

Chapter 4 – Education



Introduction

Preschool age children have the opportunity to attend Hansville Co op Preschool, Kingston Co-op Preschool, or private preschools out of the area. The school age children from the Greater Hansville Area (GHA) attend North Kitsap Public Schools, including the following schools: David Wolfle Elementary, Kingston Junior High, Spectrum Alternative High School, and North Kitsap High. The Bremerton Vocational Skills Center is available to juniors and seniors. Olympic Community College is available for continuing education.

KEY FACTS

- Using 2000 Census figures, the GHA has 165 elementary students, 63 in junior high and 87 in high school.
- 30% of Wolfle students, 8% of Kingston Junior High students, and 6% of North Kitsap High students are from the Greater Hansville Area.
- All Hansville students are school bused to their various schools.
- 4% of North Kitsap School District School population are from Hansville.
- Teaching staff at all schools are certified and 70.2% hold master's degrees of higher.
- 50% of staff has more than 10 years of teaching experience.
- School structure is pre-kindergarten through 6th, 7th through 9th, and 10th through 12th.
- Full interscholastic sports are available at Kingston Junior High, Spectrum High and North Kitsap High.
- North Kitsap High School population makes it a AAA school.
- Average class size is 21 students to 1 teacher.
- English as a Second Language (ESL) students are growing in number.
- Free and reduced-price lunch is available to 41% of the students at Wolfle.
- Estimated cost to educate a child is \$7,758 per year.
- Overall District WASL scores are higher than state averages.
- Volunteers are an essential part of all schools for regular and special programs.
- The Severe and Profoundly Handicapped Program is housed at Poulsbo Elementary School.
- Private schools in the area are available as well as home schooling.

KEY TRENDS

- A New Kingston high school will be completed in 2007.
- Structure will go to "middle school dynamic" – Pre-kindergarten-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th.
- The district is moving toward more technology-based equipment in classrooms.
- Cost of educating children is rising.
- WASL scores are improving annually.
- Computer hardware should be replaced every 5 years.

- North Kitsap High School will change to Interscholastic Athletic Division AAA.
- The new Kingston High School will be AAA in 2007.
- School population is growing by 1% a year.

David Wolfle Elementary School

David Wolfle Elementary School, home of the Wolf, is the school the majority of K-6 graders from the Hansville area attend. A few students who attend Suquamish Elementary to participate in the Agate Program (gifted).

Wolfle opened in 1990 and is situated on a 20 acre site with two ball fields and a natural wetland that is used for science lessons. There are 18 classrooms, a full service library, a gymnasium and a computer lab. Students are with the same teacher for two years – first and second grade, third and fourth grade, and fifth and sixth grade. This gives the student consistency and stability in the early years of their education.

Student Population

The student population as of April 2004 was 421, down from 459 in October 2003. Of these students:

- 36%, or 172, are from the Greater Hansville Area,.
- 41% receive free or reduced lunch.
- Average class size is 21 students to one teacher.
- 59 students were identified for special education services, 25% to 28% of those are in the Assist Program because they are achieving below grade level.

Ethnic Background

The ethnic demographics of Wolfle are as follows:

- White, 75.6%
- Native American, 16.8%
- Hispanic, 4.6%
- Asian/Pacific Islander, 2.2%
- Black, .08%

Staffing

The staff is made up of 33 certified teachers; 20 have 11 or more years of teaching experience; and 70% have a master's degree; one is Native American Education. The school has 11 classroom aides and 8 support staff.

WASL Scores

Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) scores for Wolfle 4th graders were as follows:

	1999	2004	State Average (2004)
Reading	53.3%	70.1%	74.4%
Math	25.3%	44.8%	59.9%
Writing	12.0%	50.7%	55.8%

The school district says the Wolfle WASL scores improved due to the extra effort put into programs by teachers and volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities

In 2004, a total of 89 Hansville residents volunteered in all NKSD schools – 48 of them at Wolfle, including 15 with the second grade Reading Corps volunteer program which helps children who were reading below grade level to read at or above grade level by the end of second grade. Other volunteer opportunities are in art, music, many miscellaneous functions. Twenty-four volunteers help at Gordon Elementary, two at Suquamish Elementary, one at Vinland Elementary, and two at Braidablik Elementary.

Special Programs at Wolfle

- Agate, gifted program
- Personal Education Plans
- Meaningful Work – Students have the opportunity to work as volunteers within the school.
- Computer Nights – Provides opportunities for access to computers and software twice a month for students and families.
- Reading Corps – Volunteers working with second graders to improve their reading scores.
- Math and Science Nights – Students and parents participate in hands-on activities with guidance from the Wolfle staff.
- Homework Club – Structured after-school homework assistance for one hour each week.
- 100 Book Club – Frequent recognition for students who read 100 books during their second grade year.
- Charlotte Web Reading Award – Special recognition to all fourth and fifth graders who read 30 books from a list.
- Family Reading Nights – Offers Hansville/Kingston/Suquamish area parents with children ages 3 to 8 different ways to encourage reading at home.
- Science Fair – An opportunity to do basic scientific research by working on a hands-on project.
- Intramural Sports – Provide instruction and fun competition in tennis, soccer, flag football, volleyball and softball.
- Mediator Program – Provides students a chance to participate in leadership and problem-solving skills.
- Quilting Club – An opportunity for students to use their math skills in creating and sewing quilts.
- Other opportunities – Field Day, Band, Choir and Honor Choir.

Community Use of Facilities

Wolfle facilities are used by Kitsap County Parks and Recreation (ball fields for soccer and baseball), the Kingston Garden Club Garden Show, a Girl Scout Troop, a Headstart program and M&M Kids.

Kingston Junior High School

Kingston Junior High, home of the Cavaliers, is attended by students in grades 7 through 9 from Suquamish, Gordon and Wolfle elementary schools. Phase one of Kingston Junior High opened in 1990, the second and final phase was completed in 1994. KJH is located on a 21-acre site that includes football, baseball and soccer fields, 31 classrooms, a self-contained horticultural lab, a vocational technical wing, two gymnasiums, computer lab, music/band rooms, modern science facilities and a library to support the classrooms.

Student Population

Student population as of April 2004 was 822. Of these students:

- 7%, or 57, were from the Greater Hansville Area.
- Average class size was 23 students to 1 teacher.
- 26% were eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- 71 students were identified for special education.
- There were 436 suspensions during the 2003-2004 school year.

Staffing

Of the 49 certified teachers, 27 have 11 to more than 20 years of teaching experience and 72% have master's degrees. The school has 11 aides and 21 staff.

Ethnic Background

The ethnic demographics of KJH are as follows:

- White, 80.7%
- Native American, 11.3%
- Hispanic, 3.8%
- Asian/Pacific Islander, 2.7%
- Black, 1.5%

WASL Scores

WASL scores for 7th graders in 2004 were: reading, 56.6%; math, 49.7; and writing 46.8%. The 8th grade score for science was 38.3%. State average WASL scores for 2004 were: reading, 60.5%; math, 46.4%; writing, 58.0%; and science, 39.4%

Special Programs at KJH

- “Highly Capable” program known as the Agate Program. In 2004 and 2005, KJR students won first place in the Washington State Knowledge Master Open.
- Native American Education Program, which assists Native American students in their studies
- KJH Festival of the Arts
- Future Business Leaders of America

- National History Day Regional Competition (12 of 18 participants went on to state competition)
- Future Farmers of America Horticultural Plant Sale
- Associated Student Body
- Art Club
- Builders Club
- Chess Club
- Conditioning
- Future Farmers of America
- History Club
- Jazz Band
- Literary Club
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper Club
- Science Club
- Stage Band
- Tech Club
- Drill Team

KJH students have the opportunity to compete in several athletic teams including varsity and junior varsity football; varsity volleyball for girls; varsity and JV basketball for boys and girls; wrestling, varsity and JV baseball; varsity and JV fastpitch; and track.

Spectrum Community High School

Spectrum Community High School, home of the Ravens, is a small (150) alternative high school known for its innovative educational programs and its close teacher-student relationships. Spectrum provides a focused curriculum in art, music, foreign languages, media production, photo journalism and issues of social concern. Students must apply and are interviewed for admission.

Graduates earn a high school diploma through challenging course work in English, math, science, social studies and a variety of elective classes. In June 2004, 62 seniors graduated and many continue on to college.

Student Population

Student population as of April 2004 was 141. Of these students:

- Average class size was 18 students to 1 teacher.
- 43% were eligible for free or reduced lunch because many students at Spectrum are emancipated from their families and therefore are unable to pay for lunch.
- 6 students were identified for special education.
- There were 23 suspensions during the 2003-2004 school year.

Staffing

Of the 10 Certified teachers, 4 have 5 to 10 years experience, 5 have 11 to more than 20 years of teaching experience, and 70% have a master's degree. The school has 6 aides and 4 support staff.

Ethnic Background

The ethnic demographics of KJH are as follows:

- White, 77.7%
- Native American, 18%
- Hispanic, 2.9%
- Asian/Pacific Islander, 1.4%
- Black, 0%

WASL Scores

WASL test scores for 2004 were: reading, 29.0%; math, 9.7%; and writing, 6.5%. State averages were reading, 64.6%; math, 44.0%; and writing, 65.4%.

Special Programs at Spectrum High

- Off Campus Learning
- Independent Study
- Work Experience
- Internet-based classes
- Internships or community service projects
- In-school health clinic
- Guidance from staff involves planning the course of study and readying students for a career of college
- Student government
- Human Rights Exchange – Supports active partnerships and student exchanges with sister schools in Russia and Mexico
- Overnight camping and hiking trips
- Native American Club
- Ecology Club

- Digital Music Composition
- Percussion Ensemble
- Literary Journal
- School Leadership Team
- Peer Mediation
- Rock and Jazz Band and Guitar
- Social Advocacy and Human Rights
- Yearbook
- Art and Literary Excursions
- Theatrical Productions
- Spectrum Advisory Club
- Entrepreneurs Club
- Coffee House Open Microphone
- World Rhythms Percussion Ensemble
- Cheer Squad

Spectrum sports opportunities include: a hiking club which sponsors a minimum of 2 hikes a year, and a multi-day trek through the Olympics; interscholastic boys basketball tea; informal softball teams; and co-ed soccer matches and field day events with other alternative schools

Student Awards

In 2000 the Spectrum music program received an Award of Special Merit and was designated a "Signature School" by the GRAMMY Foundation of Los Angeles, CA, an honor bestowed on only four schools in the United States.

- Kitsap County Human Rights Network gave its "Organization Award" for outstanding work in the school and community in the support of human rights.
- Phil Davis was NKSD Teacher of the Year in 2002.

North Kitsap High School:

North Kitsap High School (NKHS) in Poulsbo, home of the Vikings, is a large AAA high school with 1,300 students in grades 10

through 12. All NKSD junior highs feed into NKHS.

Student Population

Student population as of April 2004 was 1,311. Of these students:

- Average class size was 22 students to 1 teacher.
- 17% were eligible for free or reduced lunch.
- 131 students were identified for special education.
- There were 259 suspensions during the 2003-2004 school year.

Staffing

The staff includes 61 certified teachers, 8 special education teachers, 9 support teachers and 5 administrators. 30% have 5 to 10 years teaching experience; 31% have 11 to 20 years experience; 21% have more than 20 years experience; and 57% have a master's degree. The school has 22 aides and 34 support staff.

The ethnic demographics at NKHS are: Asian/Pacific Islander 5.0%, Black 2%, Hispanic 3.4%, Native American 5.5% and White 84.1%.

Ethnic Background

The ethnic demographics of KJH are as follows:

- White, 84.1%
- Native American, 5.5%
- Hispanic, 3.4%
- Asian/Pacific Islander, 5%
- Black, 2%

WASL Scores

WASL test scores for NKHS are: reading, 68.9%; math 50.5%; writing, 68.3%; and

science, 32.5%. State averages are: reading, 64.6%; math, 44.0%; writing, 65.4%; and science, 32.3%.

Special Programs at NKHS

- Community Mentors NK Success
- Associated Student Body
- Advanced placement and honor classes in math, English, and science
- Career technical education programs
- Fine arts
- Music
- Spanish, French, German, Japanese, Russian
- Learning opportunities through Olympic College in East Bremerton and Poulsbo
- Digital Commons – An online advanced placement course
- Culminating Project
- Career Counseling Center
- Student Support Center – Need-based adult assistance and computer access from 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily
- Culinary Arts Program – Students supply food for a restaurant called ODIN that is open for breakfast and lunch.
- Cheerleading

North Kitsap High School is a member of the Narrows League starting in the 2005-2006 school year. The following varsity and JV interscholastic sports are available: volleyball, boy's tennis, boys soccer, cross country, girl's swimming, football, girls soccer, wrestling, boy's basketball, girls basketball, boy's swimming, cheer leading, gymnastics, baseball, fastpitch, track and field, girl's tennis and golf.

Private Schools in the Area

- King's West Academy, K-12 Bremerton
- Children's Garden Montessori School of Poulsbo, ages 3 – Kindergarten
- Christ the King Academy, K-9, Poulsbo
- Silverwood School, 1-6, Poulsbo
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School, K-8, Bremerton
- Sylvan Way Christian Schools, K-8, Bremerton
- Alta Vista School, 7-12, Bremerton

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