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Edmonds School District covers approximately 36 square miles in south Snohomish County and is proud to serve the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of unincorporated Snohomish County.

# FULL STEAM AHEAD



## New high school opportunity

A new program in the Edmonds School District focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) allows high school students to graduate with a STEAM diploma. The program is offered at Lynnwood High.

Sitting in an engineering class senior Fekir Tesfaye said, "I've enjoyed learning about the different parts of engineering, not just building but the steps that lead up to building something, like sketching and planning and problem solving."

"I like engineering because I like bringing my ideas to life," said freshman Muhammad Ali.

"This program offers several pathways for students that will allow

them to get a head start on pursuing a job, college program, or career in the STEAM field," said photography teacher Donna Schou.

As you'll read inside this newsletter, the STEAM program is one of many options on the high school menu for our students. As middle school students get ready to make the leap into high school, thinking through school specialties, career pathways and academic programs at each high school in the district is all part of the process.

## **INSIDE: HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES**

## High school opportunities

So that each and every student graduates ready for success at the next level in school, career, and global citizenship.

Our district has four comprehensive high schools: Edmonds-Woodway High, Lynnwood High, Meadowdale High and Mountlake Terrace High. Student enrollment at these schools is driven by one's home address. However, incoming students are encouraged to look at all available high school opportunities, including in-school programs and other options geared toward specific interests and future career paths.



#### bit.ly/ESDHighSchool

Here are some of the available programs:

**STEAM STEM** Magnet STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) offers students the following pathways: Advanced

- Manufacturing
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- **Health Sciences**

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) offers **both Honors** and Exploratory pathways with

Aerospace

following:

Biotechnology

emphasis on the

 Computer Science

International **Baccalaureate (IB)** 

**Career and Technical** Education (CTE)

Designed as an academically challenging and balanced program that prepares students for success in college. Students take advanced classes and can take exams to earn college credits.

Allows students to explore and study in areas related to their career interests, engage in real-world projects and challenges, and develop important skills for future success in college, career and life.





Advanced Placement (AP)

Allows high school students to take more rigorous courses. Additionally, if they score well on the accompanying AP tests, they can earn college credits and/or bypass some general education requirements once they enroll in college. College in the High School

Through partnerships with local colleges, students can enroll in college courses taught at their high school to earn both high school and college credits. Allows 11th and 12th grade students to take college courses at community and technical colleges. Students earn both high school and college credits for these courses.

**Running Start** 

Alternative high school

Scriber Lake **High provides** a different educational setting for students who may not thrive in a traditional high school. This school has approximately 250 students, which allows for small class sizes, more one-on-one attention, and careful monitoring of progress.

Alternative Learning Experience

Edmonds

 eLearning
 Academy
 provides a
 remote option
 for students.
 All academic
 classes are
 on-demand,
 allowing
 students to
 complete them
 at any time of
 the day.

 Edmonds Heights K-12 is a school for families who prefer to individualize the education of their students with parents as primary educators.

Edmonds School District Board of Directors: Carin Chase, Legislative Representative, District 1; Keith Smith, District 2; Gary Noble, District 3; Deborah Kilgore, Vice-President, District 4; Nancy Katims, President, District 5. Interim Superintendent, Dr. Rebecca Miner.



## Thankful for our supportive community

A message from Interim Superintendent Rebecca Miner

It takes a supportive community to provide buildings designed to optimize the learning experience for students. Thanks to voter support of the 2021 Capital Levy, Spruce Elementary students started the 2022-23 school year in their brand new building. I was honored to take part in the school's dedication ceremony in October.

Our community's 2021 levy tax dollars are also hard at work in the design process of the Oak Heights Elementary Replacement project. Design work is underway to create a student-focused and playful learning environment. The new school building is expected to be finished and welcome students for the start of the 2026-27 school vear.

Up next, early in the new year, the School Board will review proposed district-wide Elementary Educational Specifications that guide the design process.



Spruce Elementary students are all smiles about their new building.



**School Board President Dr. Nancy** Katims and Interim Superintendent **Dr. Rebecca Miner** participated in the ribbon joining ceremony at the **Spruce Elementary** dedication event in October 2022.

Highlights of the voter-approved 2020 Capital and Technology Levy:

- ► Student Safety **Technology Tools**
- New Communication Tools
- District Cybersecurity Enhancements and training for all staff
- Upgraded Classroom Technology
  - ⊳ 1,200 sound enhancement systems
  - ▷ 1,500 teacher laptops
  - ⊳ **21,000** student Chromebooks
  - Access to digital learning tools

## Superintendent Search timeline

The School Board is in the process of completing an extensive search to find our next Superintendent.

### **OCTOBER**

Oct.11, 2022: School Board voted to award the Superintendent Search contract to GR Recruiting.

## NOVEMBER

Oct. 24-Nov. 11:

collected

Nov. 15, 2022: Superintendent Search School Board held Online Survey went out to a study session to staff, parents/guardians, review the survey students and community input and finalized members. More than the Superintendent 1,300 responses were profile.

#### JANUARY

January 2023: **Application** materials due from candidates; the School Board will meet to select their top candidates

### FEBRUARY

Late January 2023: 1st Round interviews will be scheduled with top candidates.

February 2023: Interviews will be scheduled with finalists, and will include a community forum.

## LATE WINTER 2023

Superintendent to be selected and approved by the School Board.