
Cascadia PTA

Middle School Information Night

November 5, 2020, 7-9 pm





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Land Acknowledgment

The Cascadia PTA would like to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People past and present, and honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish Tribe.

Many indigenous peoples thrive in this place, alive and strong.



Middle School Options

Guaranteed spot for highly capable students at:

- Highly capable cohort (HCC) pathway middle school: automatic assignment
 - Robert Eagle Staff
 - Hamilton
 - Jane Addams

**Open enrollment:
February 1-12, 2021**

- Neighborhood middle school: can be selected at open enrollment

Other options:

- K-8 option school: can select at open enrollment; lottery based on space available
- Independent school: applications typically due Jan-Feb
- Homeschooling / Cascade Parent Partnership



HCC Pathways

HCC Pathway Middle School	Elementary Feeder Schools	Neighborhood Middle School
Eagle Staff	Broadview-Thompson, Daniel Bagley, Greenwood Northgate, Viewlands*	Robert Eagle Staff
	Adams, Loyal Heights, North Beach, Viewlands*, Whittier	Whitman
Hamilton	B.F. Day, Green Lake*, West Woodland	Hamilton
	Catharine Blaine K-8, Coe, John Hay, Lawton, Magnolia	McClure
Jane Addams	John Rogers, Olympic Hills, Olympic View, Sacajawea	Jane Addams

* Viewlands students go to Eagle Staff or Whitman for neighborhood middle school, depending on address.
Green Lake students go to Eckstein or Hamilton, depending on address.
Look up at <https://seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=627&pageId=100706>.



HCC Pathway Curriculum

Official curriculum from SPS



- Some ELA and history classes are integrated (not HC cohort); some math classes are multi-grade and not cohort classes.
- With the exception of the highest levels of math, and the two high school science courses, neighborhood schools claim to offer the same curricula.
- Keep an eye out for changes to the science course progression.



Please check with the principal and the Continuous School Improvement Plan for each school you are considering - there may be some variance from district standards.

English Language Arts - HCC Language Arts

Social Studies (all include Ethnic Studies & Since Time Immemorial)

- HCC World History
- HCC World History, HCC WA State History
- HCC US History

Math

- 6th Grade (2020-2021)
 - One of the following: Math 6A & 6B, Math 7A & 7B, Math 8A & 8B
- 7th Grade (2020-2021)
 - One of the following: Math 7A & 7B, Math 8A & 8B, *Algebra 1A & 1B*
- 8th Grade (2020-2021)
 - One of the following: Math 8A & 8B, *Algebra 1A & 1B, Geometry**

Science

- HCC Science 6A & 6B*
- *Chemistry/Physics A*
- *Biology*

World Language

- No Language in 6th grade
- *Highschool World Language*
- *Highschool World Language*

HCC Pathway Curriculum

Enhanced - may have more challenging reading or writing standards

Accelerated - same curriculum, but ahead of grade band

'Cohort' classes vary widely by school. Currently most schools cohort ELA, but not history.

Science, while is is the accelerated curriculum, will be cohorted.

Math is likely a multi-age non-cohort class, although by 8th grade few non-HC students will be enrolled.



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North-End Option Schools

- **Licton Springs K-8** (relocated to Sunset Hill)
 - Combines Native-centered curriculum with experience-based, multicultural social justice curriculum
- **Salmon Bay K-8** (Ballard)
 - Alternative school with whole-child approach centered on arts, physical education, library, and literacy
 - **TOPS K-8** (Eastlake)
 - Alternative school with anti-bias, multicultural approach and emphasis on social justice and citizenship
 - **Hazel Wolf K-8** (Pinehurst)
 - Well-rounded program with emphasis on environmental science (E-STEM)



Resources

- Highly capable cohort pathway assignments: https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/advanced_learning/services_and_programs/hcc_assignment
- SPS school choice and open enrollment: <https://www.seattleschools.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=1855434>
- Northwest Association of Independent Schools: <https://www.nwais.org/>



Questions for the Panel (1)

1. What middle school is your child attending? What were the main factors in deciding to attend that school?
2. What do you think are the strengths and weaknesses of the program?
3. How does the school handle acceleration for HC students in math, ELA, science, and social studies? What have you heard about the school's future plans in this area?



Questions for the Panel (2)

4. How do you find the school administration's perspective toward the HC program and students?
5. What has your child's social experience been (pandemic challenges notwithstanding)? Have they formed strong social connections with classmates? Do they feel a sense of belonging?
6. What considerations would you suggest that families take into account in considering this or any other middle school program?

