



Each student will graduate prepared to lead a rewarding, responsible life as a contributing member of our community and greater society.

School Mission

To meet student learning objectives in an atmosphere that focuses on academic excellence, character, and creativity.

Mascot: Penguin

Colors: Blue and Silver

Website: www.lwsd.org/nsjh

Christina Thomas, Principal

Northstar Junior High School began in 1981 as one of Lake Washington's first choice schools. Northstar has four full-time teachers and a student body of 90, with 30 students per grade level. At Northstar, we believe students learn best in a small, caring community where individual talents can be recognized and nurtured, academic growth encouraged, and moral development fostered.

Located on the campus of Lake Washington High School, Northstar emphasizes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and creativity. Experienced teachers work as a team to lead multi-age, theme-based classes. Northstar allows capable students to take high school courses on a space available basis in the areas of foreign language, high-level math and music. We foster the unique aspects of each student and appreciate individual differences. Students are encouraged to connect to people in their community through service learning.

At Northstar, the foundation is set for every student's development. Parents participate by working cooperatively with teachers to sustain a cohesive learning community, provide enriching experiences and promote the love of learning. Students develop the positive perceptions of self, school and life that are the foundation for continued success. It is a great place to work and learn.

Year in Review – 2010-2011

Continuous Improvement Plan

Northstar Junior High continues its tradition of excellence. Northstar seventh graders scored 80.6% in reading, 87.1% in math and 96.8% in writing in the Measurements of Student Progress. Northstar eighth graders scored 93.3 % in reading and 76.7% in math. For the new end of course assessments for Algebra, Northstar students excelled at 89.1% proficiency. For Geometry, they scored 95.8% proficiency.

Northstar continues to focus on individual student achievement in its small learning environment. The school serves 90 students, of which 15% are receiving special education services. This size provides both an opportunity and a challenge. Teachers continue to provide individual assistance to students.

No Child Left Behind Report

The "No Child Left Behind" Act of 2001 (NCLB) outlines requirements that K-12 schools must meet. LWSJ met the standard for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 50 of 59 subgroups under NCLB. In most of the 50 areas, students scored significantly above the requirements. The areas of concern for the district include special education, Hispanic students and low-income students. No school district in the state of Washington with over 10,000 students made AYP, including this district. This school did make AYP for this year. NCLB requires all public schools and school districts to publish "report cards" that contain specific information highlighting their schools' progress, including the results of the Measurements of Student Progress. (MSP). Visit <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us> to view this data plus the MSP scores broken out by eight subgroups.

Community Feedback

This school has sought feedback from parents and community members on their experiences with the school. Key responses are summarized here.

Community Survey Results	% agree	weighted score
The school's primary emphasis is improving student learning.	96%	3.78
The school communicates its goals effectively to families and the community.	87%	3.48
All students in the school are expected to meet high standards.	96%	3.78
Students respect those who are different from them.	91%	3.48
The adults in the school show respect for all students.	91%	3.61
My child feels safe at school.	91%	3.64
I feel welcome when I visit the school.	91%	3.73
The school works with many community organizations to support students.	91%	3.57

% agree = percent of respondents who answered **somewhat agree** or **strongly agree**.
Weighted score is on a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 4 (strongly agree).
Number of responses: 23

Northstar Junior High – Assessment

Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)

	Reading		Math		Writing		Science	
	09-10	10-11	09-10	10-11	09-10	10-11	09-10	10-11
7th Grade	93	81	100	87	90	97	*	*
District	81	75	78	74	86	87	*	*
State	63	56	55	57	70	71	*	*
8th Grade	83	93	86	77	*	*	90	93
District	82	87	61	70	*	*	78	85
State	69	69	52	50	*	*	55	62

Scores represent percentage of students who met the standards.

*not tested

End of Course (EOC) Exams

Grade Level	EOC Math Year 1	EOC Math Year 2
All Grades	89	96
District	82	83
State	64	74

EOC exams are given in any grade in which the course is offered.

District Budget Summary

District Per Pupil Expenditure

\$9,290 per pupil

General Fund Budget

\$226 million

Direct Classroom Support 81.3%

- Teachers
- Instructional Assistants
- Teaching Supplies
- Counselors
- Staff Training
- Curriculum Development
- Librarians
- Special Education
- School Building: Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance

Indirect Classroom Support 13.8%

- Building Administrators
- School Support/Secretaries
- Transportation
- Food Services
- Student Activities/Athletics

Administration 4.1%

- Board, Superintendent
- Central Office Administrators
- Human Resources, Public Information, Payroll, Accounting
- Technology Support
- Administration Buildings: Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance

Other Programs 0.8%

School Use/Parents and Community

School Use

Our school facilities are available for public use by contacting our school office.

Parents and the Community

We encourage you to get involved in our school and in PTSA. Volunteers are trained and work in a variety of positions. To get involved, call our school office.

The Lake Washington School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, gender, marital status, creed, religion, honorably discharged veteran, military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 16250 NE 74th Street, Redmond, Washington 98052, (425) 936-1266.

School Snapshot

Building Budget

\$17,868

Student Composition

Asian	10%
African American	3%
Hispanic	4%
Native American	0%
Caucasian	80%
Pacific Islander	0%
Special Ed	16.67%
ELL	0.0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	5.56%
Male/Female	52/48%

School Enrollment

October 2009	95
October 2010	90

Staff Education Achievement

Bachelor's	0
Bachelor's + 45 credits	0
Bachelor's + 90 credits	0
Bachelor's + 135 credits	0
Master's	0
Master's +45 credits	5
PhD	0

Student Attendance

Attendance	96.0%
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Capital Projects Levy Activities

Facilities: Installed weather station.

Technology: Computer allocations were maintained at the district standard. New equipment continued to replace old on a standardized basis. Interactive whiteboards and projection systems have been installed in every classroom. Training continued on integrating technology into subject areas and using technology to increase student engagement. Software enhancements, network upgrades and new technologies to support student learning were available.

Use of Maintenance and Operations Levy

Assist schools in helping all students reach academic standards; offer ongoing teacher training; purchase textbooks and classroom materials; provide additional staff for instruction and supervision; and support extra-curricular athletics and activities.