

# Northstar Middle School Report – 2016-17

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**Principal:** Nell Ballard-Jones  
**Mascot:** Penguin  
**Colors:** Blue and Silver

**# of students, October 2016:** 85  
**# of teachers:** 6  
**Teachers with at least a Master's Degree:** 83.3%  
**Unexcused absence rate:** 0.1%

## District Mission

*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.*

## School Funding

**District General Fund Budget:** \$318.4 million  
**District Per Pupil Expenditure:** \$10,766 per pupil  
**Building Budget for this school:** \$18,302

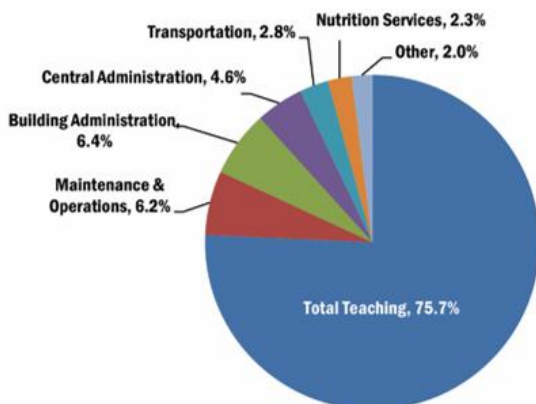
## School Description

Northstar Middle 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.

Northstar is located on the Emerson Campus in the Houghton neighborhood. Northstar emphasizes academic excellence, personal responsibility, and creativity. Experienced teachers work as a team to lead multi-age, theme-based classes. 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.

## 2016-17 District Expenditures

*Where does the money go?*



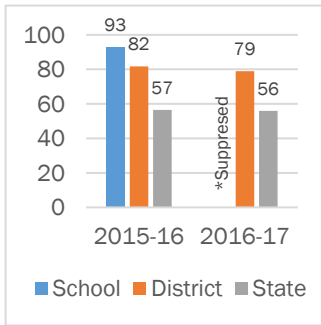
## 2016-17 School Goals

- Grades 6-8 English Language Arts (ELA): 100% of students at standard in Reading Target
- Grades 6-8 Math: 100% of students at standard
- Grade 8 science: 50% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders will earn level 4 on MSP science
- Achievement gap: 100% of special education students at proficient on the ELA SBA
- College & Career Readiness: All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will successfully complete Career Cruising activities
- School Effectiveness: Provide clarity and consistency around summer enrichments/requirements
- Attendance: Teachers will make direct contact with parents of students who accumulate 10 tardies per quarter
- Discipline: Implement school/home communication process re: minor discipline matters that result in discipline

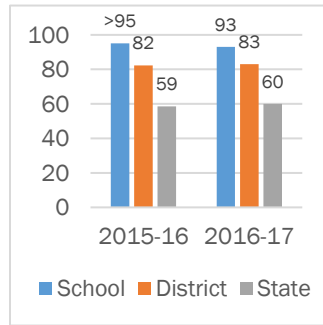
# State Assessment Results

## Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)

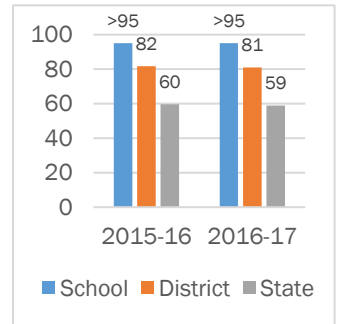
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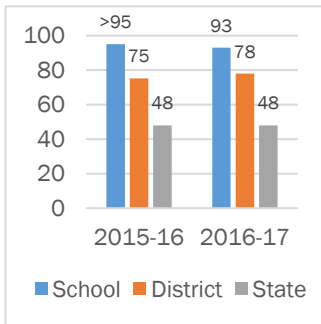
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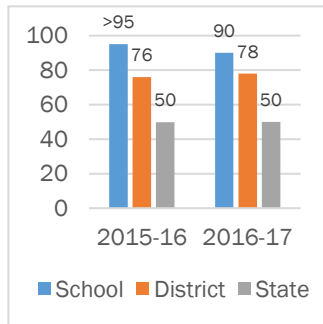
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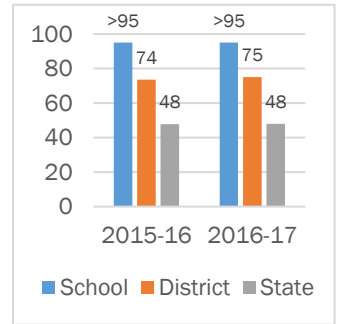
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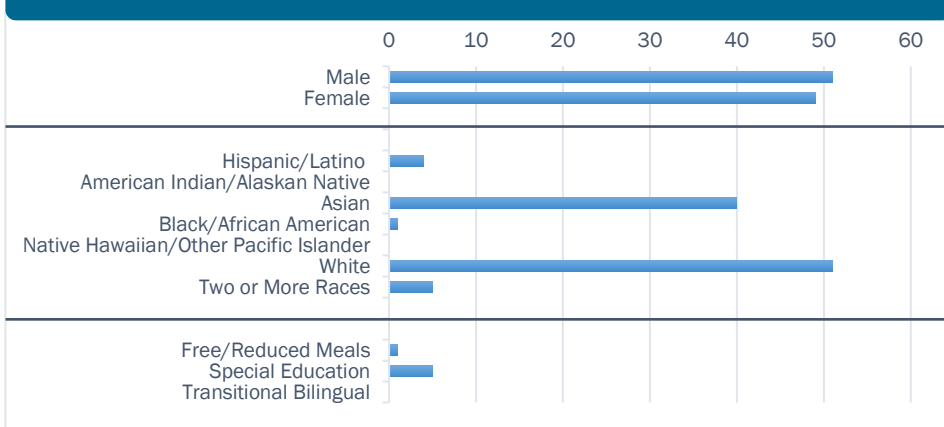
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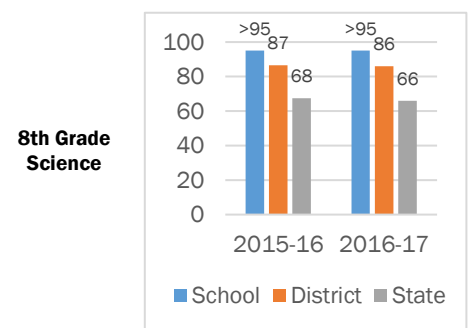
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### Student Demographics



### Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)



>Test scores are above 95%.  
\*This school has opted to suppress test scores.

To view state test scores by demographic group, please visit: <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>. Select Lake Washington School District, then elect the school.

### School Building

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

#### Building Condition Assessment: Good

The Building Condition Assessment represents an overall permanent building condition assessment. It is conducted by a third party in accordance with the state's Asset Preservation Program.

### Invitation to Participate

Goal 5 in the district's Strategic Plan is to "Engage our Communities." Families and community members are encouraged to participate in our school. Volunteers are trained and work in a variety of positions. To get involved, call our school office.

### Accountability of School Performance

**Met Participation Goal for ELA: Yes**  
**Met Participation Goal for Math: Yes**