



Ferndale School District No. 502 School Performance Report



Ferndale School District, in partnership with families and the larger community, will educate each student to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to lead a self-reliant, socially responsible life.

North Bellingham Elementary

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Mission and Vision

The aim of North Bellingham Elementary is to form a partnership between students, parents and staff to ensure that all children achieve to their greatest level of abilities in all subject areas and demonstrate personal responsibility in our school community. Every student will become an effective reader, writer, mathematician and problem-solver as measured by district and state performance standards.

A message from our school

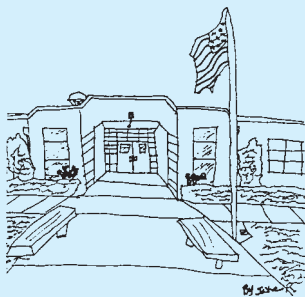
North Bellingham Elementary School is pleased to provide our school community with this school performance report. Please read and reflect on this report and provide feedback to the school. Our goal is to improve student learning by continuously assessing and improving the quality of education at North Bellingham. When we ask *How's our school doing?*, we are encouraging you to communicate to us your ideas for school improvement.

This report cannot begin to cover all of the positive educational activities that are taking place at our school. Many of North Bellingham's successes are made possible by the whole community's efforts. Once again, we thank our school community for its commitment to quality education for our students, preschool through grade six, and we look forward to increasing meaningful parent and community involvement in the educational process.

Community Support

Ferndale community members and businesses strongly support Ferndale School District staff and students by providing volunteer time and monetary contributions to support a variety of Ferndale's educational programs.

Thank you to our community members for your support!



School Composition

Enrollment

Students Enrolled 2004-05	396
Average Attendance	95%
Average Class Size	23.1*

*excludes music & special programs

Ethnicity

White	85.4%
American Indian	.5%
Hispanic	7.8%
Asian	5.3%
Black	1.0%

Staffing

The teaching staff at North Bellingham Elementary School consists of one principal, 17 classroom teachers, 2.5 reading specialists, two special education teachers, .5 FTE math specialist, one librarian, a .8 FTE P.E. specialist, a half-time counselor, four part-time music specialists, and an on call, part-time speech/language pathologist, psychologist, nurse, and an occupational therapist.

Our support staff consists of two administrative assistants, 16 full-time or part-time para-educators (library, classroom, and playground), two custodians, two food service workers, six bus drivers and one Readiness to Learn coordinator.

There are the equivalent of 25.466 full-time certificated positions and the equivalent of 8.720 full-time classified instructional support positions.

Opportunities for Families

A special invitation to our parents and community members to participate in the following activities.

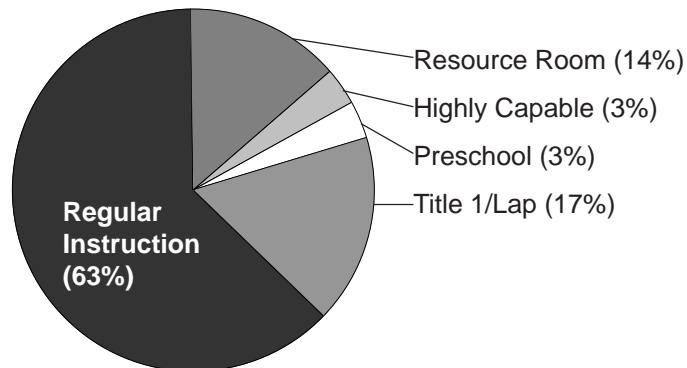
PTO Opportunities: Playground Improvement Project • Class Room & School Volunteers • Student Tutors • Friends of Technology • Family Activities • School and Home Partnerships • Fund-raising Events

School Committees: School Improvement Leadership Team • Discipline Committee • Instructional Materials Committee • Building Based Enrichment Planning • Family Literacy Project • School Spirit Committee • Class Size and Mix Committee • Safety Committee

Working Together, We Make a Difference!

Participation in Special Programs

Students at North Bellingham School participate in a variety of programs in addition to the regular classroom instruction. These programs address some of the unique needs which some students have. Special programs receive state and federal funding.



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Accomplishments

North Bellingham is proud of the many accomplishments of its students and staff. For the 2003-04 school year, North Bellingham Elementary made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. In addition, our fourth graders exceeded state and district standards in math, reading and writing on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning and our third and sixth graders scored above the national average on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. North Bellingham is pleased to report that our students are demonstrating continuous improvement on district, state and national assessments.

Educational Programs: Developmental Preschool Program • Three Full-day and Four Full-day Kindergarten Options • Grade Level Configuration Options: Primary Multiage Classroom Grades 1, 2; Looping Classrooms Grades 3, 4; Combination Classrooms Grades 5, 6
 • Intervention Programs in both reading and math • Cross-age and Peer Tutoring • School-wide Enrichment Classes • Integrating Technology into the Classroom • Responsible Recess Program • Adventure Club

Enrichment Opportunities: Young Authors' Conference • Book Fairs
 • Read Across America Celebration • Hands-on Science Workshops
 • Math Olympiad • Student Science Fair • Enrichment Clubs to Support the School's Enrichment Plan • Battle of the Books Contest
 • Creative Movement & Dance Residency • Student Council • Motivational Activities to Support Math and Reading Achievement
 • Motivational Activities to Celebrate Learning and Promote School Spirit

Staff Professional Development: School Improvement Planning, Technical Assistance Program (SIPTAP) • Math Research Study Team
 • Reading Research Study Team • Developing Early Literacy Skills
 • Step Up to Writing Training • Mentoring Training • Russian/American Acculturation Training • Integrating Technology into the Classroom • North Cascades & Olympic Science Partnership • Best Practices for teaching Math • Best Practices for Teaching Reading

North Bellingham's 2004-05 Learning Improvement Days were used for School Improvement Planning processes based on data driven decisions around the nine characteristics of effective schools, first and second order change and improved student achievement. Research Study Teams in both Math and Reading used Learning Improvement Days to develop action plans focused on the school's math and reading achievement goals.

Achievement Data

Each year North Bellingham School participates in state-mandated achievement testing at the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade levels. Results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) for the third and sixth graders and Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) for fourth and fifth graders are made available individually to each parent.

The ITBS and WASL are two distinctly different measures of student progress. ITBS is a norm-referenced test. Scores are reported as national percentile ranks. WASL is a standards-based test. Scores are percentage of students who meet the standard in each area.

Fourth Grade WASL				
	Math	Reading	Writing	Listening
2002	54.8	67.2	62.9	67.7
2003	71.2	83.6	65.8	83.6
2004	70.6	74.5	62.7	N/A
2005	73	79.4	56.5	N/A

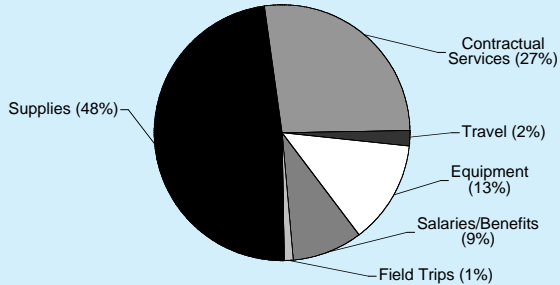
Fifth Grade WASL	
Science	
2005	31
(first year science test is required for fifth grade students)	

ITBS*			
		Reading	Math
2004	Grade 3	61	84
2005	Grade 3	56	75
2004	Grade 6	57	62
2005	Grade 6	65	73

*Percentiles based on national norms with the national norm being 50

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Building expenditures were spent in the following ways



No Child Left Behind

The State of Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction provides on-line access to data required by the No Child Left Behind Act. District and school report cards can be accessed at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>. Once at the web site, select the school district and then the school. Printed copies of all reports may also be obtained at any Ferndale school office or administration office or by calling the district's public information office at 360/383-9207 or e-mailing tbengen@ferndale.wednet.edu.

Financial Information

In 2003-04, Ferndale School District expenses for Basic Education activities were \$5,602.86 per student. The expenses for all activities including Transportation, Special Education, Gifted Education, etc., were \$7,598.95 per student.

In 2003-04, North Bellingham Elementary School's building budget expenditures totaled \$50,286.81.

Note: 2003-04 is the most current year financial data is available.

Facility Update

North Bellingham Elementary is located at 5275 Northwest Road, Bellingham. The original 13,545 square foot building was constructed in 1938. Additionally, 5,022 square feet were added in 1960, 3,917 square feet in 1965, 20,689 square feet in 1980, 1,308 square feet in 1995, and 4,225 square feet in 1999, for a total of 48,706 square feet. During the past year, we made the following improvements to our school:

- Painted various interior/exterior surfaces
- Installed wall along Rooms 21-24
- Resurfaced road to play fields with limestone
- Striped student walkways to parking lots
- Installed door from food service to gym
- Replaced kitchen hot water tank
- Replaced boiler air compressor
- Installed white boards in seven classrooms