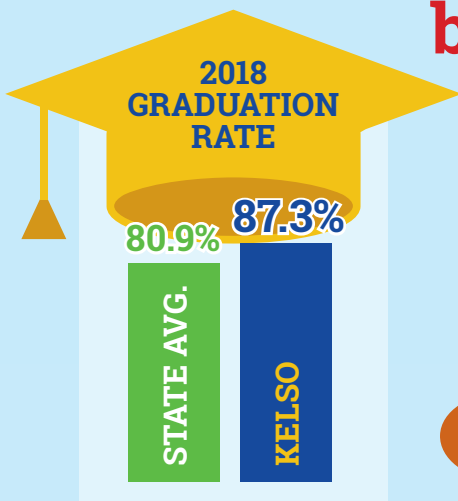




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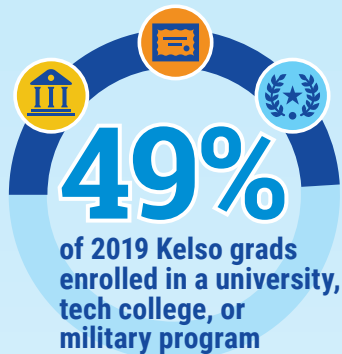
FALL 2019

OUR DISTRICT by the numbers



5,146 total students

24 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES spoken by students



206 students attend from neighboring districts (with a boundary exception)



"Best Place to Work in Cowlitz County"

The Daily News 2019 Winner



Our amazing teachers:

12.4 avg. years of teaching experience



25% attended Kelso schools themselves

68% have a Master's degree

38% attended WSU

4% attended UW



All numbers are for the 2018-19 school year.

Hilander Highlights is a publication of Kelso School District to keep community members informed about our schools. A print version will be mailed twice a year. You can read other issues online and subscribe to emailed versions at bit.ly/Hilander.



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FOCUS AREAS



EARLY LEARNING

- 200+ people attended Kinderpalooza to support kinder readiness
- 31% of eligible pre-K kids are enrolled in Head Start/ECEAP
- 100% of K-1 students receive a strong research-based literacy foundation



CLIMATE & CULTURE

- 100% of elementary classrooms start their day with social-emotional learning
- 100% of elementary schools have Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports
- 79% reduction in behavior-based special education referrals



QUALITY INSTRUCTION

- 100% of our purchased instructional materials rank highest in EdReports
- Priority goals include English language arts (ELA) and mathematics
- 2018-19 adoptions included world language, high school ELA, and music
- 2019-20 adoption pilot includes K-8 mathematics



CAREER, COLLEGE & COMMUNITY READY

- 1 of 4 districts in the state on the Advanced Placement Honor Roll with 15 AP/Honors/College in the High School classes offered
- 53 Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses offered
- 57.6% of HS students completed at least one dual credit course



FISCAL & BOND

- \$139.8M – total 2019-20 budget (\$60M allocated for construction)
- 2018 voter-approved bond is tracking on-time and on-budget (visit WeAreKelso.org for up-to-date info)
- Upcoming February 11, 2020 levy

SCHOOL BOARD:
Leah Moore, President
Karen Grafton, Vice President
Mike Haas
Darr Kirk
Howard Sharples

SUPERINTENDENT: Mary Beth Tack

CHILD FIND INFORMATION

Kelso School District will ensure that all students with disabilities who are eligible from birth through 21 years of age, residing within our attendance area, have available to them a free and appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. You can initiate a referral through your local schools or call us at 360-501-1904.

WE ARE KELSO



Kelso High School Associated Student Body (ASB) Officers

With the unifying theme of "We are 1," seven ASB officers are poised and ready to lead Kelso High through a great year. Read more about their goals for inclusivity and more at bit.ly/KHS-ASB1



Our 19 New Teachers

This year, we're excited to welcome 19 new teachers to the Kelso School District. Five of them were Kelso students, themselves. Read fun facts about them at bit.ly/KSD-newteachers

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Kelso School District is an equal opportunity employer and is in compliance with state and federal anti-discrimination regulations and other requirements.