

FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC ACADEMY

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REPORT TO COLLEGES 2019 – 2020

Federal Way Public Academy is a college preparatory school that families and students choose to attend. The school's program emphasizes a challenging 'traditional' academic curriculum for every student in every subject. Public Academy prepares students for rigorous, academic instruction in order to prepare them for their college experiences.

FWPA CHARACTERISTICS

Founded in 1999, FWPA is a college preparatory public school for students in grades six through ten. The school is part of Federal Way Public Schools. Students choose to attend the Academy and admission is by a lottery system. Student enrollment is currently about 310 for grades six through ten.

As a public school, there is no cost to attend, and the school operates under the same per-student budget allocation of corresponding schools in the school district.

GRADE STANDARDS

Public Academy currently has the highest test scores in the Federal Way School District and our state assessment scores are among the top in the state of Washington. The rigorous curriculum leads to these high scores, but also leads to grades that are lower than other area schools. FWPA actively resists grade inflation and believes this grading policy helps contribute to high test scores and prepares students for future academic endeavors.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE GPA'S FWPA Students 2018 – 2019 School Year

GPA	% of Class
4.00 – 3.67	29%
3.66 – 3.33	13%
3.32 – 3.00	12%
2.99 – 2.67	12%
2.66 – 2.33	11%
2.33 – 2.00	18%
< 2.00	14%

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Sixth and seventh grades are taught in a team-teaching model. Each student takes intensive instruction in math, reading, writing, science, and social studies. There is also a heavy emphasis on study skills and preparing students to begin college preparatory instruction in the eighth grade. Advanced math students enrolled in Algebra and Geometry, who finish with a passing grade, earn high school credit. About one half of the seventh grade students enroll in either of these classes. All seventh grade students also take a year of High School Level Spanish.

Eighth grade college preparatory work is emphasized in English, U.S. History, and Science. Students also continue with Spanish and work on integrating technology into their classes. Most students are enrolled in Algebra, with the more advanced students placed in Geometry or Advanced Algebra. Students enrolled in Spanish, Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra, earn high school credit.

Ninth grade students are enrolled in English, World History Course One, Chemistry, Spanish, and Geometry and a course in Advanced Algebra. Students also enroll in a semester of Health, Computer Science and Drama.

Tenth grade students are enrolled in World History Course Two, Humanities, English, Chemistry, Spanish, and Advanced Algebra or Pre-Calculus.

Federal Way Public Academy Test Scores Report 2018 - 2019

Listed below is a comparison of the tests scores of Federal Way Public Academy with the rest of the state. Math, reading and writing scores for all grades placed the Academy with the top scoring schools in the state.

Federal Way Public Academy 6th Grade SBA Scores 2018 - 2019

Subject	Reading	Math
State Average	57%	47%
FWPA Average	75%	56%

Federal Way Public Academy 7th grade SBA Scores 2018 - 2019

Subject	Reading	Math
State Average	60%	49%
FWPA Average	73%	53%

Federal Way Public Academy 8th grade SBA Scores 2018 - 2019

Subject	Reading	Math	Science
State Average	58%	46%	52%
FWPA Average	81%	73%	72%

Federal Way Public Academy 10th Grade SBA Scores 2016 - 2017

Subject	Reading	Math	Science
State Average	73%	26%	34%
FWPA Average	96%	84%	71%

SBA -- Smarter Balanced Assessment