

Federal Way Public Academy Profile 2014-2015

What is special about our school?

Federal Way Public Academy is a 6th-10th grade school that students, together with their families, choose to attend. The school's program emphasizes a challenging, "traditional" academic curriculum for every student in every subject. Students who attend Public Academy want and receive rigorous academic instruction that will help them prepare for the college or university of their choice.

Public Academy strives to create optimum conditions for highly motivated students to perform at their best. They receive individual attention and guidance within a friendly, small-school environment. The faculty understands and truly enjoys working with adolescents and they believe *an academic community that shares and communicates desire for high expectations will uphold a setting for high achievement.*

The Public Academy program is distinguished by the depth of course content, the intensity of instruction, the engagement and motivation of students through the Socratic seminar style, the access to technology as a tool for communication, and the faculty's high expectations of all students. Students are expected to complete assignments at a high level of quality and depth and to produce significant research projects. They learn to write and speak with skill, clarity, and purpose and to read with appreciation and insight. All are expected to perform at their best, and they do: Achievement levels rank among the highest in the state.

FWPS's demonstration of excellence goes well beyond test scores. . Anyone interested in learning more about Federal Way Public Academy, is invited to visit the school's website.

Federal Way Public Academy offers a full range of academic and extracurricular activities. Students completing the Public Academy program go on to programs such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, University of Washington Academy for Young Scholars, Running Start, the Cambridge Program; one of the district high schools' regular 11th grade programs, or other available programs.

Faculty

Of the 13 teachers at Federal Way Public Academy 10 teachers have Master's Degrees and 4 are National Board Certified. 2 teachers have both their Master's Degrees and are National Board Certified.



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Principal: Kurt Lauer (Since 2003)

School Built: 1999

School Last Remodeled: 2003

Number of Classrooms: 15

Academic and Student Programs

7 th Grade Cultural Fair	Math Team/Club
Art Club	National Honor Society & Junior Honor Society
Associated Student Body (ASB) & Leadership	Music Club
Golf Club	Pre Advanced Placement
Chess Club	PTSA
Cross Country	Robotics Club
Debate/Speech	Spirit Committee
Drama	Spring Enrichment Retreat
Community Service Club	Technology Lab
Knowledge Bowl	Venturing
Journalism/Newspaper	Yearbook/Annual

You can find the following data for all districts and schools on Washington's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's website:

- Student demographics
- Poverty levels
- School funding and financial resources used
- Test data

<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?groupLevel=District&schoolId=1166&reportLevel=School&year=2013-14>