Middle School Theatre Club and more, giving students opportunities to try something new or dive deeper into an interest.

ATHLETICS

Go Wolves! Athletics begin in Kindergarten with cross-country and expand to include soccer, basketball, volleyball, and track & field. As part of CYO Athletics, students develop skills, teamwork, confidence, and school spirit—and the Westside Wolves have earned **21 championships** and counting!

Many Westside graduates continue playing sports in high school, and several alumni have gone on to compete at the NCAA Division I level, carrying their love of athletics well beyond their years at Westside.

12+
Enrichments



21 CYO
Championships

PURPOSEFUL SPACES

Located in West Seattle, our **light-filled**, energy-efficient campus was designed for how students learn. Flexible classrooms and secure, **enclosed outdoor spaces** give students room to learn, create, collaborate, and play. Students spend time **outside every day**, rain or shine, surrounded by trees and views of Mt. Rainier.



A community **BUILT** around learning.

From Preschool through eighth grade, each stage intentionally builds on the one before it. Students are known and supported as they build strong academic foundations, take on increasingly complex challenges, and grow in confidence and independence.

JOYFUL LEARNING + HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Students build strong academic skills in a community where they are known, challenged, and supported. They think deeply, ask questions, use evidence, explain their reasoning, and make connections across science, math, humanities, and other subjects to investigate problems and apply what they know in new ways. Small classes and strong relationships help teachers understand how to challenge and support each student, with additional academic, social, and emotional support from two counselors and four learning specialists.



PART OF THE WOLFPACK

Every Westside student belongs to a Wolfpack, bringing together students across grade levels throughout the year. As students grow, they go from being the youngest members of their Pack to mentors and leaders, building relationships and a sense of belonging along the way. Packs meet about once a month for activities, traditions, service, and fun that strengthen connections across our Preschool-8th grade community.

EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD

Students grow academically, socially, emotionally, physically, and creatively through a program that includes strong core academics like science, math, humanities, and literacy, alongside world languages, visual and performing arts, music, physical education, athletics, outdoor education, and social-emotional learning.



**PHYSICAL
EDUCATION**



**MUSIC &
DANCE**



**VISUAL
ARTS**



**MANDARIN &
SPANISH**



**LIBRARY
& TECH**



**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
LEARNING**



**EXPLORATORY
CLASSES**

In 7th and 8th grade, students have more choice in their learning through specialized **exploratory classes** spanning technology, arts, active classes, math, and science; from coding, photography, and stop-motion to music tech, yearbook, choir, and instrumental ensembles.

FAMILIES ARE PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

Families are important partners in a Westside education. Conferences, progress reports, learning artifacts, weekly photos, and regular communication keep families connected to what their child is learning and how they are growing.

The **Westside Family Association (WFA)** builds community through traditions and events, from Back-to-School and grade-level socials to World of Westside, Pride with the Pack, Westside Together, and more.



EARLY LEARNING

Building the foundations for lifelong learning.

Through play, exploration, and meaningful experiences, Preschool & Pre-K students at Westside develop the social, emotional, and academic foundations for what comes next, while learning what it means to be part of a community.



I CAN
Imagine

Grades Served: Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

Ages: 2 ½ - 4 year olds

Class Size: ~15 Students

Support: 1 Counselor & 1 Learning Specialist

Specialists: Spanish, Mandarin, Music, Visual Arts, P.E., Library, SEL

MAKING LEARNING VISIBLE: In Early Learning, **portfolios, Learning Stories, progress reports, and family conferences** give families a window into each child's development.

PURPOSEFUL, PLAY-BASED LEARNING

Children learn by building, creating, pretending, experimenting, and asking questions. Teachers build on their curiosity through open-ended centers and hands-on experiences, weaving in early academic concepts like number sense, measurement, patterns, physics, language, and literacy as they naturally emerge through play.

Dramatic Play · Loose Parts · Blocks · Process Art · Makerspace

EMERGENT, CURIOSITY-DRIVEN LEARNING

Learning emerges from children's interests, questions, and discoveries. Teachers build on what captures their attention through projects, conversations, hands-on experiences, and indoor and outdoor exploration, bringing joy to the experience building an early love of learning that grows with them.

Inquiry · Projects · Nature · Investigation · Storytelling

UNDERSTANDING SELF AND OTHERS

Children build confidence and independence while learning to be part of a community. Through play, routines, and relationships, they practice expressing themselves, navigating friendships, understanding emotions, and solving problems together.

A BALANCED DAY OF LEARNING

Each day balances predictable routines with plenty of time for play, movement, creativity, connection, and learning indoors and out—with visits and activities with older buddies adding something extra to the day.

Outdoor Play · Specialists · Worktime · Morning Meeting · Older Buddies · Quiet Time · Closing Circle



“
We're happy with our experience at Westside. The staff does a great job supporting the kids' social skills and helping them build confidence with their peers.
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LOWER SCHOOL

Curiosity becomes confidence.

From Kindergarten through fourth grade, curiosity grows into investigation. Students build strong academic skills while asking questions, trying new approaches, making connections, and growing more confident sharing their thinking.

Grades Served: Kindergarten - 4th Grade
Class Size: ~20 Students
Specialists: Spanish, Mandarin, Visual Art, Music, Library, P.E., SEL
Support: 1 Counselor & 2 Learning Specialists

FINDING THEIR VOICE & GROWING INDEPENDENCE

Students grow more confident communicating their ideas and taking responsibility for their learning. They learn to collaborate with others, listen to different perspectives, give and use feedback, make thoughtful choices, organize their work, and recognize what they need to be successful learners.

DEEPENING THEIR THINKING

Students take on increasingly complex texts, questions, problems, and projects. They learn to ask thoughtful questions, explain their reasoning, try different approaches, learn from mistakes, and revise their thinking.

MAKING CONNECTIONS ACROSS SUBJECTS

Students explore topics from different angles, connecting subjects to build deeper understanding. A deep dive into Pacific Northwest habitats in Kindergarten or becoming advocates for people experiencing homelessness in 3rd grade can bring together science, reading, writing, research, math, art, and field experiences.

Science · Reading · Writing · Math · Art · Field Studies

I CAN Investigate

This is our second year at Westside and our son, now a first grader, is thriving. He is excited about what he is learning and continues to impress us with what he comes home telling us he did that day.

MAKING LEARNING VISIBLE: Beginning in Lower School, **standards-based reporting** provides families a clear picture of the specific skills and concepts students are developing across subjects. **Conferences, teacher communication, student work, projects, showcases,** and other **learning artifacts** add context throughout the year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

More Voice. More Choice. More Responsibility.



Middle School students take a more active role in their education. They tackle increasingly complex work, make more choices about what and how they learn, develop their own perspectives, and take greater responsibility for their success.

Grades Served: 5th-8th Grade

Class Size: ~20 Students

Student Leadership: Service learning, buddy program, and student leadership club opportunities.

Support: 1 counselor & 2 learning support specialists

Class Schedule: Four 75-minute blocks per day



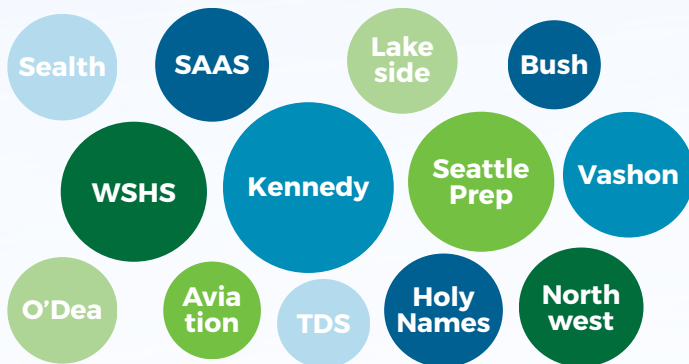
*DIFFERENTIATED
Math Pathways*

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Beginning in seventh grade, students and families receive guidance as they explore high schools that fit their strengths, interests, and goals.

Academically, students are prepared for what comes next through increasingly challenging coursework, including differentiated math pathways through Math 7/8, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra I. Westside graduates go on to a wide range of independent, parochial, and public schools across the Seattle area.

Some of the Schools Our Graduates Attend:



I CAN Make an Impact

DEVELOPING THEIR OWN PERSPECTIVE

Students move beyond understanding ideas to forming their own. They research, use evidence, question assumptions, consider different perspectives, and learn to clearly support what they think and why.

OWNING THEIR LEARNING

Students set goals, manage increasingly complex work, make academic choices, use feedback, pursue interests, and learn to advocate for what they need.

STEPPING INTO LEADERSHIP

Outdoor education, advisory, Ethics & Equity, exploratories, athletics, the arts, service learning, and Wolfpacks give students opportunities to take risks, build independence, lead, and contribute to their community.

I'm continually encouraged by the alumni kids still in our lives who are thriving. We know our kids have something special here, and we don't take that for granted.



MAKING LEARNING VISIBLE: By Middle School, students take a greater role in **communicating their own learning**. Through **reflection** and **student-led conferences**, they learn to talk about their progress, share evidence of their growth, identify challenges, and set goals for what comes next.



Early Learning

PS



PUPS

Learning through play, curiosity, and discovery.

PK



PACKMATES

Joining a Wolfpack with students across grade levels.

STUDENT-CENTERED, EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Students actively participate in their education through multidisciplinary hands-on learning, inquiry, real-world problem-solving, field studies, and outdoor education.

Lower School

K



TEAMMATES

Discovering teamwork as athletics begin with cross-country.

1



STORYTELLERS

Growing as readers, writers, and communicators.

2



CONNECTORS

Making connections across subjects through salmon studies.

3



ADVENTURERS

Heading out on their first overnight outdoor education experience.

4



LEADERS

Planning Wolf Fest and becoming big buddies to Pre-K.

Middle School

Two week-long outdoor trips per year.

5



SELF-ADVOCATES

Building habits for greater independence and ownership.

6



LINGUISTS

Building proficiency in Spanish or Mandarin.

7



EXPLORERS

Discovering new interests through choice in Exploratory classes.

8



WOLVES

Bringing it all together, ready for high school and beyond.



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