



Cougar Ridge Elementary School
Issaquah School District

All Students Learning Well

2002 Report Card

Our Mission

Climb every mountain, meet every challenge. Work together to reach the summit. Take pride in the successes of one another. Share what we have with others. Look for and appreciate the diversity in our world. Keep laughter and learning in our lives.

From our students

We asked some of our students "What do you like about Cougar Ridge?" They said . . .

"We get to learn." . . . *Diane- a kindergartner*

"The food is good." . . . *Joey- grade 3*

"It's fun to go to school here because the teachers are nice." . . . *Lewis- grade 5*

"It's looks nice and I like my teacher." . . . *Nikita- grade 3*

"The principal is really nice." . . . *Hollie- grade 2*

Achievements

Every year we're proud to let parents know about some of the special things we've done:

- ❑ Recognized by Governor Gary Locke for meeting our 4th grade reading improvement goals.
- ❑ Recognized by state PTSA for having 100% staff and parent membership in our unit for the sixth straight year.
- ❑ 60.5% of our students met all four standards on the 4th grade WASL, a gain of 15% over last year.
- ❑ PTSA Student Outreach program sent over 3636 children's books to 2 Yakima schools.

Demographics 2001-02*

Enrollment	655
African-American	1.2%
Asian	26%
Native American	0%
Hispanic	.61%
White	65.0%
Attendance rate	98%

* Ethnic information is optional and not available for all students.



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Highlights

- 47 certificated and 25 classified staff
- Kindergarten students returned to Cougar Ridge after being housed at Sunset Elementary for the past two years
- 283 students entered projects in the Science Fair
- Over 1200 attended Spring Open House
- On-site School Age Child Care

Cougar Ridge parents and community members :

The partnership we have formed continues to strengthen the educational program for the students. As I complete my last year as principal at Cougar Ridge, I thank you for the tremendous support you have given to the school.

Patty Kirk

It is with enthusiasm, excitement, and expectancy that I join the team at Cougar Ridge. I look forward to knowing our students and families!

Susan Quinch

Cougar Ridge Elementary School had five major goals for the 2001-2002 school year:

- Implement the new McGraw Hill reading program K-5
- Implement a restructured special education services model
- Review building policies and procedures
- Hire new school administrator
- Continue to increase percentage of students meeting all four of the WASL standards



From the principal

It is with a great deal of pride that I close out my educational career at Cougar Ridge Elementary. This school exemplifies the traits of a successful learning community – students eager to learn, a high caliber staff to teach them, and parents providing support to ensure a successful experience. I know you will welcome the new principal and continue to offer her the same level of support shown me these past ten years. Thank you.

Introducing . . . Principal Susan Quick



Susan Quick is the new principal of Cougar Ridge. She is a former elementary school principal from the Central Kitsap School District and, most recently, a faculty member at Western Washington University's off-campus site in Seattle. Ms. Quick is looking forward to meeting and working with families of the Cougar Ridge community and the Issaquah School District.

Community Advisory Site Council

Under the leadership of Mollie Garberg, the CASC worked with staff to review building policies, including the discipline, homework and student placement policies. They facilitated approval of the move to the district wide modified calendar beginning next fall. Members of the council participated in the process for hiring the new principal. The council continues to serve as a communications link between school and the community.



Cougar Ridge PTSA

Under the leadership of Susan Hegedus, membership and participation is at an all-time high. The organization completed two very successful fundraisers: the fall gift-wrap sale and the spring auction. Volunteers continue to sponsor the Book Fair, Science Fair and Spring Open House/Art Fair. The PTSA recognized five volunteers with Golden Acorn Awards. Congratulations to Sara Beckerman, Laurie Holmes, Lise Place, Linda Van Hare and Liz Director.

Cougar Ridge Staff

Teachers attended monthly in-services on the McGraw Hill reading program. Education assistants participated in secure training offered by the district. Over 20 staff took a tech stretch class. The Issaquah Schools Foundation awarded grants to several teachers. Two CR staff, Heather Bratton and Kim Lester, have been selected as members of a team of teachers spending 3 weeks in China this summer.

Students

We welcomed back our kindergartners after a two-year relocation of the program to Sunset Elementary. Students continued to perform well on performance based and standardized measures of assessment. The PTSA Reflections program and the Science and Art Fairs experienced their highest level of student participation, as did the student council with 158 members. Fifth grade students participated in Math Olympiad, and a primary team attended the Odyssey of the Mind event.



Cougar Ridge Testing – ITBS and WASL



The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for 3rd and 5th graders and the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) for 4th, 7th, and 10th graders help indicate how well Issaquah students are learning.

The ITBS is a national test. Therefore, it shows how well Issaquah students are learning compared to a representative group of other students in the country. When the ITBS was created, a large national sample of students took the test. These students are called the “norm group.” Issaquah scores are compared to the norm group scores and are reported as a percentile rank. Students who earn a score of 60, for example, can say that they scored higher than 60% of the norm group.

<u>ITBS</u>	<u>3rd/District</u>	<u>5th/District</u>
Total Reading	73/71	72/70
Total Language	75/72	74/69
Total Math	82/81	n/a
Total Battery	77/76	n/a



Cougar Ridge Testing – ITBS and WASL

The WASL is a state test. Washington’s education reform efforts began in 1993 and involve annual state-specific tests for students in 4th, 7th, and 10th grades. WASL goes beyond multiple choice tests like the ITBS and asks students to explain their answers, justify their positions, and write extended responses to specific directions.

Besides being a state test rather than a national assessment, WASL results are reported differently. Each student either “Meets Standard”, “Exceeds Standard”, or “Does Not Meet Standard” in each tested subject –reading, writing, listening and math. WASL scores do not compare students to other students; instead they show the learning level of each student.

WASL results help parents know how well each student is meeting learning targets, and the results help schools plan instruction and curriculum focused on learning targets. Numbers represent percent-age meeting or exceeding standard.

<u>WASL</u>	<u>Cougar Ridge</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>State</u>
Reading	88.4	83.3	66.1
Writing	73.4	65.3	43.3
Listening	84.5	82.7	72.4
Math	71.3	66.3	43.4