

# Mt. Baker Middle School

## 2014-15 School Performance Report

"Home of the Bulldogs"



features include a complete fire sprinkler system, gas water heaters, boiler system, a fully integrated telephone/intercom system and classroom Internet access.

Mt. Baker Middle School's facility is available for community use. Both the commons and library are utilized on a consistent basis. Six baseball/softball fields, one football field, one track, six exterior basketball hoops, and three exterior pickle ball courts comprise the outdoor athletic facilities. A fully irrigated landscape plan has been implemented. The total site area is 30.9 acres.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Mt. Baker Middle School is committed to meeting the needs of early adolescents. We believe the well-being of our students depends upon the creation and maintenance of balance in academic, physical, emotional and social areas.

Our school must be aware and address the developmental needs of early adolescents to enable students to fully attain their highest potential. Learning experiences will be provided to help all students develop skills and attitudes fundamental to achieving personal satisfaction as responsible, contributing citizens.

We have created a school identity based upon appreciation of cultural diversity, success for each student, respect for everyone, pride, dedication and collegiality.

### ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Opening in the fall of 1994, Mt. Baker is the newest middle school in the Auburn School District. Mt. Baker is located on 37th Street, across the Stuck River from Auburn Riverside High School. Mt. Baker Middle School serves over 900 students in grades six, seven, and eight and serves the communities of Algona, Pacific, Lakeland Hills and Auburn.

#### Student Information

Enrollment (October 2013)	946
Enrollment (May 2014)	957

#### Gender (October 2013)

Male	48.8%
Female	51.2%

#### Race/Ethnicity (October 2013)

American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.3%
Asian	8.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	3.0%
Black/African American	6.4%
Hispanic/Latino of any race(s)	28.3%
White	45.8%
Two or More Races	7.8%

#### Special Programs

Free/Reduced Price Meals (May 2014)	49.4%
Special Education (May 2014)	6.9%
Transitional Bilingual (May 2014)	7.8%
Migrant (May 2014)	0.0%
Section 504 (May 2014)	1.9%
Foster Care (May 2014)	0.2%

#### Other Information

Unexcused Absence Rate (2013-14)	0.5%
Mobility Rate (2013-14)	14.0%

### OUR SCHOOL BUILDING

Mt. Baker Middle School opened in September 1994. It is structured with a brick finish and the physical building, materials and furniture are in excellent condition.

Mt. Baker Middle School is a self-contained building, housing 22 standard classrooms, including three science rooms, two computer rooms, art room, industrial arts/wood room, foods room and technology lab. There are two gymnasiums with locker rooms. In August 2009, two additional portable classrooms were added for a total of four portable classrooms. The commons/lunchroom area also includes a stage and full production kitchen. The music area has both a band room and orchestra/choral room with four practice rooms. In addition, there is a library with computer-assisted programs. The school's total square footage is 91,300 square feet. Other building

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**ASSESSMENT**

Starting this school year, our state's learning standards are now aligned to the Common Core State Standards in math and English language arts. The transition began when State Superintendent Randy Dorn adopted the new standards in 2011. New state standards mean new state tests. This spring, your child will take the new Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. Science exams will remain the same as last year. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 will take the new Smarter Balanced tests in English language arts (ELA) and math. These assessments are required for Federal Accountability and will replace the MSP/HSPE reading, writing and math assessments. Graduation requirements for the class of 2015-2018 are based on 10th grade ELA or Reading/Writing assessments and End-of-Course Math and Biology exams.

In grades 3-8, students take Smarter Balanced tests and MSP for **federal accountability**. Students scores on these tests determine a school's adequate yearly progress (AYP) status.

Tests Required for Federal Accountability		
Grades	Subject	Test
3-8	ELA	Smarter Balanced
	Math	
5 & 8	Science	MSP

In high school, students take Smarter Balanced tests and the biology EOC for **federal accountability**. Student scores on these tests determine a school's AYP status. All 11th graders will take the Smarter Balanced tests in ELA and math. Students take the biology EOC as they complete the course, typically by the end of 10th grade.

Tests Required for Federal Accountability		
Grades	Subject	Test
11	ELA	Smarter Balanced
	Math	
10	Science	EOC

The state legislature determines graduation requirements. The following table shows tests required for graduation as of the 2014 state legislative session. Requirements may change during the next legislative session.

For more information about graduation requirements, please e-mail: gradreq@k12.wa

Tests Required for Graduation		
Class	Subject	Test
2014	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC
2015	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam** Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam**
	Science	Biology EOC++
2016	ELA	<b>Choose 1:</b> Reading AND Writing HSPE Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC exit exam** Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam** Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score)+
	Science	Biology EOC++
2017 & 2018	ELA	Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+
	Math	<b>Choose 1:</b> Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC Algebra 1/Integrated Math EOC exit exam** Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC exit exam** Smarter Balanced math test (exit exam cut score)+
	Science	Biology EOC++
2019	ELA	Smarter Balanced ELA test (cut score to be determined by State Board of Education)+
	Math	Smarter Balanced math test (cut score to be determined by State Board of Education)+
	Biology	Biology EOC++

\* Reading and Writing HSPEs will be available to 11th and 12th graders who have not met their graduation requirements in spring and summer 2015, and to 12th graders in spring and summer 2016.

\*\* EOC exams are based on previous Washington State Learning Standards in math. EOC exit exams are based on updated Washington State Learning Standards (Common Core), beginning in school year 2014-15.

+ The Washington State Board of Education will set the exit exam cut score. The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium will recommend to the Washington State Board a college- & career-ready cut score that, once approved, will be used for accountability in 11th grade. If a 10th grader meets the college- & career-ready cut score, he or she will not have to take the Smarter Balanced ELA test in 11th grade.

++ Until Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass the biology EOC. After NGSS are implemented and assessed, students will be required to pass a comprehensive NGSS Test. The timeline for NGSS is being developed.

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**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

After a great deal of research, interpreting testing data, and assessing middle level best practices, Mt. Baker Middle School has determined specific School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals for the 2013-14 school years. Mt. Baker Middle School staff made a commitment to implement these School Improvement Plan goals throughout the entire building. Goals will be evaluated and monitored throughout the school year to determine progress. The following is a brief outline of the three SIP goals at Mt. Baker Middle School:

**Language Arts Goal:** Through our PLC process, all teachers will create and analyze common formative assessments in order to build consistency and thoroughness with meeting all standards at all grade levels. We will also be intentional about creating targeted ability grouped quarterly reading clinics (support classes) for reading in order to assist struggling students.

**Math Goal:** Again, through the use of the PLC process, all teachers will create and analyze common formative assessments in order to build the consistency and thoroughness we're looking for in math. Intervention classes will be created to assist those students struggling in math. Providing students clear learning targets is a strategy we are implementing as well.

**Overall Goal:** Increase the number of Mt. Baker students passing classes through the use of a variety of resources, tools, and activities.

Building strong working relationships with our students and staff cohesiveness and communication continue to be a focus for our school.

**WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?**

**Special Programs, Events, Activities**

The Mt. Baker Middle School staff feels that a quality school gives recognition to students' successes and communicates actively with parents. The staff has worked hard to build programs that achieve both of these goals.

**Student Recognition:**

Here are highlights of the student recognition programs:

**"PRIDE" Recognition Assemblies:**

Students are selected by their teachers to receive awards for outstanding citizenship, academic progress, and achievement.

**Way to Go Awards:**

Students collect these awards for doing something positive for the school community. Monthly, 90 names are drawn from those eligible for extra treats at lunch time.

**Technology:**

Mt. Baker Middle School piloted computers on rolling carts (30 student laptops) with wireless capability. These laptops are used for assessment purposes as well as supporting and enhancing curriculum. Mt. Baker Middle School was the first middle school to use these Computers on Wheels (COWS) in the Auburn School District. We continue to use these to support student learning. We have also begun to add Google Chrome Books to our building for student use. Mt. Baker will have full wifi connectivity throughout the building by the end of the current school year.

**Parent Communication:**

Listed below are some of the programs that have been instituted at Mt. Baker Middle School to ensure excellent levels of communication between the parents and the school:

**School Messenger:**

Automated phone call system that allows parents to know of upcoming school-wide events and their students' attendance.

**Schoolwires:**

School web links allowing each staff member to connect their classroom to the world-wide web as a modern communication tool.

**Family Access:**

Any family member with Internet access and their individual pass code can access their student's attendance and daily record of homework, tests, quizzes and projects. This system also allows parents to e-mail all their student's teachers directly. Parents can sign up for this in the attendance office by showing their identification.

**Computer Generated Progress Reports:**

Teachers send home progress reports for each student at mid-term intervals.

**Principal's Weekly E-mail:**

Parents receive a weekly e-mail newsletter from the principal with information about our school, upcoming events, and important information.

**ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS**

Awards and recognition of achievement are granted through the district, state and national level for improvement, overall excellence and special recognition. Below are awards received by our building:

- 2012 Linda Cowan Schools of Distinction Award
- 2010 Linda Cowan Schools of Distinction Award

**FINANCIAL RESOURCES**

<i><b>Auburn School District Funds Spent Per Student for 2013-14</b></i>	
Total Expenditures (includes salaries)	\$10,518.73
Supplies and Materials	608.82
Equipment	16.37

<i><b>Mt. Baker Middle School 2013-14 Budget Funds Spent Per Student (not including salary)</b></i>	
Books and Supplies:	
Basic Education	\$31.12
Special Education	39.77
Library	4.00
Field Trips	.90
Administrative Supplies	2.00

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