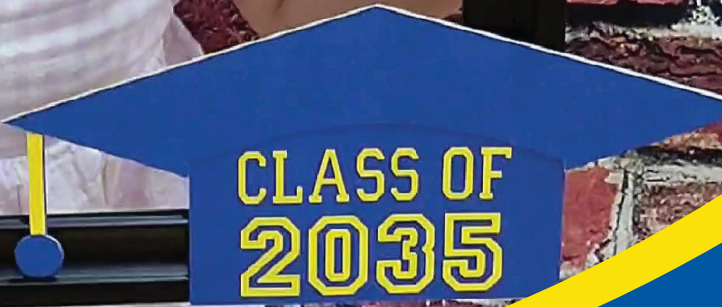




REPORT
TO OUR **KELSO**
COMMUNITY

2022-23



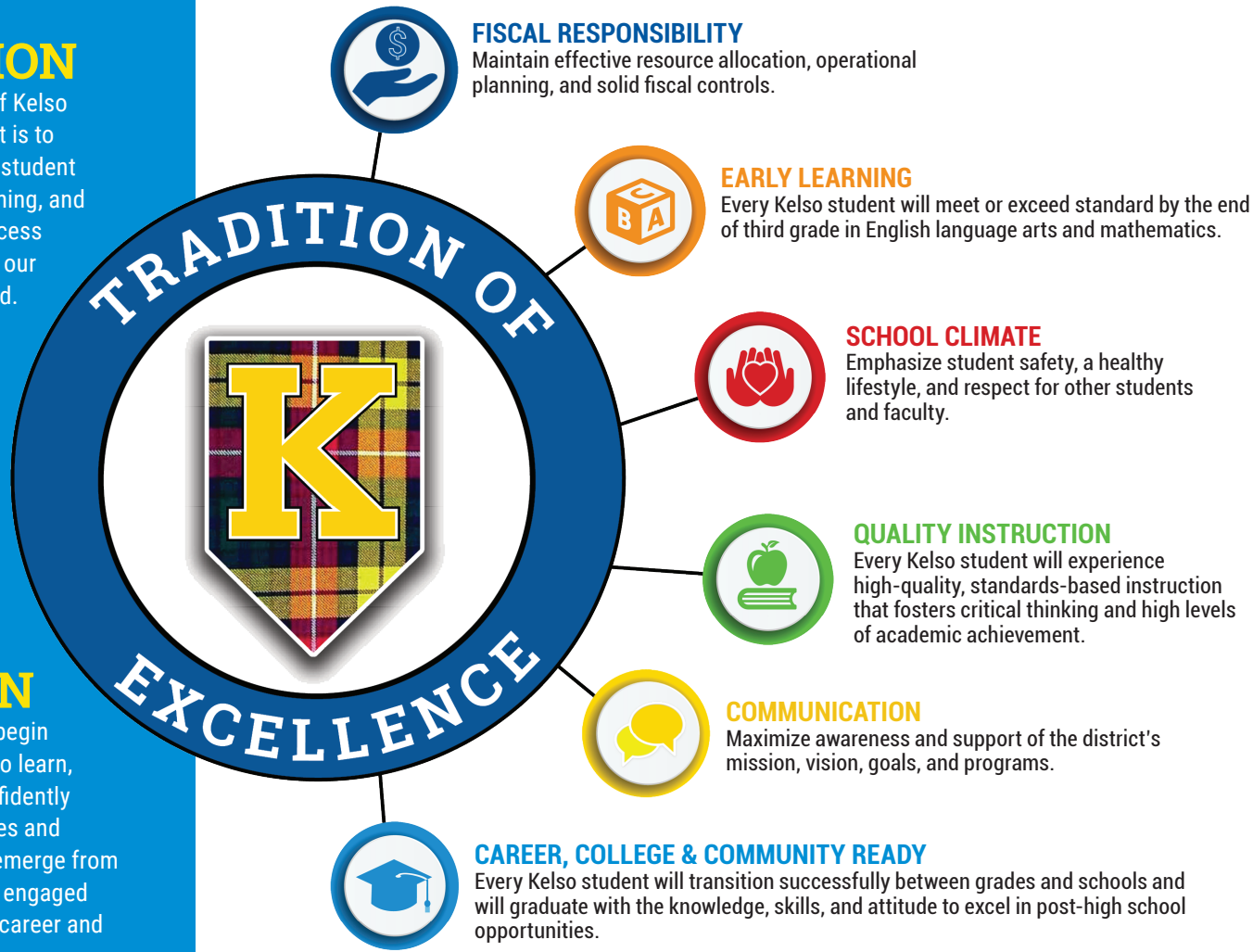
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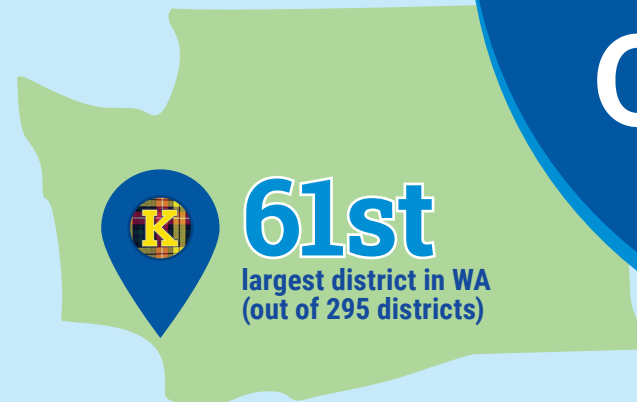
The mission of Kelso School District is to prepare every student for living, learning, and achieving success as a citizen of our changing world.

VISION

Our students begin school ready to learn, transition confidently between grades and schools, and emerge from our district as engaged citizens, both career and college-ready.



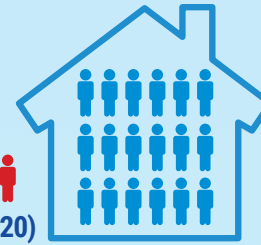
OUR DISTRICT SNAPSHOT



STUDENTS

4,718 students enrolled

11% of students have been or currently are **HOMELESS** (2 students in every class of 20)



16% of students receive special education

7% of students are highly capable (Hi-Cap)

7% of students are multilingual learners

19 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES are spoken by students

STAFF & TEACHERS



718 total personnel

344 certificated

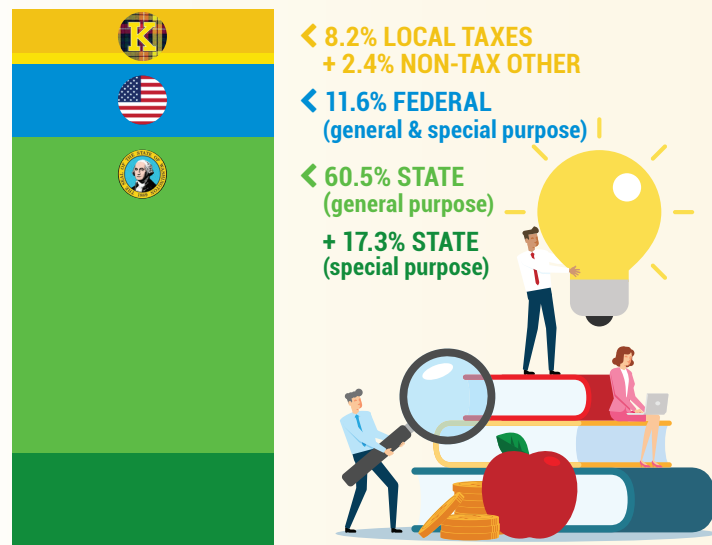
374 classified

Facts about Kelso teachers:

- > 58.1% have a Master's degree or higher
- > 12.6 years average teaching experience
- > 7.3% National Board Certified

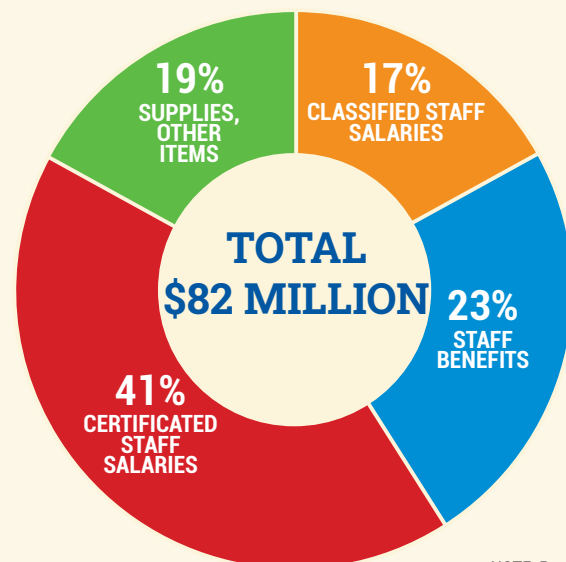
2022-23 FINANCIALS

Revenue & its sources:



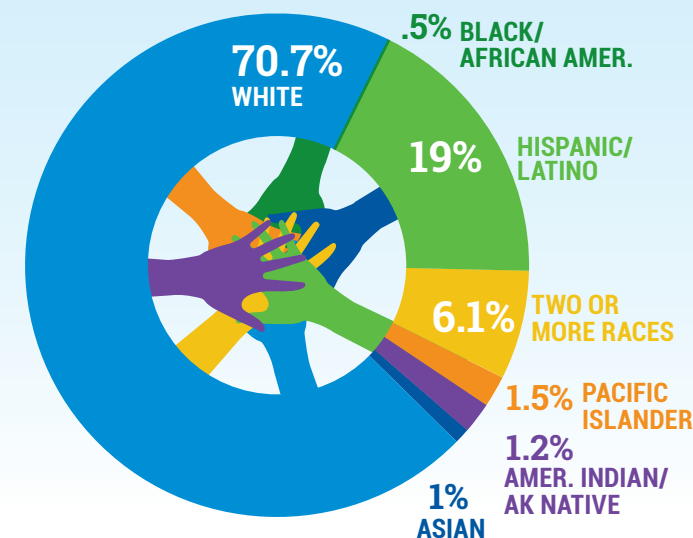
\$82 MILLION < TOTAL BUDGET

Expenditures by category:



NOTE: Percentages may not add up to 100, due to rounding.

Student Ethnicity:



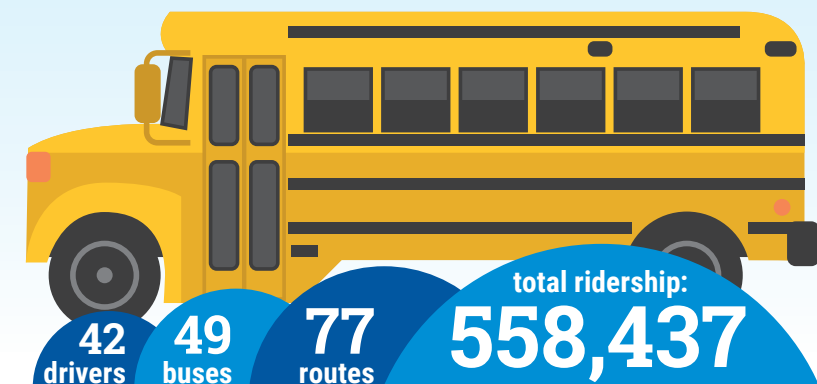
FOOD SERVICE

735,000 meals served in 2021-22

- > 4,100 meals per day on average
- > 100K lbs of fresh produce served

64% of our students qualify for free or reduced price lunch

TRANSPORTATION



SAFETY & SECURITY

The health and safety of our students and staff is a top priority for Kelso School District. All children have the right to live and learn in a safe and nurturing environment. Research shows that learning is enhanced when children feel safe and have their physical and emotional needs met in a healthy school environment.

Kelso School District has comprehensive safety plans and features in place, and is continually refining and adapting them in these changing times.

SAFETY UPGRADES



Thanks to the passage of the 2018 bond, we have been able to allocate \$7.5 million to upgrade our safety and security systems. Our newly constructed schools (Lexington and Wallace) set safety standards for district upgrades.

Completed:

- District-wide phone system/communications upgrade/improvement/replacement
- Security upgrades including cameras and access control at Butler Acres, Carrolls, Coweeman, KHS, and the stadium

In progress:

- Barnes & Huntington: security upgrades will be completed in 2022

Still to come:

- Rose Valley: security upgrades in fall 2022 during modernization



TRAINING & DRILLS



- All district administrators, school principals, and safety personnel attended the 2022 Cowlitz Wahkiakum School Safety Summit in August
- All school staff received instruction on safety plans and protocols in August
- Every building has a binder with emergency information
- Every school will go through an internal safety audit
- Every school will perform one safety drill each month that school is in session
- Every room in every building has a safety poster (shown above) with instructions on what to do in all four emergency situations (lockdown, secure and teach, shelter in place, evacuate), along with key reminders and emergency contacts

THREAT ASSESSMENTS



Threat assessments, used to determine whether a student poses a threat, are intended to prevent violence and involve both assessment and intervention. Threat assessments are conducted by a multidisciplinary team of trained professionals, including a school mental health professional and administrators.

THE WHOLE CHILD APPROACH TO SAFETY



Providing a safe environment means not only having comprehensive safety plans and features, but also increased mental health services and supports.

One of the 2022-23 board-set priorities in Kelso is to enhance our culture of belonging and engagement for students and staff while sustaining clear safe-school protocols. Our whole child approach to safety includes social emotional learning (SEL) and counselors at every school.

Our SEL Team:

- 16 counselors
- 3 substance use disorder & mental health specialists
- 3 youth and family support staff
- 1 truancy liaison

Community Partners:

A First Place, Child and Adolescent Clinic
Columbia Wellness • Community Integrated Health Services • CORE Health • Cowlitz Tribe • Educational Service District 112
Great Rivers Behavioral Health • Hilander HOPE Coalition • Kaiser • PeaceHealth SEAMAR • United Way • Youth and Family LINK



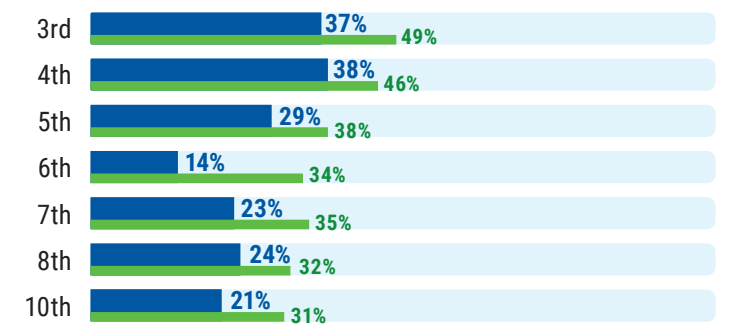
ASSESSING GRADE-LEVEL STANDARDS

The 2022 Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) and Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) are the first spring statewide tests since the COVID-19 pandemic began. They are one measurement among several intended to gauge student performance relative to grade-level learning goals in math, English language arts, and science. We gauge student learning and growth in multiple ways, including engagement, attendance, grades, and classroom-based assignments and assessments. With the dedicated work of our Kelso staff, we continue to focus on ensuring each and every student learns at grade level or higher.

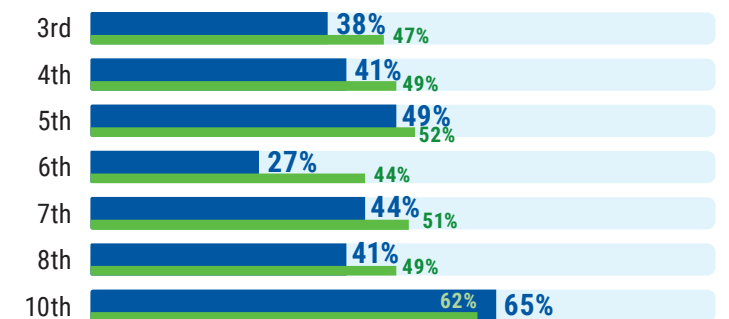
SPRING 2022 STATE ASSESSMENTS

% of students meeting standards by grade

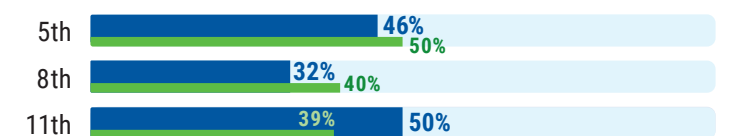
MATHEMATICS



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS



SCIENCE



● KELSO ● STATE AVERAGE

2021-22 MILESTONES on the road to 100%

FACILITIES

- Opened a brand new school (Lexington Elementary) for the first time since 1966
- Finished major renovations on Butler Acres Elementary
- Security upgrades completed at all but three schools (final three in progress or starting soon)
- Huntington staff and students successfully navigated alternative learning site at Catlin

HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Added 3 FTE counselors at the elementary level, 1 at KVA
- Added a second district nurse
- Opened a COVID testing center for students, staff, and families
- Added equitable access to school-based mental health services at all schools
- Added substance abuse prevention services at both middle schools
- Formation of the Hilander HOPE Coalition focusing on substance abuse prevention across our community
- Formation of a district Staff Wellness Committee
- Added a new district staff employee assistance program (Magellan)
- Added grades 5-12 suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention materials

FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

- Formally opened the Family & Community Resource Center on Allen Street
- Worked with 245 students experiencing homelessness, and 14 in foster care
- Assisted our 16 senior students experiencing homelessness so ALL 16 graduated, filed for FAFSA, and are either going to college, the military, or into the trades
- Helped 31 families experiencing homelessness transition to permanent housing, impacting a total of 59 students
- Provided an average of 795 backpacks of weekend food monthly
- 14 community partners helped to make it all happen

ACADEMICS

- 5 full days of instruction since the COVID-19 pandemic
- Expanded early learning opportunities with a new program, Preschool Pups, at Wallace Elementary
- Boosted kindergarten readiness by starting Transitional Kindergarten (TK) district-wide, serving 75 students
- First year offering K-8 summer school (summer 2021), which served over 500 students
- New math materials adoption for K-8
- First year of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) as a specialist class in four elementary schools
- KSD kicks off first series of Listening Tours, visits every school engaging student voice
- KSD was selected as a 2021-2022 District of Excellence for Coweeman and Huntington Middle Schools' use of Imagine Learning Illustrative Mathematics
- Kelso Cosgrove selected as second-ever US Presidential Scholar from Cowlitz County
- Xander Sunday becomes first student to achieve Master level at Microsoft Office in Kelso
- 2 students earned Emergency Medical Technician certifications
- First Miniboat Project with Columbia River Maritime Museum (at Wallace Elementary)

- 14 students earned the Seal of Bi-literacy, bringing the Kelso High School total to 44 over the last 7 years and the most ever by a Kelso High School graduating class
- 100% of senior AVID class (6 students) graduated and enrolled in post-secondary opportunities
- 170+ scholarships totaling \$1.9 M awarded to graduating seniors

ATTENDANCE

- 6 students with perfect attendance
- 14 staff members with perfect attendance

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

- Eight KHS students won 12 awards between them at the SW WA Regional Art Show
- Kelso had two finalists in the Southwest Washington Congressional Art Competition. Their art will hang in Congresswoman Beutler's office until the end of next spring.
- Gullermina Rios Rios, KHS student, juried in to the National K-12 Ceramic Exhibition
- 4 students earned a place in the 2022 WMEA High School All-State Choir
- KHS student Haylee McFadden was accepted to the Honor Band at the Western International Band Clinic

DISTRICT & STAFF AWARDS

- Cindy Sholtys-Cromwell, Principal of Kelso Virtual Academy and Loowit High School, was named 2021 Digital Principal of the Year in June 2021 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Nancy Baldwin was named Washington's 2021 Classified Employee of the Year by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in September 2021.
- Former KSD superintendents, Glenys Hill and Gay Selby, received the WSU College of Education's Advocate for Education award

- Kelso School District board of directors have been recognized as a 2021 Board of Distinction by the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA)
- 2 KLOG Teachers of the Month
- Kelso School District staff brought home all 4 awards for K-12 at the Chamber of Commerce Crystal Apple & Pillars of Strength Awards Ceremony
- WSPRA Awards: Kelso School District won six state-wide Washington School Public Relations Association (WSPRA) awards, including three Best in Category and one with a Perfect Score

ATHLETICS

STATE CHAMPIONS IN 2021-22

- Girls golf team: academic state champions (4.0 cum GPA)
- Baseball team: academic state champions
- 3 students named state champs (Jaida Barrows-cross country, Ethan Freund-wrestling, Josie Settle-triple jump)

COACH AND ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

- 3 GSHL 3A Coaches of the Year
- 9 GSHL 3A Athletes/Players of the Year

KELSO RECORDS IN 2021-22

- Girls track: Highest placing at state in Kelso history (3rd place overall, state), and only SW WA school team to place this year
- Girls soccer: first ever league championship
- Girls basketball: first time being league champions since 2005
- Slowpitch: first time saving stranded travelers after taking 2nd at state
- Natalie Fraley, basketball: points in a game, career assists and steals record
- Bella Hadaller, volleyball: season kills and career kills
- Josie Settle, track: school record in 300 hurdles (4th place, state)
- Erin Tack, track: school record in javelin (2nd in state), school record in shot put (2nd place, state)



With the opening of Lexington Elementary last year, we celebrated the completion of our first brand new school since 1966!



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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

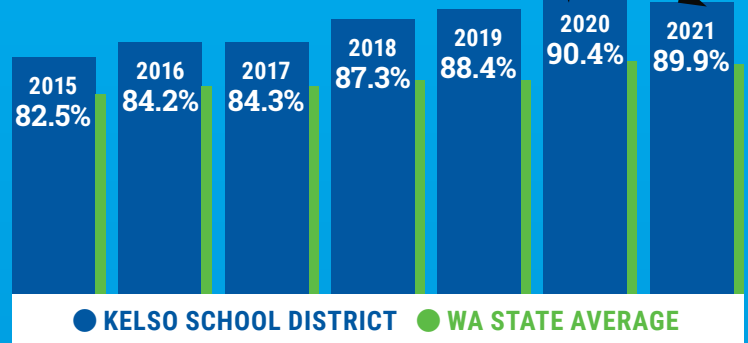


Mary Beth Tack
 Superintendent

GRADUATION RATE

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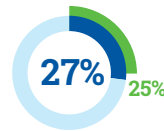
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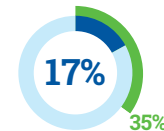
LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Our goal is to have 100% of graduating seniors immediately enrolled in an apprenticeship, trades, military, 2-year institution, or 4-year institution.

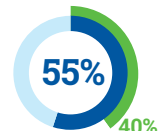
Class of 2019 post-secondary enrollment:



2-year program

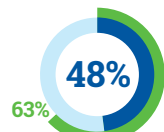


4-year program

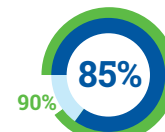


not enrolled

Class of 2019 enrollees persisting beyond the 1st year:



2-year program



4-year program

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