Mount Si High School Opens and Snoqualmie Middle School Returns

Coming Soon... The newly constructed Mount Si High School will be ready to serve students in grades 9-12 on Snoqualmie Valley’s first day of school September 4, 2019!

Grand Opening Invitation:
All are invited to Mount Si High School’s Community Celebration & Open House on Saturday, September 7. Please join us at 10 a.m. in the new gymnasium for a Grand Opening ceremony and photo opportunity, followed by an Open House and guided tours. Explore the beautiful new campus and learn how facility improvements have been designed to enhance learning opportunities for all Snoqualmie Valley students.

Phase 1 of MSHS construction (approximately 90% of the project) will be completed this fall as promised — on time and on budget. Phase 2 has also begun with work that involves demolition, as well as adding new baseball/softball fields, visitor parking, bus lanes, and the new Performing Arts Center. To follow progress on the project, visit www.svsd410.org and select the Facilities Planning and Construction icon.

Welcome Back SMS
Since Mount Si High School will now serve grades 9-12, the Freshman Campus will be re-instated as Snoqualmie Middle School this fall for grades 6-8. SMS students, staff and friends are invited to the school’s Orientation, Ice Cream Social and Rededication event on August 27, from 4-7 p.m., at 9200 Railroad Avenue in Snoqualmie.

Summer Learning in SVSD Schools
Special thanks to the King County Library System for sharing books with our Summer School program, below.

At right, students in the Kindergarten English Language Learners class were captivated by the transformation of butterflies as they revealed their fresh new wings.

Enjoy more summer learning photos on the district website.
Engaging and Empowering All Learners

It is just around the corner – the 2019-20 school year! This will be year two for me in Snoqualmie Valley and I couldn’t be more excited. The first year taught me much about the SVSD community. The effort and focus of our School Board, teachers and staff is commendable. The collaborative nature of our community partners and our parents is refreshing. And the work ethic, character and learner’s mindset of our students is inspiring. With these pieces in place, we are set to embark on another year — starting September 4 — of growth, success and celebration!

Learning is an on-going cycle of reflection, assessment, inquiry, planning, prioritizing and implementation. As a district, we spend much of our summer reflecting on what has worked and what hasn’t, using data to assess our progress, inquiring on strategies and techniques we might employ to help us improve, and planning and prioritizing our next steps.

In the year ahead, we look forward to implementing programs intended to move our mission forward — ensuring ALL Snoqualmie Valley children are prepared for college, career and life readiness (citizenship).

This year you will see an emphasis on engaging and empowering ALL learners — staff, students, parents, community members and organizations. Our new Mount Si High School facilities are designed to engage and empower our students through improved technology, expanded opportunities in Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes (such as cybersecurity, welding, biomedical science, criminal justice and more), up-to-date science labs and collaborative learning spaces throughout the campus. As final preparations are being made to open its doors to students this fall, we are so grateful to this community for its investment in Snoqualmie Valley youth. We look forward to celebrating this amazing school, and hope you will join us for the Grand Opening and Community Tour event on Saturday, September 7.

Throughout our schools, students are receiving rigorous and relevant curricula that promote academic knowledge intended to set them up for success in the future. Focused attention this year will be given to new mathematics curriculum in grades K-5, expanded coding instruction for all ages, new English Language Arts curriculum at the high school level, and a greater focus on science standards. Thanks to voter support of the Technology Levy, we are also excited to roll out the SVSD One-to-One Device Initiative to ensure equal access to technology resources and opportunities for all students. As such, every student in grades 6-12 will be provided a laptop computer to use at school and at home during their time in our district.

Additionally, our staff continues to cultivate safe and supportive learning environments that demonstrate all students are Respected, Valued, Loved, Capable and that they Belong to a caring and compassionate organization. Building upon efforts that began last spring, you will see us focus on the competencies and attributes identified by this community that we feel a student needs to be successful post high school: Communication & Collaboration, Adaptability & Resourcefulness, Empathy, Creativity & Innovation, Critical Thinking, Independent Life Skills, Global Citizenship, and having a Learners Mindset.

These are large initiatives from which we believe the outcomes will support our students in their post high school success and ensure they are college, career and life ready!

Respectfully,
Rob Manahan

Follow me on Twitter: @svsdsupt.
How Does our Community Define its Portrait of a Graduate?

In addition to a rigorous academic foundation and strong subject mastery, which our district has worked to strengthen in recent years, the Portrait of a Graduate focus is turning our attention to helping students develop the personal skills and attributes that we, as a community, believe all students will need to be successful and fulfilled in college, career or other life goals.

The community discussion resulted in identifying the following eight essential competencies:

- Communication & Collaboration
- Adaptability & Resourcefulness
- Empathy
- Creativity & Innovation
- Critical Thinking
- Independent Life Skills
- Global Citizenship
- Having a Learners Mindset

This will be the basis of a three-year plan, in which these characteristics will be integrated throughout our schools (see poster at right) and lessons, to help ensure SVSD graduates are well equipped to pursue their post-high school goals and dreams for their lives ahead.
The district believes effective two-way communication is essential to a great school experience and strong connections with families. The following communication resources are used to help families stay informed about key information, news and events concerning Snoqualmie Valley schools.

**Communication Tools:**

**District website:** [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org)

**Family Access:** Parents and guardians can check their students’ grades, missing assignments, attendance, immunization records, emergency contacts, and other vital student information using Family Access. To access, schools provide each parent and student a confidential access code to ensure privacy. **Sign up to receive email notifications when your student is marked tardy or absent, or has a low lunch account balance.**

**E-News:** This is the primary way the district and all SVSD schools communicate with parents. Schools use Constant Contacts email notifications and electronic newsletters, in lieu of sending hardcopies home. Parents and community members can subscribe to E-News to receive timely district news and important school information. From the district home page, click on E-News under Quick Links, select the district and as many SVSD schools as you’d like, then simply type in your email address. Each year, the district updates its E-News distribution to include parent email addresses in the student database. (If you no longer wish to receive messages from a specific school, click on “unsubscribe” at the bottom of an email message to remove your contact from that school’s distribution list permanently. The same applies to unsubscribing to district E-News.)

**E-Calendar:** View all calendar events from one location. Visitors can customize their view by selecting a specific school or all SVSD schools for a comprehensive view of district-wide activities.

**E-Flyers:** Learn about family-oriented events and activities happening around our community through E-Flyers. Paper flyers are no longer sent home with students. Instead, community organizations with activities and events geared toward students can submit a flyer for superintendent approval. Click on E-Flyers on the district website to view all the featured flyers, or learn about the approval process.

**Social Media:** The district shares school news and photos on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/svsd410](http://www.facebook.com/svsd410) and Twitter: [@SnoqValleySD](http://twitter.com/SnoqValleySD). Follow Superintendent Rob Manahan on Twitter at: [@svsdsupt](http://twitter.com/svsdsupt).

[www.flashalert.net](http://www.flashalert.net) or [Flashalert Messenger App](http://www.flashalert.net): Sign up to receive email/text emergency notifications that are sent to the media, including school closures or late starts during severe weather.

**BusBulletin:** A parent or guardian can sign up to receive text/email/voice notifications when their student’s bus route is delayed more than 10 minutes. **Parents should sign up each new school year since bus routes may be adjusted during the summer.**

**Thoughtexchange:** Our district uses an online tool called Thoughtexchange, to facilitate two-way communication with the community or specific school groups on important issues. Perceptions and priorities that emerge from these engagement activities help guide the district in strategic planning and school improvement priorities. In addition to providing input, participants can review and rate the responses submitted by others. We value this feedback and hope you will take part in future engagements.
What’s New This Year?

One-to-One Computing for Grades 6-12 in SVSD

This fall, our district will launch its new One-to-One Device Initiative for all students in grades 6-12. Starting at Snoqualmie Middle School and Mount Si High School in September, every student will be assigned a laptop computer to use at school and at home for the duration of their education in the Snoqualmie Valley School District. Students at Chief Kanim Middle School, Twin Falls Middle School, and Two Rivers School will receive devices by mid-year. **NOTE: For students to receive this benefit, their parent/guardian must sign an online permission form in the RSVP Process in Family Access.** Thanks to voter support of the Technology Levy, this program will help ensure all students have equitable access to technology resources and learning opportunities to help prepare them for their future. For details, please refer to the Student and Parent One-to-One Device Handbook posted on the district’s Technology Department webpage.

Two Rivers to Become a Big Picture School

Two Rivers School will transition to a Big Picture high school this fall, adopting a new educational program that centers around student-driven, real-world learning with competency-based instruction. **Mentors** and **worksite experience** will play a vital role in this program. The deadline to apply, for students in grades 9-12 who are not already enrolled in Two Rivers, is **August 23.**

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS:** If you have a local worksite learning opportunity and are interested in becoming a community mentor to a student, please attend an informational meeting at Two Rivers on August 13 at 6 p.m., or contact the school at 425-831-4200. Your partnership is appreciated!

District to Offer All Seniors SAT Testing Free of Charge

As part of the district’s mission to prepare all students for college, career, and citizenship, arrangements have been made to bring official SAT testing to the Snoqualmie Valley this fall. Seniors at Mount Si High School and Two Rivers will be able to take this national college-admissions exam during the school day on Super Wednesday, October 16, at their local schools. SAT testing fees for seniors will also be paid by the district, to ensure all students can take advantage of this experience. On the same day, the district offers all freshman, sophomores and juniors the opportunity to take PSAT exams, also free of charge while at school — to help eliminate financial barriers of testing fees.

Schools Foundation Donates $84,000 for District Initiatives

The Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation raised $84,000 to support district initiatives in 2019-20. Thanks to all who supported the Spring Foundation Luncheon. Your donations will help fund:

- **Library Collection Resources for middle schools (6-8)**
- **Career Technical Education (CTE)/Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) course materials (9-12)**
- **AVID College Readiness Program (6-12)**
- **Middle School Math Support (6-8)**
- **Coding Software, Curricula, Materials (K-2)**
- **Career Exploration Fridays Support (9-12)**

Learn more at [www.SVSFoundation.org](http://www.SVSFoundation.org).
Getting Ready for School

Attention All SVSD Families:
Please Complete RSVP Steps Online

All families with students attending Snoqualmie Valley schools are asked to login to Family Access and complete the Review Student Verification (RSVP) Process. This online process is used to confirm family contact information and share important notices, while saving parents time. The RSVP Process will open August 21 to September 15.

NEW: Parent permission — via the RSVP Process — is required for students in grades 6-12 to take part in the One-to-One Computing Initiative (See page 5).

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If needed, there is a “Forgot your password?” link on the Family Access webpage. If you are new to the district, please enroll first to receive your unique Family Access login/password.

Are You New to the Area?

To register to vote or to change your address, be sure to visit the King County Elections website at: https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections.

Food Service Information

Food Services staff at the Snoqualmie Valley School District provide children with quality nutritional “fuel” to power their learning. School breakfast and lunch programs provide convenient, quality, well-balanced and well-prepared meals and “a la carte” snacks. Explore the interactive menu online for nutritional details.

Free/Reduced Assistance: Families who need assistance may qualify for partial or complete meal subsidies by applying to the federal program which oversees these services. Families must fill out a new Free or Reduced Meal Application every school year to be eligible. (Last year’s eligibility is valid until the end of September.) Apply online in Family Access, or hard copy applications are available at every school and the District Office. Families can also download a 2019-20 application from the Food Services webpage on the district website (www.svsd410.org).

Payments: Parents may pre-pay for meals so students do not need to carry cash to school. Our schools use an electronic point-of-sale system that keeps a running balance for breakfast, lunch and a la carte food purchases. Students use their school ID number or a meal card to access their account. There are two ways to pay into a child’s food service account:

- Using a credit or debit card, pay via the Online Payments in Quick Links on the district website. Parents will need their unique Family Access login and passcode (available from their school) to make payments online or monitor a student’s purchases and account balance.
- Or, pay with a check. Be sure to write your child’s name and student number (if known) on the check.

Notifications: Kitchen staff will let a child know when funds are low. Parents can also sign up in Family Access for email notices when a balance is low. Account balances from last spring will follow students to their next grade level in the district.

Enrolling New Students

Enrollment of students new to the Snoqualmie Valley School District takes place online. To enroll, visit the district website at www.svsd410.org and select the Enrollment button. Parents/guardians will be asked to upload their student’s proof of birth, proof of residency, and immunization history. Once the enrollment has been processed, families will receive confirmation and details. To register for kindergarten, students must be five years old by August 31, 2019.

Unsure about which school your student should attend in the Snoqualmie Valley School District? Parents can enter their home address in the E-Link resource, located on the Bus Routes webpage. Or, call the SVSD Transportation Department at 425-831-8020 with questions.

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Transportation & Emergency Communications

Transportation Safety and Resources

The Transportation Department provides daily service to students across the 400+ square miles that comprise the Snoqualmie Valley School District. During the 2018-19 school year, SVSD school buses traveled 721,248 miles with an excellent safety record. The Transportation Department has an exemplary history of maintaining its bus fleet, earning outstanding annual inspections from the Washington State Patrol for the past 14 years! Buses are equipped with fire extinguishers, first aid kits, tire chains, two-way radios, digital audio and video monitoring systems. Bus drivers are thoroughly trained in the use of emergency equipment and meet all certification requirements. Students will not be let off at unfamiliar bus stops unless a parent gives instructions in writing to the school.

Emergency Information:
- District Website: www.svsd410.org
- Emergency Hotline: 425-831-8494
- Listen to Radio and TV news
- Go to www.flashalert.net or download the FlashAlert Messenger App for emergency updates sent to media.
- To receive emergency texts from the district, parents/guardians in the system may “opt in” by sending a text on their smart phone to 67587, type “Y” or “YES” as the message and hit send.

Emergencies such as snow, ice, power outages and floods can alter school schedules and affect bus transportation for students. If you are in doubt about the status of school, please check the sources listed above for an update. For inclement weather that occurs BEFORE school, Puget Sound media typically report school closure updates between 5 - 8:30 a.m.

If there is no message about the Snoqualmie Valley School District, schools are open and running on normal schedule.

Otherwise, depending on the situation, the message may relay:
- “Schools Closed” (All school activities are canceled that day.)
- “Schools Open, 2 Hours Late” (Scheduled runs, two hours late. No AM Preschool, Encompass, or out-of-district transportation services provided.)
- “Schools Open, Limited Transportation” (Shortened runs due to inclement weather or road conditions for areas A, B, or C.) Check the website for your area and alternate bus stop locations. At the end of the day, students will be returned to the same location where they are picked up that morning.

If an emergency occurs... in addition to posting updates on the district website, a recorded call out, email and/or text may be sent to parents/guardians who have provided schools with cell and home phone numbers.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please make sure your school has your latest contact information so you can be reached if there’s an emergency.

Seeking Bus & Car Drivers

Join Our Transportation Team

As student enrollment continues to grow, so do our needs to transport students safely to and from schools and activities. Snoqualmie Valley School District offers paid training, reimbursement for CDL licensing, competitive wages and benefits. The starting hourly wage range for bus drivers (with CDL) is $23.20 - $24.42, and for car drivers (non-CDL) is $16.29 - $17.15.

Apply online through the Job Opportunities link on the district website (www.svsd410.org).

College Bound Scholarships Help Families Afford College

**Attention 7th and 8th graders:**
The College Bound Scholarship program provides state financial aid for college tuition for eligible students who sign up in middle school and fulfill a pledge. Students are eligible to apply for a College Bound Scholarship if they qualify for the free/or reduced-price lunch program, are in foster care, or their family income qualifies. Participating students must simply sign a pledge promising to graduate from high school with at least a 2.0 GPA; not be convicted of a felony; apply to an eligible college; and file for student aid.

**DEADLINE:** Students must apply by June 30 of their 8th grade year.

Visit [http://readysetgrad.org/college/college-bound-scholarship-program](http://readysetgrad.org/college/college-bound-scholarship-program) to apply, or talk to a middle school counselor for more information.

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**Individual Scores on State Assessments Are Posted Online**

Each spring, Washington students in grades 3-8 and 10 are tested in English Language Arts (ELA) and math, with exams called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 are also tested in science with Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) exams.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) released preliminary individual SBA scores for math and ELA in June, and the district posted the SVSD student results online in Skyward Family Access. Science exam scores will be added when they are available this fall.

To login:
- Select the [Family Access](http://www.svsd410.org) link on the district website.
- Select the [Login to Family Access](http://www.svsd410.org) tab.
- Enter the unique login/password that each parent/guardian was provided by their school to share student data confidentially.
- Click on the [Report Cards—Portfolio](http://www.svsd410.org) tab.

**If needed, use the “Forgot your login/password?” link.**

Families without a computer or internet access can request a hard copy of their student’s results from their school office.

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**Apply for Free College Tuition**

**Parent Notifications on pages 8-10 are posted year-round under the Parents & Community tab, on the district website: [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org).**

**Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act**
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (“eligible students”) certain rights with respect to the student’s education records. They are:

1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the date the district received a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

2) The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the Snoqualmie Valley School District to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate by submitting a request in writing to the school principal (or appropriate school official) to clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the district decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision. In addition, the district will advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment and provide procedures for the hearing.

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. Upon request, the district discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the student of the records request.

4) The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The federal office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue S.W., Washington, DC 20202-5901.

**Affirmative Action**
The district, as a recipient of public funds, is committed to undertake affirmative action which makes effective equal employment opportunities for staff and applicants for employment, and will ensure that no personnel procedures discriminate against any individuals. Policy 5010
Anti-Discrimination
The Snoqualmie Valley School District complies with all federal and state statutes and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. This holds true for all district employment and student opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district’s Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Officer and Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Nancy Meeks, P.O. Box 400, Snoqualmie, WA 98065, or 425-831-8015. Procedures for filing a complaint are also posted on the district website at: www.svsd410.org.

Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation
“Harassment, intimidation, and bullying” means any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36.080(3), (sex, race, color, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental or physical disability), or other distinguishing characteristic. Acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying that cause physical harm to a person or damage to a person’s property, substantially interfere with a student’s education, or are so severe or persistent that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational or work environment, or substantially disrupt the orderly operation of the school or workplace are not tolerated and will be dealt with as serious offenses. Depending upon the frequency and severity of the conduct, intervention, counseling, correction, discipline (suspension, expulsion, etc.) and/or referral to law enforcement may be used to mediate the impact on the victim and the climate and change the behavior of the perpetrator. This includes appropriate intervention, restoration of a positive climate, and support for victims and others impacted by the violation. False reports or retaliation for anyone thought to have reported harassment, intimidation or bullying is prohibited and will be treated as a serious violation, subject to disciplinary actions. Policy 3207 is a component of the District’s responsibility to create and maintain a safe, civil, respectful and inclusive learning community for all students and employees.

Notification of Threats
Students and school employees who are subjects of threats of violence or harm shall be notified of the threats in a timely manner. Parents shall be included in notifications to students who are subjects of those threats. Timing and details of the notice will be as extensive as permitted by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, other legal limitations, and circumstances of the situation. Policy 4314

Integrated Pest Management
To provide a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and those who use school properties, the district uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to suppress undesirable weeds and pests on school grounds. Where possible, alternative environmentally safe controls are implemented before chemical controls are used, to keep vegetation and pests at acceptable levels. When school is in session and a chemical application is planned, parents and staff at that site will be notified in writing at least 72 hours prior to application. In the case of an emergency application (i.e. stinging insects), individuals will be notified as soon as possible after the application. Signage regarding any application will remain posted for 24 hours after a treatment. Parents can write the IPM Coordinator, Operations Office, Snoqualmie Valley School District, PO Box 400, Snoqualmie, WA 98065; or call 425-831-8031, to request hard copy of notifications.

Use of Mass Automated Call-out Notifications
Snoqualmie Valley schools use an automated mass notification system (School Messenger) to contact families by phone regarding emergencies, unexcused absences, and other school-related information. The Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) allows parents to opt out of receiving general information calls from the District and schools. Families who DO NOT want to receive general automated phone calls need to let their school office know in writing by September 15 each year. Please note that families who choose to opt out from general phone calls may miss important information about their student(s).

Use of Directory Information and Photos
Federal law permits a school district to identify certain information as directory information that may be released publicly without the permission of the parent. The Snoqualmie Valley School District identifies the directory information as: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, grade level, participation in activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance, diplomas and awards received, schools attended, and parent(s) name and email. The district may also release photographs or videos of students taken in school-related circumstances not generally considered harmful or an invasion of the privacy of the students. Photos, videos, and information about students may be used in school and district newsletters, email, websites, social media sites or released to the news media, as there are many opportunities to recognize student accomplishments and activities throughout the year. Directory information or photos may be used for purposes such as publication of a student directory, school-related fundraising (Snoqualmie Valley Schools Foundation, PTSA), parent organization mailing lists, school yearbooks, newspapers, commencement programs, and publishing honor rolls. Information will not be released for commercial purposes.

Parents who do not want directory information or photographic images released must submit an OPT-OUT request in writing to their student’s school office ANNUALLY—by September 15 each year. If the school does not receive a written request by September 15, it will assume that there is no objection to releasing such information. (More information regarding FERPA and directory information is available on the district website under Parent Notifications.)
**Language Hearing Assistance**
To access language and hearing interpreters, please contact the Snoqualmie Valley School District office at 425-831-8000 by 4:30 p.m., three days prior to any public meeting.

**Title 1 Right to Review Teacher Qualifications**
If you are a parent of a student receiving Title 1 services in the Snoqualmie Valley School District, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child’s classroom teachers and requires a district to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask:

- Whether the state’s Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any paraeducators provide instructional services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please call the Personnel Director at 425-831-8000.

**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)**
No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity.

**Child Find Identification**
The Snoqualmie Valley School District is committed to identifying and evaluating all students living within the district boundaries that may be in need of special education services. Any child between the age of birth through 21 with a suspected disability who is brought to the attention of the school district will be evaluated, and if qualified, provided the opportunity for free appropriate public education. For information contact Nancy Meeks, Executive Director of Student Services. (See page 11 for 2019-20 Child Find screening dates.)

**McKinney-Vento Act**
The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that makes sure children and youth who do not have permanent housing can go to school and preschool. It gives children and youth rights to enroll in school, stay in school, get transportation to/from school, and access to school lunch programs. If you become aware of students who may qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act, or are in need of services for students in your family, please contact the principal of your school or Nancy Meeks at the district office at 425-831-8015.

**Use of Security Cameras**
The Snoqualmie Valley School District supports the use of video cameras throughout the school district to preserve district assets, enhance school safety and security for students and staff, and allow visitors access to district buildings. Security cameras are installed in public areas throughout district buildings, grounds and school buses. This supports the District’s goals to foster a safe and secure teaching and learning environment, to ensure public safety for community members who visit or use school property, and to diminish the potential for personal or district loss or destruction of property. Policy 6608

**Drug Free Schools**
The Snoqualmie Valley School District believes it has an important responsibility to students to take necessary steps to prevent chemical use. Further, the district believes the use of chemical substances, including alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, interferes with the learning process. Because the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by children and adolescents is harmful and illegal, the district supports chemical abstinence for all children and adolescents so that they can reach their full intellectual, emotional, social, and physical potential. Also, the district recognizes that students suffering from untreated chemical abuse and dependency impair the education environment by serving as a conduit of substances into the school population and by rationalizing substance consumption to other impressionable youth.

Possession, use, or being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or tobacco is strictly prohibited on or about the school grounds and at all school-sponsored activities, whether at school or at some other location. A student who has been found in violation of these standards will be suspended, pending the completion of a drug/alcohol assessment. A list of district-approved Chemical Dependency Services will be provided for scheduling the follow-up drug and alcohol assessment. Compliance with these standards is mandatory. For the Directory of Certified Chemical Dependency Services and Parent Guide for Washington State, go to: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/DBHR/.

The District’s Chemical Dependency Counselor is available to provide intervention services to students and their families. Call the Mount Si High School Counseling Center (425-831-8150) for information and appointments. Other resources:

- Teen Link 206-461-4922
- Friends of Youth 425-392-6367
- Lakeside Milam 425-392-8468
- Washington Recovery Helpline 1-866-789-1511

**Drug Free Workplace**
The Snoqualmie Valley School District Board of Directors has declared our district to be a Drug and Smoke-Free Workplace in accordance with Federal Law (P.L. 101-226). The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs, alcohol, or tobacco on school premises or as a part of any school activity is strictly prohibited. District Policy #5201 prohibits employees from reporting to any district work site or any school activity while under the influence of illegal chemical substances or opiates. An employee must notify the Superintendent within 5 days of any criminal conviction for violation of a drug statute, if the violation occurred on school district premises or at a school activity. Compliance with these standards of conduct is mandatory. Any employee found in violation of these standards shall be subject to discipline up to and including discharge and referral for prosecution.
2019-20 Child Find Screenings

The Snoqualmie Valley School District will conduct free Child Find Screening clinics on the adjacent dates:

- September 6, 2019
- October 18
- December 13
- February 7, 2020
- April 3

Parents who have concerns about their child’s development (ages 3-5 years) are encouraged to have their child assessed. Screenings consider social development, large and small muscle development, cognitive development, language skills, hearing, and vision—at no cost to parents. To make an appointment, call 425-831-8015.

SVSD 2019-20 Board of Directors:

Pictured left to right:

- Dan Popp
- Carolyn Simpson
- Gary Fancher
- Melissa Johnson
- Geoff Doy
- Rob Manahan, Superintendent

Student Representatives:

- Emma Cullen
- Paytan Murray

The public is always invited to attend School Board meetings, which are typically held every other Thursday during the school year, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in Snoqualmie. For School Board information, visit the district website, select About Us and School Board for meeting dates, agendas and materials; minutes and podcasts of past meetings; district policies; and director contact information.

2019-20 Snoqualmie Valley School District Directory

Elementary Schools:

- Cascade View Elementary
  425-831-4100
  34816 SE Ridge St.
  Snoqualmie, WA 98065
  Jim Frazier, Principal

- Fall City Elementary
  425-831-4000
  3314 SE 42nd
  Fall City, WA 98024
  Katelyn Long, Principal

- North Bend Elementary
  425-831-8400
  400 E. 3rd Street
  North Bend, WA 98045
  Stephanie Shepherd, Princ.

- Opstad Elementary
  425-831-8300
  1345 Stilson Ave. SE
  North Bend, WA 98045
  Greg Forrest, Principal

- Snoqualmie Elementary
  425-831-8050
  39801 SE Park St.
  Snoqualmie, WA 98065
  John Norberg, Principal

- Timber Ridge Elementary
  34412 SE Swenson Drive
  Snoqualmie, WA 98065
  Amy Wright, Principal

Middle Schools:

- Chief Kanim Middle School
  425-831-8225
  32627 Redmond-Fall City Rd.
  P.O. Box 639
  Fall City, WA 98024
  Michelle Trifunovic, Principal
  Mark Allen, Assistant Principal

- Snoqualmie Middle School
  425-831-8450
  9200 Railroad Ave. SE
  Snoqualmie, WA 98065
  Megan Botulinski, Principal
  Shawn Lawrence, Asst. Principal

- Twin Falls Middle School
  425-831-4150
  46910 SE Middle Fork Road
  North Bend, WA 98045
  Jeff D’Ambrosio, Principal
  Andre Glover, Assistant Principal

Mount Si High School

Main office: 425-831-8100
Attendance: 425-831-8200
Counseling: 425-831-8150
8651 Meadowbrook Way SE
Snoqualmie, WA 98065
John Belcher, Principal
Greg Hart, Assoc. Principal
Vernie Newell, Assoc. Principal
Sana Tariq, Assistant Principal
Brian Ferguson, Asst. Principal
Darren Brown, Activities Director

Alternative Programs:

- Two Rivers School
  425-831-4200
  330 Ballarat Ave. N.
  North Bend, WA 98045
  Rhonda Schmidt, Principal

- Parent Partnership Program
  425-831-8432

- Mount Si Online Academy
  425-831-8100

District Administration:

8001 Silva Ave. SE/PO Box 400
Snoqualmie, WA 98065

- Rob Manahan, Superintendent
- Ryan Stokes, Asst. Supt. of Finance & Operations
- Nancy Meeks, Exec. Director of Student Services
- Dan Schlotfeld, Exec. Director of Teaching & Learning
- Ginger Callison, Exec. Director of Teaching & Learning
- Beth Porter, Exec. Director of Human Resources
- Jim Garhart, Director of Transportation
- Bill Davis, Director of Operations
- Pam Chambers, Director of Food Services
- Doug Burnham, Dir. of College, Career, Life Readiness
- Carolyn Malcolm, Public Information Officer

Learn more about Snoqualmie Valley Schools at: www.svsd410.org
Snoqualmie Valley School District

Our mission: to educate all Snoqualmie Valley children to prepare them for college, career, and citizenship.

Our vision: to become the best school district in Washington State by any measure.

MSHS Team Debates at Nationals

Two Rivers Students Create Stunning Furniture for Trail Youth Coffee Shop

Congratulations to Mount Si students Brad Smith and Paytan Murray who qualified for two National Speech and Debate tournaments last year. Above with Debate Team Advisor Chelsea King, they competed June 17-21 at the National Speech & Debate Association Championship in Dallas, Texas. As juniors last year, Murray was the top Public Forum debater in Washington State, and Smith placed 2nd. Best wishes for the year ahead!

Volunteer Opportunity:
Become a Youth Success! Mentor

The Snoqualmie Valley Community Network partners with our school district to offer a Youth Success! Mentoring Program. They connect caring volunteer adult mentors with students, during the school day, to cultivate relationships for support and guidance. Mentors will meet with a student typically for an hour each week, throughout the school year. Interested in learning more? Please contact Heather at heather@svcn.info for details.

2019-20 School Calendar

Click the E-Calendar at www.svsd410.org for specific dates pertaining to each school and the District overall.

*Make-up days, if needed, include: June 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

- Labor Day Holiday (no school)
- First Day of School for grades 1-12
- First Day of Kindergarten/Preschool/TLC
- K-12 Teacher Workday (no school)
- Veteran’s Day (no school)
- K-12 Parent Conferences (1/2 days)
- Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
- Winter Break
- New Year’s Day (no school)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (no school)
- K-12 Teacher Workday (no school)
- Mid-Winter Break
- K-12 Teacher Workday (no school)
- Kindergarten Parent Conferences
- Spring Break
- Memorial Day (no school)
- Two River School Graduation
- Last Day of Preschool/TLC
- Mount Si High School Graduation
- Last Day for grades K-12 (1/2 day)

September 2, 2019
September 4
September 9
October 14
November 11
November 22-27
November 28-29
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3, 2020
January 1
January 20
January 27
February 17-21
March 9
March 16-17
April 13-17
May 25
June 10
June 12
TBD
June 19