



Snoqualmie Valley School District

2017-18 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 (8-12): 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 7,000 students ages preschool through grade 12, and special needs students through 21 years of age. Enrollment has grown 20% over 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 four years, from 2013-2016, based on reading, math and college readiness data.
 - **Newsweek’s 2016 America’s Top High Schools** list has ranked Mount Si High School among the best 500 public high schools in the nation for preparing students for college.
 - **National College Board AP Honor Roll** (2010-2015) recognized increased student participation in college-level courses and increased performance on Advanced Placement (AP) exams over a three-year span. Snoqualmie Valley was the only school district in Washington State — and one of only five districts in the nation — to earn this award six consecutive years!
 - On a national website (www.schooldigger.com), **Snoqualmie Valley School District is ranked 4th** in the state, out of 197 school districts reviewed in Washington State, based on 2016-17 reading and math test scores.
 - **Washington Achievement Awards** recognize the top 5% of schools for student achievement over a two-year span. Three SVSD schools were awarded in 2016, four in 2015, three in 2014, three in 2013, two in 2012, four in 2011, four in 2010, and two 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.
 - Mount Si High School Class of 2017 graduates were awarded **scholarships totaling \$16.2 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 four years 2014-2017.
 - For the 12 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.
 - **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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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 34 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. Approximately 38 Snoqualmie Valley teachers have earned National Board Certification and 20 more are working toward this highly-regarded professional standard. In preparation for the start of the school year, nearly 400 staff members participate annually in hundreds of hours of professional development offered each August.

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. Since then the new Timber Ridge Elementary School opened in the fall of 2016. Safety and security enhancements have been installed at all Snoqualmie Valley schools. Construction is well underway on the comprehensive rebuild and expansion of Mount Si High School. And among several other improvement projects at schools throughout the district, a new gymnasium is being built at Snoqualmie Elementary School, with a targeted completion date by the end of December 2017.
- 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.
- 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. Each June, principals report over 30,000 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) 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**.