

# Annual School Performance Report 2017-2018

## Mt. Spokane High School

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## Mission Statements and Beliefs

### *Mead School District Mission and Goals*

The Mead School District's mission is to provide the best educational opportunities possible to all students. In order to achieve this mission, we are committed to three organizing goals: focusing on students and their learning, creating democratic structures for participation, and increasing the connections between parents, businesses, community and our schools.

### *Mt. Spokane High School Mission Statement*

After completing a process to articulate '*Why we do what we do*' at MSHS, a concise "Why" statement was formed and guides our work with students, community and each other. **Empowering People - Abolishing Apathy - Creating 'What's Next'** serves as a mission that guides us each and every day.

## About Our School

Mt. Spokane High School provides an outstanding environment for learning. The building is evidence of what happens when staff is involved in the design process. Our building was designed by teachers for students. In the center of the school is a grass courtyard highlighted by Harold Balazs' inspiring sculptures, together entitled "Circle of Friends." We are located in north Spokane, with beautiful views of wheat fields, Green Bluff, and Mt. Spokane.

In addition to being a wonderful physical structure, Mt. Spokane is proud of the learning opportunities we offer our 1,591 students, with an average class size of 19 to 1. In order to address the needs and interest of all our students, we provide a wide range of curricular offerings. Our teachers have spent a significant amount of time defining learning targets in all subject areas across the 9-12 grade levels. We are committed to using data to drive our educational decisions and optimize learning opportunities for our students. One indication of our students' success is their performance on state-mandated exams. Our state testing system has now transitioned from the EOC to the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) that aligns with the Common Core State Standards. Students must pass this assessment or a state-approved alternative in English/Language Arts (ELA), and Math in order to graduate.

Our students have access to a wide variety of technology including rolling laptop labs, computers and smart TVs in every classroom, and a state of the art Media Center (Library). In addition, every room in our building has wireless internet access. Our staff continues to find ways to utilize technology as an effective tool for learning, including district-supported web resources such as EPSCO HOST, Proquest and SIRS Online. Students also have their own Schoology account, also called MyMead, where all of their classes are listed; teachers have their own MyMead account, which students can access to find current assignments, projects, study guides and even quizzes

and tests. Students and parents have access to PowerSchool, where they can check grades, attendance and student schedules through the link on our home page.

Mt. Spokane continues to offer comprehensive extracurricular and co-curricular programs which involve close to 75% of our students. Our athletic teams continue to compete admirably in the Greater Spokane League. Athletic activities are augmented by strong drama, debate, DECA, leadership, vocal and instrumental music programs and a variety of clubs and activities sponsored by our Associated Student Body. Our ASB students play an active role in the vibrant life of our school and sponsor a successful two day, on-campus event called *Breaking Down the Walls* for Mt. Spokane students. In addition to school related activities, Mt. Spokane students are involved in a number of community service projects that benefit a variety of groups and individuals in our area.

## Of Special Interest

Mt. Spokane High School offers a variety of experiences and opportunities to assure success in high school and post-secondary education. In the **Advanced Placement** program at Mt. Spokane High School, we offer 15 Advanced Placement courses and three Honors courses, totaling 42 sections throughout our school day.

Mt. Spokane offers a number of opportunities for students to receive extra help and individualized attention from teachers. **National Honor Society** students offer free one-on-one tutoring for students. Additionally, students are able to access extra help from certified Math, English, Science, and Social Studies teachers four days a week in the after school Academic Enrichment Program. A credit recovery option is also offered through Academic Enrichment, as well as a Study Skills class during the academic school day.

In order to better prepare every student for the opportunity to pursue higher education and training, we provide experiences for our students to visit to local colleges. We also organize a **College Fair** where representatives from Inland Northwest state colleges, universities, private and technical schools, and scholarship programs meet with students to inform them of admissions criteria and financial needs specific to their institution. All juniors write a college application letter in their English class.

Mt. Spokane also now offers students access to Eastern Washington University, Spokane Falls Community College and Spokane Community College through the **Running Start** program. Within these programs, students can take actual college courses, and earn both graduation and college credits without paying tuition. Other programs such as **Project Lead the Way** through Washington State University, give students access to biomedical science and engineering curriculum. We now offer a sports medicine class as well.

Our **ProStart** and **Skills Center** programs offer vocational training to our students with interests in fields such as culinary arts , nursing, cosmetology, automotive technology, and much more. So many of our students find success and independence while exploring career options in these programs.

**Student Services** at Mt. Spokane is the epicenter for students seeking college scholarship opportunities and assistance with the application process.

One of our proudest events is the Spokane Scholars Foundation Banquet, when the most accomplished students in Spokane County are honored before the community, their families, and their peers. In the last three years, Mt. Spokane students earned \$5,000 in scholarship grants, as well as acknowledgements in the areas of English, Fine Arts, Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics.

We are in our second year with our **college and career counselor** who works diligently with individual students and with groups of students on their post-secondary education plans. These tasks include college and job applications, scholarships, internships, filling out the FAFSA, registering for the SAT and ACT, completing career interest inventories and meeting the specific needs of students in our building from freshmen to senior year.

**Link Crew** at Mt. Spokane High School is a program designed to assist freshmen students acclimate to the routines, rigor and customs of the high school. Junior and senior level students act as mentors throughout the

freshmen students' first year of high school, with regularly scheduled meetings to discuss such topics as goal setting, social interaction, academic success and school traditions and culture.

## Parent Involvement at Mt. Spokane High School

Mt. Spokane High School values parent involvement and welcomes all parents to participate in a variety of ways. Keeping parents informed of the work, activities, and accomplishments of our school is one of our top priorities. The district website is [www.mead354.org](http://www.mead354.org) (click on Mt. Spokane High School to gather up-to-date information). Additional information is available through the Mt. Spokane Blog located on our homepage. Parents and students can also check grades and student schedules through the PowerSchool link on our homepage. We also have a strong presence on social media through Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Parents and community members serve alongside staff and students on Mt. Spokane's Council for Learning Improvement. Our Athletic Booster club and Band Stand continually support our sports and instrumental music programs. The C.A.T.S. organization (Curriculum, Academics and Team Support) assists a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular academic programs and clubs. The Senior All-Nighter group coordinates a graduation night event each year for Mt. Spokane's seniors.

## Mt. Spokane by Numbers: School Year Facts and Figures (2017-2018)

### School Demographics

% of Students (Grades 9-12)	Number of Staff (FTE)	Extra/Co-curricular Programs (Number of Students)	Graduation Rates
Native American/ Alaskan Native 0.4	Classroom Teachers 77 Avg. Yrs. Experience 16.6 Master's Degree + 71.4%	Co-curricular (Drama, Music, Debate, DECA, Leadership, Cheer/Dance): 613	On-time 4 yr: 93.8% Extended 5 yr: 92.3%
Asian 1.6	Administrators 4	Enrolled in Extracurricular Athletics:	7/10 Graduates attend college
Black 1.7	Classified Staff 40	<b>Male</b> 670 <b>Female</b> 711	
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander 2.7			
Hispanic/Latino 5.1			
2 or more races 6.8			
White 81.7			
Female 51.5			
Male 48.5			
Free/Reduced Lunch 26.2			

### ACT Score Summary

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Total
<b>Nation</b>	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0
<b>State</b>	21.4	22.2	22.7	22.0	22.2
<b>MSHS</b>	25.8	24.4	27.2	24.7	25.6

### PSAT/SAT Score Summary

PSAT Grade 11				SAT			
11th Grade Test Takers	11th Grade Total Mean	11th Grade ERW Mean	11th Grade Math Mean	SAT Test Takers	Total Score Mean	ERW Mean	Math Mean
238	1015	508	507	163	1104	560	545

### Advanced Placement (AP) Statistics

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
# of Subjects	17	11	16	17	19	20	19	18	20
Tests Given	422	435	480	577	492	424	502	463	483
Actual Students	235	259	283	321	275	248	285	265	246
Pass Rate (3 or higher)	64%	64%	64%	63%	68%	63%	64.6%	67.3%	71%

### SBA English Language Arts

School Year 2016-2017	Did Not Meet Standard		Met Standard	
Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
10	15	46	160	143
11	61	51	33	11

### SBA Math

School Year 2016-2017	Did Not Meet Standard		Met Standard	
Grade	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
10	65	99	122	80
11	150	134	135	27

## District General Fund Budget 2016-17

✓ **Budget:** \$121.5 million operating budget

70% goes to teachers

5% Central Office Administration

6% Building Administration

8% Maintenance

5% Transportation

3% Food Service

3% Other

✓ 274 out of 295 Washington school districts in **per student expenditures**

✓ **Funding Origin:** 80% State government

14% Local taxes

6% Federal government

✓ **3-6% cash reserve goal**

✓ Employs 20% fewer administrators than state guidelines specify, educating each student for 10% less than the state average (less than any other Spokane County school district).

## What's Next: Our School Improvement Plan

After conducting a comprehensive needs assessment for Mt. Spokane High School, we have created the following **SMART goals** based on our strengths, challenges, and priorities. These goals are made using a number of available data points including test scores, school climate perception, and both staff and community feedback.

### English Language Arts (ELA)

- By May, 2019, 90% of all 11th grade students will meet standard on the Smarter Balanced Assessment.
- By April, 2019, MSHS teachers will have essential learnings outlined & commonly assessed for core ELA courses

### Mathematics

- By June 2019, 90% of all first-time Algebra I students will earn credit.
- MSHS 11th grade students will meet standard at a higher percentage than that of the state average.

### College & Career Readiness

- Every student leaves Mt. Spokane with a meaningful High School and Beyond plan.

### Community Connections

- Successfully complete a community-wide survey using Reality Check by the end of October, 2016.
- Partner with 2nd Harvest Food Bank to successfully implement the High School Bite2Go program.

### Professional Growth

- Offer multiple book study opportunities to staff that focus on increasing empathy and supporting students who are underrepresented within our community.
- Engage in professional development specific to strategies that support our ELL population.

### Technology

- 70% of all certificated teachers will complete iPad training through Mead School District CTE.
- One to one student computing. All students have access to a chromebook in each classroom on a daily basis to support and enhance learning.