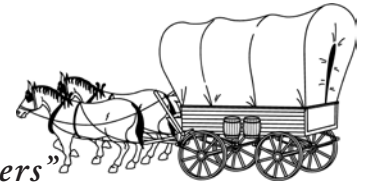


Pioneer Elementary School

2014-15 School Performance Report "Home of the Pioneers"



MISSION STATEMENT

At Pioneer, we dedicate ourselves to students and their families, to inspire and empower children to achieve their greatest academic and social potential.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

The moment you walk under the bright motto, "Touch their hearts, Teach their minds, Change their lives," you see that everything in the school inspires and empowers students to achieve their greatest academic and social potential. Although the building is 55 years old, colorful paint has transformed the environment. On the walls, on the doors, in the halls and on the courtyard are beautiful murals inviting students to let their imaginations soar. To make student achievement a reality, focused discipline is used to be sure every minute is used effectively.

Because Pioneer Elementary is a school with a diverse economic and ethnic student population, the staff is dedicated to customizing schedules, staffing, instruction and budget to meet the academic needs of all students. There are systems in place at Pioneer that put reading and math first every day. Using every single minute, time at Pioneer is efficiently scheduled, bell to bell.

At Pioneer we work to identify emerging new practices by doing original research to validate or refute new and long-standing theories on what makes schools successful. We will give students experiences on which to build as they become our society's future problem solvers.

The staff at Pioneer Elementary School is an amazing group of people who are willing to put personal issues aside as they dedicate their time each day to creating a special experience for children. They are highly flexible and willing to try instructional strategies that will help their students excel. They are collaborative

risk takers who are willing to change their approaches to teaching in the face of convincing scientific research on best practices. They are very dedicated to professional development and welcome training opportunities. Staff trains regularly in all academic areas and positive discipline. As a result of a staff committed to student safety and the efficient use of instructional time, there are very few behavioral problems. Staff provides a highly structured and loving environment where students are given every chance to succeed.

Student Information

Enrollment (October 2013)	487
Enrollment (May 2014)	489

Gender (October 2013)

Male	49.3%
Female	50.7%

Race/Ethnicity (October 2013)

American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.4%
Asian	3.5%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	5.1%
Black/African American	2.5%
Hispanic/Latino of any race(s)	57.9%
White	23.6%
Two or More Races	7.0%

Special Programs

Free/Reduced Price Meals (May 2014)	84.0%
Special Education (May 2014)	9.6%

Transitional Bilingual (May 2014)	41.9%
Migrant (May 2014)	1.0%
Section 504 (May 2014)	0.2%
Foster Care (May 2014)	1.2%
Other Information	
Unexcused Absence Rate (2013-14)	0.1%
Mobility Rate (2013-14)	30.0%

TITLE I PROGRAM

Many students at Pioneer are served in the Title I program. Test results show positive remarkable academic growth as an outcome of these programs. In 2014 MSP, each grade level achieved a 80%+ pass rate in Reading on the MSP and over a 90% pass rate on the Math MSP. For these outstanding scores by our students, Pioneer is recognized by rigorous awards.

Pioneer consistently wins awards because of the achievements of the students. In 2013, Pioneer earned the Washington State Innovative School Designation and the Washington State Achievement Award for the effective and innovative ways students are brought to success. In 2012, Pioneer was awarded two prestigious awards. One honor was recognition as one of Washington's highest improving schools, the School of Distinction Award. This award is given to schools who's academic performance has met or exceeded the state expectation over a period of three or more years. Only 50 schools in the state received it. Pioneer is a part of an exclusive one percent of schools in Washington State that has won this award three times. In addition, Pioneer earned the Washington Achievement Award for 2012-13. Also, Pioneer Elementary School was one of two schools, state wide, to be awarded the Washington State Title I, Part A Distinguished School Award for the 2009-10 school year. The school has been awarded many honors for the teaching that has students at a high achievement level.

Pioneer Elementary School is awarded the prestigious 21st Century Community Learn Centers (CCLC) grant. The 21st CCLC grant is an extended school day learning grant that finances a before and after school program for students that are struggling academically. This program includes extended learning in math and reading as well as music and physical fitness for our students. Our spring break, mid-winter break and summer school programs are also part of the 21st CCLC grant program. Pioneer Elementary School soars above the state average in reading and math in grades 3, 4 and 5, as measured by the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). Additionally, Pioneer Elementary School has successfully closed the achievement gap in reading in grades 3, 4 and 5. We are currently in the fourth year of five years for this grant. Pioneer Elementary School encourages parental participation in all of the Title I programs.

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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	Choose 1: Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1 EOC Geometry/Integrated Math 2 EOC
2015	ELA	Reading AND Writing HSPE*
	Math	Choose 1: 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	Choose 1: Reading AND Writing HSPE Smarter Balanced ELA test (exit exam cut score)+
	Math	Choose 1: 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	Choose 1: 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.

Legal Notice

Auburn School District complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not illegally discriminate on the basis of age; gender; race; color; creed; religion; national origin (including language); sex; sexual orientation including gender expression or identity; honorably discharged veteran or military status; the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability; the use of a trained dog guide or service animal; and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to: Tim Cummings at (253) 931-4932, Title IX Officer and Section 504 and ADA Coordinator.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Pioneer is excited about embarking on a new SIP process this year. We would like to thank the Auburn School District for partnering with us on this entrepreneurial journey. We have taken the methods we use in our school and integrated them in our SIP plan. We are hopeful that this non-traditional design of a school improvement plan might prove successful for other schools who have the drive and discipline necessary to see students succeed. Consider this; if we are to help our students to succeed in the 21st Century, then schools need to become role models that document innovative case studies of successful schools. By identifying emerging new practices and by doing original research, we can validate or refute long-standing educational theory.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?

Special Programs, Events, Activities

Pioneer students and staff were honored to have the Seattle Seahawks come to our school for a special celebration in the 2012-13 school year. They came to celebrate our students and the healthy choices they are making at school. Four of the Seahawk players stayed to work out with some of our students after the assembly and left the school a check for \$20,000.00 from the NFL.

Work that continues to this day was commemorated in 2007. Pioneer’s principal, Debra Gary, received the Hero of Health award from the Washington Health Foundation. Pioneer was the first recipient alongside Governor Christine Gregoire to receive this recognition. This award honored Pioneer’s focus on making healthy choices, good nutrition and exercise a part of our students’ daily lives.

Staff has worked hard to create community partnerships and have a reputation within and outside the district as innovators who aren’t afraid to create miracles for children. There is an open-door policy and staff invites anyone interested to share in staff development or observe the good work that is being done for kids. Pioneer Elementary School welcomes outside ideas and innovative thinking and is committed to a learning environment where the idea of community is emphasized. Pioneer Elementary School staff takes to heart their reputation for being a highly positive place for children. Parents and visitors will see teachers greeting arriving students at the bus and at the classrooms every morning. They will see staff members waiting to say good-bye until all students are dismissed and the bus departs each afternoon. Staff has taken a pledge to greet and send off each student with a smile, a high five, or a friendly hug each day. Staff knows that when children feel safe and cared for, they learn more. Staff has decided that it is worth the conscious effort on their part each and every day to create a special place for children to thrive.

OUR SCHOOL BUILDING

Opening in September 1959, Pioneer Elementary School became the seventh elementary school in the Auburn School District. Fifty-five years later, Pioneer Elementary School serves over 470 students, ranging from kindergarten to fifth grade, many of whom reside or attend day care within a mile’s radius of the school. In 1959, the neighborhood served by Pioneer Elementary School was marked by pasture land and the occasional residence. Today, the community surrounding Pioneer Elementary School illustrates the growth of apartments, duplexes, mobile homes, and single-family dwellings that has taken place throughout Auburn

Pioneer Elementary School is a familiar landmark to the residents of Auburn. The building has been well maintained and remodeled over the years and remains an attractive, highly functional facility. A bright and colorful mural and landscaping project has been completed to encompass the theme of pioneers from the past, present and future. In the past year we have also added murals to all of the classroom doors in the building as well as some welcoming banners to the front walkway. In addition to the 21 classrooms housed within the main building, three classes are housed in portable classrooms to accommodate continued growth. Pioneer Elementary School is also proud to have a Head Start program on campus. Head Start has two full classes that serve almost 40 students every day and are a great addition to the Pioneer community.

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 Washington State Achievement Award
- 2012 Schools of Distinction Award
- 2011 Schools of Distinction Award
- 2012 Washington State Reward School
- 2011 Washington State Reward School
- 2011 Title I Academic Achievement/Improvement Award
- 2010 Title I Distinguished School Award
- 2009 Title I Academic Achievement/Improvement Award
- 2008 State Superintendent’s Learning Improvement Award - School of Distinction

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

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

<i>Pioneer Elementary School 2013-14 Budget Funds Spent Per Student (not including salary)</i>	
Books and Supplies:	
Basic Education	\$34.27
Special Education	39.77
Library	4.00
Field Trips	.90
Administrative Supplies	.90

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“In a safe environment, all students will achieve high standards of learning in order to become ethically responsible decision makers and lifelong learners.”

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