



# Snoqualmie Valley School District

## 2016-17 Quick Facts

**Our Vision:** *To become the best school district in Washington State by any measure.*

**Our Mission:** *Educate all Snoqualmie Valley children to prepare them for college, career, and citizenship.*

**Our Focus:** In partnership with families and our community, the Snoqualmie Valley School District (SVSD) provides comprehensive high-quality educational opportunities, academic rigor and student support services in a positive and safe school environment. Student achievement is our top priority and our commitment to continuous improvement is unwavering—to ensure *all* students are college- and career-ready when they graduate. Over the past several years, student assessment scores and the number of students choosing more rigorous academic courses have trended upward in our growing district.

- Our Schools:**
- 6 Elementary Schools (P-5): Cascade View, Fall City, North Bend, Opstad, Snoqualmie, Timber Ridge
  - 2 Middle Schools (6-8): Chief Kanim, Twin Falls
  - 1 Comprehensive High School (9-12): Mount Si High School (Main Campus & Freshman Campus)
  - 1 Alternative School (6-12): Two Rivers
  - 1 Mount Si Online Learning Program (9-12)
  - 1 Parent Partnership Program (K-10), for families who prefer to school their children at home

**Our Students:** The District currently serves approximately 6,660 students ages preschool through grade 12, and special needs students through 21 years of age. Enrollment has grown at an average rate of 3% for the past 10 years.

**Our Reach:** The School District spans more than 400 square miles, making it one of the largest geographically in Washington State. Snoqualmie Valley schools serve the communities of Fall City, North Bend, Snoqualmie and surrounding areas of unincorporated King County reaching east to the summit of Snoqualmie Pass.

- Our Awards:**
- **US News & World Report** named Mount Si High School on its “**Best High Schools**” list and awarded a Silver Medal to the school in 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013, based on reading, math and college readiness data.
  - **National College Board AP Honor Roll** in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010 recognizes increased student participation in college-level courses and increased performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams over a three-year span. Snoqualmie Valley is the only school district in Washington State — and one of only five districts in the nation — to earn this award six consecutive years!
  - **Washington Achievement Awards** recognize the top 5% of schools for student achievement over a two-year span. Four SVSD schools were awarded in 2015, 3 in 2014, 3 in 2013, 2 in 2012, 4 in 2011, 4 in 2010 & 2 in 2009.
  - Three SVSD schools earned **School of Distinction Awards** (2014, 2012 and 2010) for placing in the top 5% of schools in our state for significant improvement in student achievement over a five-year span.
  - On a national website ([www.schooldigger.com](http://www.schooldigger.com)), **Snoqualmie Valley School District is ranked 4th** in the state, out of 206 school districts in Washington, based on 2015 reading and math test data.
  - Mount Si High School Class of 2016 graduates were awarded **scholarships totaling \$11.4 million** for academic achievement, athletic skills and community service.
  - Mount Si Jazz Band have been selected among the top 15 bands in the nation to perform at the **Essentially Ellington Jazz Competition** in New York for the past three years in 2016, 2015 and 2014.
  - For the 11 consecutive years, the Business Services department earned **clean audits** from the State Auditor, and the Transportation department earned **outstanding safety inspections** from the Washington State Patrol.
  - A middle school **ranked 1st in Science** in our state in 2012 and 2011, and an elementary school was **ranked 1st in Science** in 2010, and based on state assessment scores.
  - **Rated High for “ROI”** on a 2010 national study of Return on Educational Investment among public school districts. Snoqualmie Valley ranked among the highest in the state for high student achievement with low cost per student.





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## 2016-17 Facts (continued)

### Our Leader:

Superintendent Joel Aune joined the Snoqualmie Valley School District in 2005 from the Colfax School District. He has been serving children through public schools in Washington State for 33 years, in the roles of superintendent, principal and teacher. Aune also provided state-wide leadership and legislative advocacy as the 2011 President of the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA).



### Our Staff:

The District employs approximately 750 fulltime and part-time school staff members. Forty-seven Snoqualmie Valley teachers have earned National Board Certification and more are working toward this highly-regarded professional standard. In preparation for the start of the school year, nearly 400 staff members participated in professional development in August, expanding their skills by completing 10,847 clock hours through 79 different classes offered.

**Our School Board:** Marci Busby, Geoff Doy, Tavish MacLean, Dan Popp, Carolyn Simpson

### Our Future:

- In February 2015, voters approved a school bond that set forth work to construct a 6th elementary school, rebuild and expand Mount Si High School, reinstate a 3rd middle school, and initiate other school safety and improvement projects throughout the District. The new Timber Ridge Elementary School opens this fall (2016), and construction has begun on the comprehensive rebuild of Mount Si High School.
- The Mount Si High School Freshman Campus was established in 2014 and effectively provides enhanced support for all 9th graders during their crucial year of transitioning to high school. The new high school will serve grades 9-12 on the same campus, with a design that will accommodate a continued focus on building a strong foundation for freshmen to ensure their successful completion of high school.
- To grow its Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education program and offer students more real-world learning opportunities related to STEM careers, the District is cultivating community partnerships, providing professional development and hands-on STEM curriculum for all grade levels.
- The District believes great teaching is essential to successfully engaging students in learning. The District invests in quality professional development, instructional coaching support for educators, and collaboration opportunities to share best practices, as well as equipping classrooms with leading-edge technology tools.

### Our Volunteers:

Students and staff benefit from strong community support and generous parent involvement. In June 2016, principals reported over 33,000 hours of “recorded” volunteer time in and around their schools. There are many volunteer opportunities in our schools. For example, individuals are reading buddies or tutors for an hour a week; teach after-school enrichment classes; or help coach youth in their favorite sports. Businesses offer internships or mentor students in their career aspirations. Caring citizens join the **Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation** or the **Parent Teacher Student Associations** at every school to organize events that raise funds for scholarships, classroom grants and student activities. Community groups also volunteer their energy and gardening talents to beautify school campuses. Snoqualmie Valley schools are better because of its caring community. *If you would like to get involved, please contact your local school.*

**Our Communication:** Visit the **District website** ([www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org)) to learn more about Snoqualmie Valley schools:

- Sign up for **E-News** to receive email updates from the District and specific schools.
- Check the **E-Calendar** for comprehensive school dates and activities.
- Visit **E-Flyers** throughout the year for family-friendly activities submitted by community partners.
- With **Family Access**, parents can monitor their student’s grades, attendance, missing assignments, lunch account balance, and more.
- Join us on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.