

The School District

The School District serves a population of about 25,000 people, in an area of approximately 330 square miles. A major portion of the District is located within the boundaries of Olympic National Park.

Total enrollment in the District is approximately 5,000 students. The District employs over 300 certificated staff members and more than 200 classified staff.

Students attend school for 180 days scheduled from September to June. There is a limited summer program available.

The District is organized into three levels, with the elementary schools serving students in kindergarten through grade 5, middle schools serving grades 6-8, and the high school serving students in grades 9-12.

Elementary Schools

There are six elementary schools in the Port Angeles School District. They range in size from 250 students to over 550 students. The elementary schools provide a strong basic education, with special programs in a variety of remediation and enrichment areas.

Elementary grades are served by specialists in music and physical education. There is an orchestra strings program for students in grades four and five.

Reading, learning disabilities and math specialists are available in each building, as are communications disorder specialists. There is also a primary education specialist in each building.

Middle School

Port Angeles has two middle schools, serving over 600 students each. Students in grade six are taught largely by a homeroom teacher. In grade seven, the homeroom accounts for about half of the student day. The eighth grade schedule is largely departmentalized.

The middle school program, while having a strong basic education focus, includes classes in band, orchestra, chorus, computers, home economics, outdoor education, foreign language and vocational education. There is also an intensified math sequence offered. Learning specialists are available in each building.

High School

Port Angeles High School is an accredited, comprehensive high school which serves over 1,500 students in grades 9-12. The athletic program offers a full range of sports and competes in the State AAAA level. An award-winning music program includes orchestra, concert band, choir, swing choir, marching band and various ensembles.

Achievement scores District-wide compare favorably with Washington State averages and are generally above the national average. Port Angeles High School is a SAT test center and students' scores reflect an emphasis on academic achievement. District SAT scores are generally at or above State and National norms.

The high school meets the unique needs of each student by offering a variety of programs in the areas of special education, vocational education and advanced placement courses for college-bound students. The high school program offers a successful, established alternative school which focuses on personalized education. Port Angeles High School graduates compete favorably for national scholarships and for admission to nationally recognized schools, as well as, to the military academies.

The Port Angeles community has strongly supported a local scholarship program for graduating seniors who plan further education. Each year more than \$100,000 in local funds are awarded. This figure, when combined with college-offered scholarships and other awards, provides more than \$300,000 in scholarships annually to our graduating seniors.