

MAKING THE GRADE

MEASURING EDUCATION OUTCOMES, GETTING RESULTS FOR WASHINGTON

A is for accountability

Make sure your public dollars are spent in the best possible way to get results for our kids.

Financial management of public schools rests with locally elected school boards in the state’s 295 school districts. Your local Seattle School Board stands for re-election every four years. Find your School Board representative at seattleschools.org/district/school_board and learn how school funding is being spent, what the funding formulas are and what outcomes are being achieved for our investment. The current budget is a public document, available at bit.ly/currentbudget.

Dr. Larry Nyland, Seattle Public Schools Superintendent

In January 2015, Nyland became the permanent superintendent of Seattle Public Schools (SPS), the state’s largest K-12 school district of 53,000 students. SPS holds principals and teachers accountable for student outcomes and provides performance data for the district and each school within it, including information on its efforts to increase academic achievement and close the achievement gap. Read performance and accountability reports at bit.ly/spsaccountability.

Source: seattleschools.org



State and federal law require testing to determine whether students are achieving state standards, which measure students’ progress toward readiness for graduation, college and career. By our own measures, our students are not adequately prepared.

Washington is #2 in the country for STEM jobs – 240,000 STEM job openings are predicted here in the next five years – but can’t fill them locally, because of a lack of qualified local applicants. We must prepare today’s kids for tomorrow’s jobs.

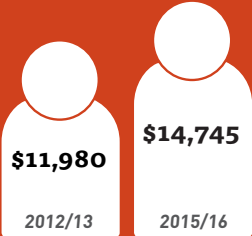
After 11 years of study, at an expense of \$14,293 per student per year, our kids deserve better outcomes to help them succeed.

Sources: OSPI, Smarter Balanced Exam, spring 2016; washingtonstem.org

The cost of learning

Per-student spending has increased 24% in Seattle Public Schools in the last four years, to an average of \$14,293. But the amount varies by school. How much does your school spend per student? Check your school report at bit.ly/SPSreports. Reports also include each school’s academic growth and document the steps school leadership is taking to ensure success for every child.

24% INCREASE in per-pupil spending



What can you do?

Talk to your student’s teacher. Monitor homework and class participation.

STAY INVOLVED

seattleschools.org/directory

Use district resources to learn expectations, requirements and curriculum.

LEARN THE MATH STANDARDS

seattleschools.org/students/academics

Ask how the Board will help students learn the skills they need to succeed.

CONTACT THE SCHOOL BOARD

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