

► Neighborhood schools

Students are guaranteed attendance at the neighborhood school in their attendance area. All of the district's neighborhood schools offer rigorous academic programs and unique opportunities for student learning. During open enrollment, the list of schools with space available that are open for in-district transfer or variance requests will be published on the district website.

► Choice schools

Choice schools are open to all students in the district. All of the district's Choice schools offer rigorous academic programs and unique opportunities for student learning. Students must apply to be considered for enrollment in the school. Each Choice school has its own application and enrollment process. These schools are small by design so there are enrollment limits. A lottery and wait list system is used to place students when applications exceed vacancies.

As part of the application and lottery process, **attendance at the Choice school's information night is required.** Interested families **must attend** a Choice school's information night to obtain an application to the school.

2012-13 Choice School Application & Registration Timeline:

January 27, 2012 - Applications due

February 3, 2012 - Choice school lottery

February 15, 2012 - Notification letters sent

February 27, 2012 - Acceptance due

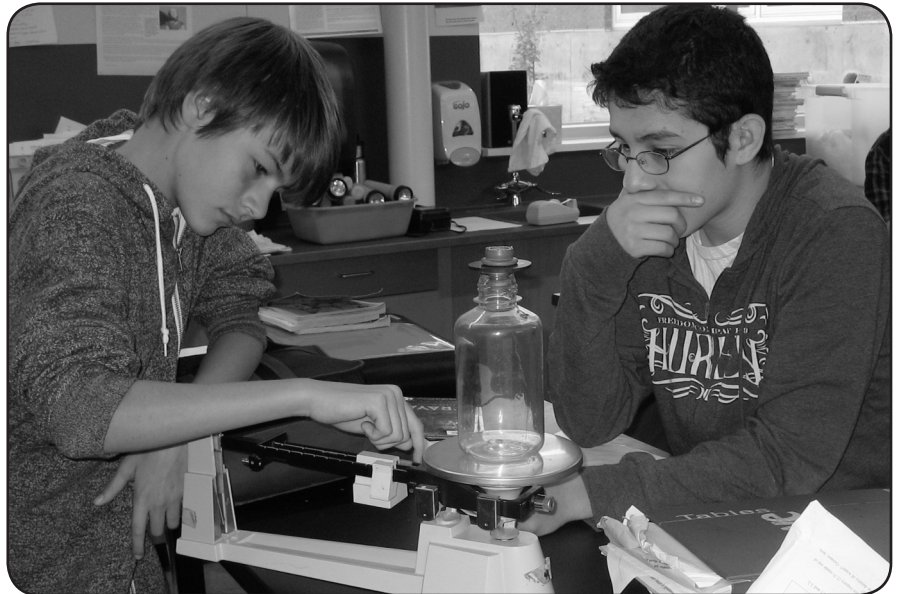
Choice School Transportation

Parents/guardians of students who attend Choice schools must arrange their own transportation. In some cases, the district offers bus transportation. Contact the Choice school you are interested in for more information about transportation or the application process.

PLANNING AHEAD

Middle Schools in LWSD

Highlighting Choice schools and neighborhood schools



As parents of fifth and sixth graders, you should be aware of the Choice schools and neighborhood schools that exist in Lake Washington School District.

While all students in Lake Washington School District are guaranteed attendance at the neighborhood school within their attendance area, families may also consider applying to one of the district's Choice schools, whose enrollments are lottery-based, or families may consider applying for a change to their neighborhood school assignment, also known as an in-district transfer or variance.

This brochure highlights the various Choice schools and neighborhood schools available to students across the district.

The grade configuration of Lake Washington schools will change next year. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, the district's elementary schools will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Junior high schools will become middle schools, serving students in sixth through eighth grade. High schools will serve students in ninth through 12th grade.



Choice Schools

2012-13 Choice School Application & Registration Timeline

January 2012 - Choice schools hold mandatory information nights (see below for specific dates).

Attendance is required to apply.

January 27, 2012	Last day applications are accepted
February 3, 2012	District Choice school lottery
February 15, 2012	Schools send notification letters to families
February 27, 2012	Acceptance due to schools

Environmental and Adventure School

Located at Finn Hill M.S.
8040 N.E. 132nd St.
Kirkland, WA 98034
(425) 936-2355
www.lwsd.org/school/eas
Principal: Victor Scarpelli, Jr.

**Mandatory Parent & Student Informational Meeting: January 3, 2012
7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Finn Hill Middle School Commons**

Students apply their fifth grade year.
See school website for more information.

- Maximum 140 students, grades 6-8
- Challenging curriculum integrated around theme: Interdependent Relationships, People & Environments
- Adventure education and stewardship projects connected with academic learning, personal challenge, and teamwork

Family Learning Center

10903 N.E. 53rd St.
Kirkland, WA 98033
(425) 936-2311
www.lwsd.org/school/flc
Principal: Nell Ballard-Jones

Quarterly information meetings. Contact the school for more information.

- Maximum 350 students, grades K–12
- Support to families who home school their children
- Smaller class sizes
- Enrichment and core classes
- Strong creative and performing arts program
- Fully accredited
- Personalized learning plans are provided for each student
- Instruction provided using LWSO curriculum and power standards

International Community School

11133 N.E. 65th St.
Kirkland, WA 98033
(425) 936-2380
www.lwsd.org/school/ics
Principal: Dr. Matthew Livingston

Mandatory Informational Meeting: January 5 or 10, 2012

**7:00–9:00 p.m., Applicant and one parent must attend one of these meetings.
Please do not bring siblings as we do not have space to accommodate extra people.**

- Maximum 380 students, grades 7-12 (grades 6-12 beginning in 2013-14)
- Focus on six core content areas: international studies, humanities, world languages, the arts, science and math
- 99% of ICS graduates attend a four-year college
- Majority of graduates earn scholarships

Northstar Middle School

Location beginning 2012-13
(BEST High/Family Learning
Center campus)
10903 N.E. 53rd St.
Kirkland, WA 98033
(425) 936-1760
www.lwsd.org/school/nsms
2011-12 Principal: Christina Thomas
2012-13 Principal: Nell Ballard-Jones

Mandatory Informational Meeting: January 17, 2012

6:30–8:00 p.m., BEST High School Gym: 10903 N.E. 53rd Street, Kirkland, 98033

- Maximum 90 students, grades 6-8
- Challenging academic program with high level expectations for all students
- Mixed-age, theme-based classes, focus on humanities and sciences
- Emphasis on academic excellence and service to the community
- Organized like a college curriculum – students choose courses each semester

Renaissance School of Art and Reasoning

Located at Eastlake High
400 228th Ave N.E.
Sammamish, WA 98074
(425) 936-1544
www.lwsd.org/school/rsar
Principal: Brad Malloy

**Mandatory Parent & Student Information Night and Tour: January 5, 2012
7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Eastlake High School auditorium**

- Maximum 96 students, grades 6-8
- Students develop in an environment of artistry and academic rigor using multiple approaches and perspectives
- Focus on integrating the visual and performing arts with a challenging science and mathematics curriculum
- Students are known and nurtured as important individuals who have an active concern for their community and society

Stella Schola Middle School

Located on Rose Hill M.S. campus
13505 N.E. 75th St.
Redmond, WA 98052
(425) 936-2475
www.lwsd.org/school/ss

Principal: Laurynn Evans
Headmistress: Brigitte Tennis

Mandatory Informational Meeting: January 18, 2012

7:00 p.m. in the Rose Hill Middle School cafeteria

- Maximum 90 students, grades 6-8
- Challenging academics based on historical themes & integrated with classical literature
- Students remain with the same teacher all day, providing strong support and a personalized learning environment
- Hands-on learning activities, projects, and field experiences
- Two years of required Latin taken by all students
- One-to-one student mentoring at 6th grade

Neighborhood Schools

Evergreen Middle School

6900 208th Ave N.E.
Redmond, WA 98053
(425) 936-2320
www.lwsd.org/school/ems

Principal: Jan Olson

**Incoming 6th Grade Parent Information Night [parents/guardian only] – January 24, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

**Incoming 7th Grade Parent Information Night [parents/guardian only] – January 31, 2012
7:00 p.m.**

- 780 students, grades 6-8
- High impact personalization programs through classrooms, peer mentoring, student leadership and homeroom activities resulting in a positive student-centered environment.
- Exceptionally collaborative staff who design and implement challenging learning resulting in high student achievement and strong critical thinking skills.
- Highly effective communication with elementary and high school staff, parents and students in order to ensure successful transitions for all students.
- Wide selection of engaging and diverse elective classes including visual and performing arts and technology.
- Engaging, challenging and rigorous curriculum providing multiple opportunities for students to extend their learning and exceed standard/Honors level performance.

Finn Hill Middle School

8040 N.E. 132nd St.
Kirkland, WA 98034
(425) 936-2340
www.lwsd.org/school/fhms

Principal: Victor Scarpelli, Jr.

K-6 Open House: January 19, 2012

6:30-8:30 p.m. Open House for academic departments and Electives Fair

- 570 projected student enrollment, grades 6-8
- Challenging academic program in all curriculum areas, emphasizing critical thinking and analysis.
- Grades 6-8 will have access to “honors” through an integrated, differentiated program
- Advanced Placement in math
- Technology emphasis through robotics, game design and Sci-Ma-Tech electives.
- New electives include state-of-the-art foods and nutrition program; introductory and advanced photography, introduction to business/student store, drama and the arts
- Personalization and community building during Falcon Time Homeroom

Inglewood Middle School

24210 N.E. 8th Street
Sammamish, WA 98074
(425) 936-2360
www.lwsd.org/school/ims

Principal: Tim Patterson

5th Grade Parent Orientation: January 24, 2012, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

6th Grade Parent Orientation: January 17, 2012, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

- 1,100 students, grades 6-8
- Strong emphasis on personalization through teacher teaming and structured program
- Challenging Academic program in all curriculum areas, including electives
- Core philosophy: depth of study over breath of study
- Honors distinction available for all students that choose to opt-in
- Math acceleration available in 7th grade
- The Coalition of Essential Schools and Rick DuFour’s PLC philosophy drive our work
- Washington State Achievement Award Winner – 2009

Kamiakin Middle School

14111 132nd Ave N.E.
Kirkland, WA 98034
(425) 936-2400
www.lwsd.org/school/kams

Principal: Joe Joss

5th & 6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation: January 10, 2012

6:30–8:00 p.m.

- 570 students, grades 6-8
- Students representing 70+ countries worldwide
- Academic opportunities for a diverse community
 - 6th grade students “teamed” with two teachers (LA/SS, Math/Science)
 - 7th & 8th grade students looped with teachers
- Transition program for those with unique needs
- Quest program
- Achievement guides for all students
- Award-winning elective department

Kirkland Middle School

430 18th Ave
Kirkland, WA 98033
(425) 936-2420
www.lwsd.org/school/kims
Principal: Deborah McCarson

5th Grade Parent Night: January 24, 2012

6th Grade Parent Night: January 31, 2012

7:00-8:00 p.m.

- 560 students, grades 6-8
- 2010 Washington State Achievement Award recipient
- Challenging academic program in all curriculum areas, including electives
- Integrated Honors option offered in language arts/social studies block program at all grade levels
- Small school with strong emphasis on personalization within our Panther Pride and Peer Mentoring programs
- Learning Center program for students with unique needs
- Electives include: World Language, Art, Pottery, Technology, Leadership, Multi-Media, Game Design, Robotics, Drama, Debate, Guitar, Band, Orchestra, Choir, and Team Sports
- New building designed to support technology and grade-level teaming

Redmond Middle School

10055 166th Ave N.E.
Redmond, WA 98052
(425) 936-2440
www.lwsd.org/school/rms
Principal: Kelly Clapp

5th & 6th Grade Parent Night: January 31, 2012

7:00 p.m., Redmond Middle School gym

- 896 students, grades 6-8
- Strong, positive and diverse student culture through ASB, athletics, music clubs, ELL and special education programs
- Diverse offerings with wide array of student academic support services
- A/B schedule offering longer class periods with more instructional time
- PACE period four days per week where students will learn "soft skills" of successful students, receive intervention or enrichment as needed, or participate in fun school-wide assemblies/activities

Rose Hill Middle School

13505 N.E. 75th St.
Redmond, WA 98052
(425) 936-2460
www.lwsd.org/school/rhms
Principal: Laurynn Evans

5th and 6th Grade Parent Nights: January 9, 2012 for Audubon & Franklin Elementary families and January 26, 2012 for Rush, Twain & Rose Hill Elementary families

6:30 p.m.

- 500 students, grades 6-8
 - Rigorous academic curriculum offered at all grade levels, including Honors options at all grade levels
 - Highly personalized environment for all students, including an effective grade level team approach to help students needing additional strategies to meet their academic and social goals.
 - Integrated curriculum taught via blocked core classes in all grade levels
 - Technology-rich curriculum both in core and elective offerings (including specialized courses such as *Digital Media* and *Robots and Rollercoasters*)
 - We offer a full complement of fine arts programming in both performing and visual arts that nurtures and challenges artistic growth of our students
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