



NINE MILE FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Small Schools, Big Opportunities

FOUNDATIONS

In the Nine Mile Falls School District

- ... each student will succeed
- ... effective instruction is paramount
- ... quality leadership matters
- ... reflection improves our practice
- ... we are each other's best resource
- ... positive relationships are foundational to our success.

We continue to act in a way that matches our beliefs.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mac Mikkelsen,
 Greg Flemming,
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 and Debbie Williams

Superintendent Brian L. Talbott

Our Mission

The Nine Mile Falls School District, in cooperation with the community, is committed to serving each student. We will educate, challenge, and equip each student to realize his/her potential and become a life-long learner who is a contributing member of society.

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LAKESIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Lakeside High School continues its tradition of excellence; we call it the "Lakeside Advantage". Our students excelled in the classroom, on the stage, and on the fields and courts of our community. We continued our long history of challenging our students to achieve in academics and participate in extracurricular activities, which expand their interests. Our teachers and staff continue to work hard together in collaboration to ensure we are providing our community the very best possible education in the state.

- Lakeside High School was again named to Washington Post's Most Challenging High Schools List and to the Top High Schools list of US News and World Report.
- Over 90% of our 10th grade students passed the State exams in reading, writing, and biology.
- Many of our athletic teams won League and District titles, and placed at the State level, including State Championships in Volleyball and Track and Field!
- Our band and choir continue to perform and medal in regional festivals.
- Our new science classroom construction is complete and students are experiencing science better than ever before.
- Lakeside students continue to give generously to the blood drive, holiday collections, and several other community outreach events.

We are proud of our students and staff at LHS, Go Eagles!!!

Sincerely,
Brent Osborn, Principal

School Improvement Plan

At Lakeside High School, this past year we focused on implementation of the trauma informed teaching practices, preparing students to graduate college ready, and supporting student's social and emotional needs. On Thursday mornings, our teachers and staff continued to learn together in order to improve student learning and understand how we can grow in our craft and reach new heights of student achievement. This year we will spend time on design thinking and persist in our work on understanding students in trauma and how we can reach them.

As we continue to find ways to help educate students about positive behaviors and attitudes that maximize learning, we will be expanding the availability of our Lakeside Academy to better serve our students and increase on-time graduation. Our graduation rate is 95% and our students pursuing post-secondary education after high school is 95%.

We continue to challenge students with upper-level courses and more ways to earn college credit while still in high school. We have a strong program of Advanced Placement classes and have added numerous college-in-the-high-school courses in math, science, world language, and history. Our music and art programs are loaded, and we will be splitting the choir and band performances to meet their needs. Our students are ready for the challenges that face them.

Two-Year Testing Trends

2017 SBA & EOC Results

2016 SBA & EOC Results

Eleventh Grade	State Average	LHS
ELA	73.6%	Suppressed
Math	25.9%	47.6%
EOC-Biology (10th grade)	71.5%	82.0%

Eleventh Grade	State Average	LHS
ELA	75.5%	80.7%
Math	21.8%	58.0%
EOC-Biology (10th grade)	72.2%	86.3%

LAKESIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The 2016-2017 school year was a great year at Lakeside Middle School. As a school, we are proud of the academic and co-curricular success our students experienced throughout the year.

In late September through early October, our students began collecting pledges for our 18th Annual Fund Run. Our students collected over \$16,000 in pledges – over \$2,000 more than their school-wide goal! The money collected from the Fund Run was used to support co-curricular activities at Lakeside Middle School. A huge *Thank You* goes out to all of the students and community members who helped support us during this important fund raiser.

Throughout the school year, our students successfully competed in academic and athletic competitions. The Lakeside Middle School band/music program had another successful year and continued to provide opportunities for students to perform in front of diverse audiences. In February, we sent all of our Honor Roll students to the INB Performing Arts Center to watch a National Geographic Live Program. We followed this up with some fun games of bingo where winners were able to choose from many delicious prizes. Approximately 50% of our students were recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments. In June, all eighth-grade students were involved in the *We the People Showcase* in which they were judged on their expertise and knowledge of different constitutional issues.

During this past school year we continued our efforts to recognize students for displaying the characteristics of “The Lakeside Way.” Each month students were nominated, and a minimum of one student from each grade level was selected as the *Student of the Month*. All of the students who were selected as *Students of the Month* were recognized for: *Doing the Right Thing, Working Hard, and Being Themselves – Following The Lakeside Way*. Throughout the school year hundreds of our students who demonstrated “the Lakeside Way” were recognized with an Eagle Party Pass, which allowed them to go to the front of the lunch line and to receive free ice cream. Furthermore, many other students were recognized through their own grade-level assemblies or end-of-the-year celebrations. I would like to congratulate and thank all of our students who were recognized for Flying the Lakeside Way – they have truly made a difference at Lakeside Middle School.

Our students also continued to find ways to implement the key elements of Rachel’s Challenge. Our students continued their kindness relationship with the Suncrest Pizza Factory and made additional improvements to the kindness room at the pizzeria. We are continually amazed by the incredible actions our students implement to embrace and embed the foundations of Rachel’s Challenge within our community. Furthermore, our entire student body participated in a *Generation Alive* food packing event. Our students raised money to buy food, and with the help of *Generation Alive*, packed nearly 6,000 meals in half of a day. All of the meals were donated to the Tum Tum Food Pantry and the Second Harvest Food Bank.

We would like to thank our Parent/Teacher Network. The LMS PTN supported the school in numerous ways. They held multiple family movie nights, volunteered in classrooms, sold concessions at home events, and helped to fundraise and purchase new technology and other classroom resources for students. The LMS PTN continues to help us become a better

school...Thank you!

Finally, the staff at Lakeside Middle School would like to thank all of you for another great year and invite you to come to Lakeside Middle School to be a part of the daily education of our students. We are looking forward to the year ahead of us and would like you to be a part of our successes and celebrations.

Sincerely,
Jeff Baerwald, Principal

School Improvement Plan

Action Plan 1 – ELA School Improvement Smart Goal 1

Increase the number of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students meeting standard on the Smarter Balanced ELA assessment to 68%.

Action Plan 2 – Math School Improvement Smart Goal 2

Increase the number of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students meeting standard on the Smarter Balanced Math assessment to 55%.

Action Plan 3 – Culture School Improvement Smart Goal 3

Throughout the 2016-2017 school year, Lakeside Middle School’s Culture of Kindness will show growth and application among members of the Lakeside Middle School community.

Two-Year Testing Trends SBA & MSP Results

	State Average 2017	LMS 2017	State Average 2016	LMS 2016
Sixth Grade				
ELA	55.5%	59.5%	56.5%	60.6%
Math	48.2%	52.1%	48.0%	43.5%
Seventh Grade				
ELA	60.1%	61.5%	58.5%	58.6%
Math	49.9%	61.5%	49.8%	55.3%
Eighth Grade				
ELA	58.5%	55.1%	59.7%	68.9%
Math	47.6%	60.3%	47.8%	62.0%
Science-MSP	65.9%	87.0%	67.5%	82.7%

NINE MILE FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Community Members,

“When we honor growth, we honor every student.” This quote is one that I believe captures the work I see our staff involved in every day. At Nine Mile Falls Elementary School, we are committed to the idea that we will meet students where they are individually and figure out how to push them to reach their potential. As you can imagine, this is a big task because we realize that this means helping kids who might struggle with a learning area, while pushing our highest achievers at the same time. But I know we will be successful because the team at Nine Mile Falls Elementary is passionate about kids, and we are up to the task. It is what we all would want for our own kids after all!

Part of the solution to reaching every student is to have a wide variety of experiences and tools to engage our students. One awesome experience that we have been using the past few years to help our students develop a love of reading has been our Reading Buddy Program. Volunteers are recruited from our community to come in and simply spend time reading with a child. The growth in our readers has been wonderful, and so many of our students and volunteers cherish the relationships that they are building with their reading partners. We are always looking for more reading partners, and if you are interested in helping a child with their reading, please give our school a call at 340-4010.

Technology has played an important role in helping us reach all of our kids. Teachers are utilizing technology-based learning programs and projects that engage our kids and allow them to show what they know. Our students use Chromebooks, iPads, and programmable robots in a variety of ways to individualize their learning and to create student work that is engaging. We have been so fortunate to have a fantastic Parent Teacher Group (PTG) who has worked very hard to fundraise in order to help us purchase many of these tools for our students. Teachers have spent many hours in training focused on learning how to create dynamic learning experiences for their students. This step would not have happened without the

support of our PTG. Thank you to the best PTG!

As you can see, we have placed a high value on finding a way to reach every student. Teachers here spend their time and energy building relationships with their students so that we find ways to push every one of them. I am proud of the work our staff does with our students.

Sincerely,
Keith Browning, Principal

School Improvement Plan

By the end of the 2017-18 school year, 70% of all students taking the MAP will meet or exceed their growth goal on the reading portion of the test.

By the end of the 2017-18 school year, 60% of all students taking the MAP will meet or exceed their growth goal on the math portion of the test.

Develop a culture in the school that supports a Growth Mindset in students.

Build our staff's capacity to use technology to reach our students. This means personalized learning, teaching necessary technology skills, and providing open-ended work to push student growth.

Two-Year Testing Trends SBA Results

	State Average 2017	NMFE 2017	State Average 2016	NMFE 2016
Third Grade				
ELA	52.6%	54.5%	54.3%	92.0%
Math	57.8%	77.2%	58.9%	88.0%
Fourth Grade				
ELA	55.2%	51.8%	57.0%	59.2%
Math	54.3%	62.9%	55.4%	51.8%
Fifth Grade				
ELA	58.6%	64.2%	60.1%	62.0%
Math	48.6%	39.2%	49.2%	44.8%
Science-MSP	63.4%	64.2%	65.3%	65.5%

LAKE SPOKANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The 2016-2017 school year has brought us multiple opportunities to build upon our foundational cornerstone that our “actions continue to match our beliefs” and EACH STUDENT WILL SUCCEED. These beliefs become actions through sharing and celebrating student success, knowing that effective instruction is paramount to student (and staff) learning and that by truly looking at our practices and working together, we continue to prepare our students and ourselves for a lifetime of learning.

Throughout the building at Lake Spokane Elementary our primary focus continues to be on effective instruction and professional growth for all staff. This is achieved through reflective practices and dialogue, efficient and effective use of time and resources, and continually asking ourselves if we are reaching all learners, all of the time, with all staff members involved. I am proud to say that we are! Our goal, at Lake Spokane Elementary and throughout the Nine Mile Falls School District, is that each student will meet or exceed expected growth in all areas and that this will occur through effective instruction and learning.

As part of our “Mighty Mustang Celebration”, we encourage and recognize young people who demonstrate LSE PRIDE, *Leadership, Success, Encouraging Others, Perseverance, Respect, Involving Others, Dedication and Excellence*. These students were nominated by their peers and from staff members who saw these traits displayed in classrooms, hallways and throughout the Nine Mile Falls Community. Our school thrives on MIGHTY MUSTANG PRIDE!! We would also like to thank our Parent Teacher Network (PTN) for their countless hours of service and dedication to our school through volunteers in classrooms, assemblies, programs, field trips, library and technical support, the list continues to go on and on and on..... THANK YOU PTN!!

The students and staff of Lake Spokane Elementary would like to thank each and every one of you for your support in making this an exciting school year. I would also like to extend an invitation for you to come see what is happening in your school, in your community, and join in the celebration of learning... Lake Spokane Elementary is truly an exciting place to be!!

Sincerely,
Kevin Simpson, Principal

School Improvement Plan

GOAL #1

75% OF ALL K-5 students will meet or exceed their Growth Goals as measured by the MAP assessment in math by Spring 2017.
EACH STUDENT WILL SUCCEED!

GOAL #2

75% of all K-5 students will meet or exceed their Growth Goals on the MAP assessment in reading by Spring 2017.
EACH STUDENT WILL SUCCEED!!

GOAL #3

Lake Spokane Elementary will continue to promote LSE “MIGHTY MUSTANG PRIDE” throughout the Nine Mile Falls School District and community based on the PBIS guidelines and plan.
EACH STUDENT WILL SUCCEED!!!

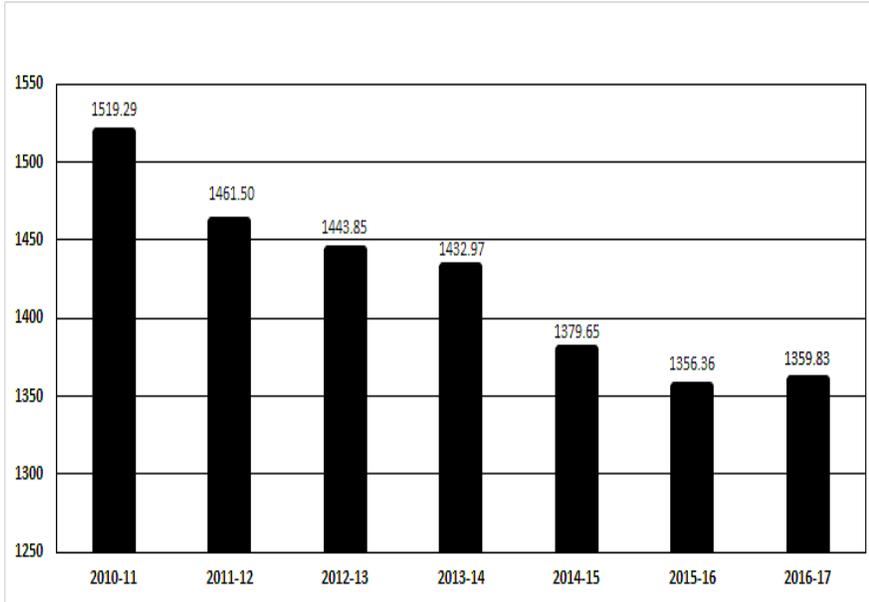
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Two-Year Testing Trends SBA & MSP Results

	State Average 2017	LSE 2017	State Average 2016	LSE 2016
Third Grade				
ELA	52.6%	58.4%	54.3%	57.5%
Math	57.8%	72.2%	58.9%	72.9%
Fourth Grade				
ELA	55.2%	62.3%	57.0%	71.8%
Math	54.3%	66.2%	55.4%	69.0%
Fifth Grade				
ELA	58.6%	60.2%	60.1%	66.6%
Math	48.6%	44.8%	49.2%	47.8%
Science-MSP	63.4%	75.6%	65.3%	79.4%

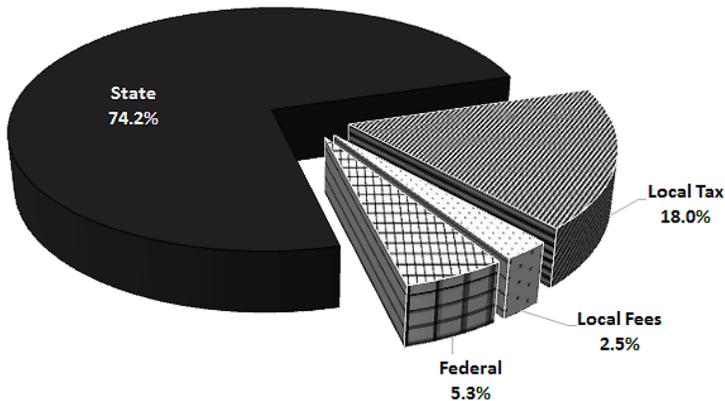
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District FTE Enrollment Chart

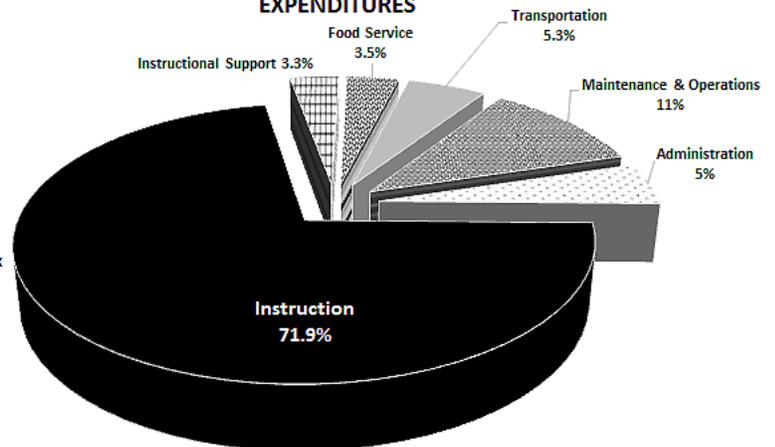


Total District Expenditures	\$16,566,755
Average District Expenditure per Student	\$12,138
Site Allocations	
Nine Mile Falls Elementary	\$31,209
Lake Spokane Elementary	\$51,660
Lakeside Middle School	\$75,692
Lakeside High School	\$103,701

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



Annual Nondiscrimination Notification

The Nine Mile Falls School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. The district is in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1974. Title IX requires school districts to provide opportunities for all students and personnel in all areas, regardless of gender. Any inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer, Brian Talbott, and/or Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Scott Friedman, 10110 W. Charles Rd., Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026, (509)340-4300

District Demographics, Enrollment, & Teacher Information

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS		
ENROLLMENT:		
October 2016-Student Count		1,445
October 2016-Full-Time Equivalency for Funding		1,367
May 2017-Student Count		1,425
May 2017-Full-Time Equivalency for Funding		1,353
GENDER (OCTOBER 2016)		
Male	733	50.7%
Female	412	49.3%
RACE/ETHNICITY (OCTOBER 2016)		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	19	1.35
Asian	7	0.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	4	0.3%
Black/African American	11	0.8%
Hispanic/Latino of any race(s)	81	5.6%
White	1,237	85.6%
Two or More Races	86	6.0%
SPECIAL PROGRAMS (MAY 2017)		
Free/Reduced Lunch	398	27.9%
Special Education	243	17.1%
Transitional Bilingual	2	0.1%
Migrant	7	0.5%
Section 504	11	0.8%
Foster Care		N<10

OTHER INFORMATION			TEACHER INFORMATION (2016-2017)	
Unexcused Absence Rate (2016-2017)	116	0.1%	Classroom Teachers	89
Adjusted 4-year Cohort Graduation Rate (2016)	127	94.5%	Average Years of Teaching Experience	16
Adjusted 5 year Cohort Graduation Rate (2015)	136	94.9%	Teachers with at Least a Master's Degree	66.3%

History & Renovations

Little Spokane School District #41 was established on July 18, 1891. The largest enrollment for this District was approximately 17 students. From this humble beginning our School District has grown to a current enrollment of approximately 1,450 (FTE) students. The Spokane County portion of the Nine Mile Falls School District was actually formed by the combining of nine school districts. Today the Nine Mile Falls School District follows both sides of the Spokane River approximately 30 meandering miles from Seven Mile Road on its southern boundary to Scoop Mountain on the northern edge. The District covers 71 square miles, and at its widest spot, spans 8.5 miles east to west from Wallbridge Road to Richey Road. Spokane and Stevens County residents are served by our District. The District serves students in two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school.

Nine Mile Falls Elementary School was the original school in the District, with K-8 enrollment of 60 students in 1960. The original school was demolished and additions were made in 1966, 1975, and 1981. A separate gymnasium was constructed in 1977. The 1966 portion of the building was modernized in 1994. In 2007, the voters of the District approved a \$12,435,000 bond issue to modernize and provide additions to the District's two elementary schools. The State additionally contributed over \$6,000,000 in state match construction funds for this project. Construction began in September 2008 and was completed in the fall of 2009. Improvements included the updating of all facilities, the paving of the parking lots, and complete landscaping of the grounds. A 3,500 square-foot addition was constructed, which connected the main school and the previously detached gymnasium. Multimedia systems have been added to each classroom to improve instruction. All reportable asbestos was removed from the building during this construction process. Safety improvements were paramount including the addition of a fire suppression system. New systems have been added for building access and security with the addition of on-site cameras. Use of the existing well for domestic use has been abandoned, and a link to a public water system has been made. This new water system includes the addition of a water tower to aid in fire suppression. The old well will be used only for irrigation purposes in the future.

Lake Spokane Elementary School opened in the fall of 1977 with five classrooms, a library, and a multipurpose room. In 1980, ten portable, attached classrooms were added to accommodate growth in the area. The office area and four additional classrooms were built in 1984, followed by eight more classrooms in 1995. Also, a separate gymnasium was constructed in 1995. The \$18,000,000 construction project began in 2008 has allowed the District to completely modernize the permanent facilities, replace the 10 classroom portables

with 16 new classrooms (plus other facilities), and connect the gymnasium with the rest of the school to form one complete unit. Library, gymnasium, special services, and office areas have been completely reorganized, expanded, and modernized. Multimedia systems have been added to each classroom for improved instruction. New systems have been added for building access and security with the addition of cameras. Newly landscaped planting areas, drives, and parking areas have been updated. Safety has been enhanced by the redesign of the school into a continuous layout with improvements to access control and the addition of an enclosed courtyard for use by younger children. The outside play areas were revised and upgraded with flexibility in mind. All reportable asbestos has been removed from the building. The building components were completed in time for the opening of school for the 2009-10 school year, and the outside areas were completed in the fall of 2009. At the present time enhancements to the two elementary schools are being made with excess funds from the bond issue.

Lakeside Middle School opened its doors for students on September 1, 1998. Prior to this time, middle school students were housed at Lakeside High School. The building contains classrooms in wings for each grade level as well as a full-sized gymnasium, an auditorium, and a cafeteria. The building can accommodate 540 students. The thirty-acre site includes athletic fields: baseball, softball, soccer, football, and track.

Lakeside High School opened for grades 7-10 in September 1990 and celebrated its first graduation with the class of 1993. Since that time, upgrades have been made to flooring, HVAC, camera security, and building access systems, as well as computer lab improvements. Access roads to the parking lots have been resurfaced. Community effort resulted in a first-class baseball field installation in 1995 and lighting and bleacher area for the football field in 1998. The track was resurfaced in the summer of 2008.

Improvements to facilities are ongoing. The District has enhanced the HVAC systems at Lake Spokane Elementary, Nine Mile Falls Elementary and Lakeside Middle Schools so that temperatures can be programmed, controlled, and monitored remotely. This will give the District enhanced control of energy costs and ensures that the classroom environment is optimum for learning. Also, Carbon Dioxide sensors were added to classrooms and other occupied areas to ensure the proper amount of outside air is introduced into these areas. These enhancements will be made to the high school when modernization occurs.

Maintenance and custodial staff work each year to keep the schools clean, safe and attractive for our students, staff and community. Instructional, administrative, and support staff are busy improving the educational program and providing quality programs for our students.

Come and visit each site!