

Our Schools

SUMMER 2023



High school seniors visited their former elementary schools in the district's first-ever grad walk.



Arlington High School seniors graduated on June 15.

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Stillaguamish Valley Learning Center Kindergartners "graduated" to first grade. Way to go, class of 2035!



Weston High School seniors graduated on June 13.

OUR DISTRICT AT A GLANCE



5,464
students



732
faculty and staff



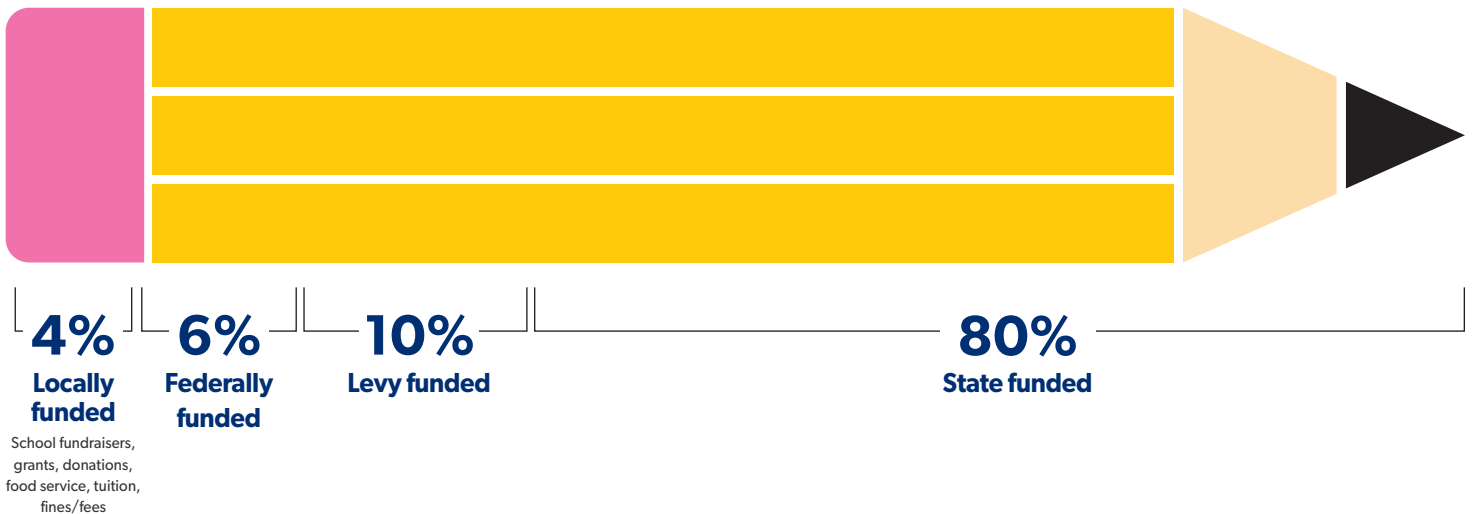
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devices for all students



89.2%
graduation rate (2022)

SCHOOL FUNDING BASICS

Arlington Public Schools, and every Washington school district, receives funding from federal, state, and levy sources. We also receive some money from local funds.



Funding from **capital levies** can only be used for capital projects (security updates, building maintenance and repairs, technology, etc.). The **Educational Programs and Operations** levy provides funding for the operations of our school district including staff, extracurriculars, technology, special education and facility support. **Bonds**, on

the other hand, must be used for specific programs or construction projects.

At Arlington Public Schools, we work to ensure every student has access to the programs, staff, and learning spaces that build a strong foundation for future success.

YOUR LEVY DOLLARS AT WORK

Thanks to the community's support of the 2020 four-year levies, we've been able to continue funding for the programs, staff, and technology that support our students.



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

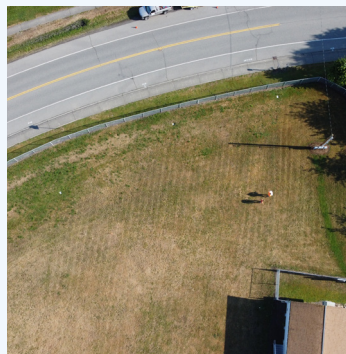
Over the 2022-23 school year, we **completed nine projects** that help meet the safety needs of our students and provide them with the space they need to learn. Here are three highlights:



Added classrooms at Arlington High School. Additions include new classrooms, a manufacturing technology lab, and an expanded special education life skills suite.



Secure entryways allow staff to vet and register visitors before they enter instructional spaces. The 2020 capital levy provided for the installation of secure entry ways across the district.



Kent Prairie Elementary Safety Project: The project will address road congestion at the school, and promotes safety for pedestrians and drivers during dismissal.

Scheduled summer projects:

- The Kent Prairie Traffic Safety project will provide a waiting area for families picking up their students after school. It will provide a safe place off 204th Street and away from the school buildings for families to wait.
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements across the district

ECRWSS POSTAL CUSTOMER



Dear Arlington Families and Community,

We finished the 2023 school year by celebrating 44 students graduating from Weston High School, Open Doors, and the Arlington Online Program, in addition to 366 students graduating from Arlington High School. We had 4,963 students ready to successfully transition to the next grade level beginning in 2023-2024. We also had 11 graduates earn not only their high school diplomas, but their associate degree as well. These successes were made possible by the commitment of our amazingly talented staff, supportive families, and committed community dedicated to preparing, educating, and inspiring students to learn and achieve at the highest levels.

Despite coming off the heels of three years impacted by COVID, we are pressing forward and addressing many impacts, including:

- Academic learning gaps, especially in math
- Increased behavioral support needs
- Increased social/emotional and mental health needs
- Ongoing economic instability/uncertainty

Community agencies such as Snohomish County, Stilly Valley Health Connections, and the Northwest Educational Service District 189 are partnering with us to support the increased mental health needs of our students. This year, most schools received some level of mental health support.

We are applying the instructional framework of Universal Design for Learning (UDL for short), where we look at the learning environment and identify ways to increase access to learning and remove barriers to learning. Students have shared at several board meetings how this approach has helped them engage in learning at higher levels.

The district's Strategic Plan provides clear direction and focus for our work and is comprised of four goals. These goals drive the focus for our efforts for one purpose: to increase student learning and achievement for EACH student.

Enjoy the summer!

Dr. Chrys Sweeting
Superintendent

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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