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# FRANKLIN PIERCE HIGH SCHOOL

## School Performance Report for 2007-2008

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### Principal's Message

The 2007-08 school year showed a great deal of progress at Franklin Pierce High School. There were a number of changes that came at the beginning of the year; this included a new principal and 15 new teachers. The new and veteran staff worked diligently throughout the school year to improve the learning experiences for all students. The school improvement plan was focused in two areas: improving academic achievement in reading, writing, math and science and improving school culture and respect. Many new programs were put into place to help students learn. Some of these included a Reading Intervention class. This class used a research-based computer program to aid students in bringing their reading achievement up to grade level. On the mathematics forefront, teachers spent numerous hours working collaboratively to establish clear learning targets and develop common assessments for the algebra and geometry curriculum.

The second initiative focused on improving school culture. A committee was formed to look at the procedures and protocols from the Safe and Civil Schools Initiative. This committee worked throughout the year in developing new strategies to address some of the school-wide concerns around attendance and tardies, in particular. By using data and researching best practices, they made suggestions to all staff in regard to some new procedures that would provide for a better learning environment for all students. These suggestions were approved by the general staff and have been implemented in the current school year. The Safe and Civil Committee will continue its work in the 2008-09 school year.

We were excited about the successes that Franklin Pierce High School had this year that included an increase in WASL scores in all areas—reading, writing, math and science. We look forward to continuing much of the work that was started in the 2007-08 as we move ahead in our quest to become a high performing high school. Our vision is simple—Prepare all students to be successful, productive citizens who have the academic preparation to succeed in post-secondary education.

### Franklin Pierce Schools

#### VISION

Every student graduates from high school prepared to succeed in post-secondary education.

#### CORE BUSINESS

Engage all students in rigorous, relevant, high quality Work.

#### BELIEFS

- Every student can learn to think, reason, and achieve at high levels.
- Every student can learn more every day.
- Every student has potential for educational and economic success beyond high school.
- Every teacher is a "leader of learning" whose primary job is to engage students in meaningful experiences that result in desired learning.
- Every staff member has the ability to build positive relationships with students that contribute to learning.
- Every school principal is a "leader of leaders."
- Every staff member has the responsibility to support the core business.

#### MISSION

To provide students an engaging educational environment, built upon proven academics and high standards, resulting in successful and contributing citizens.

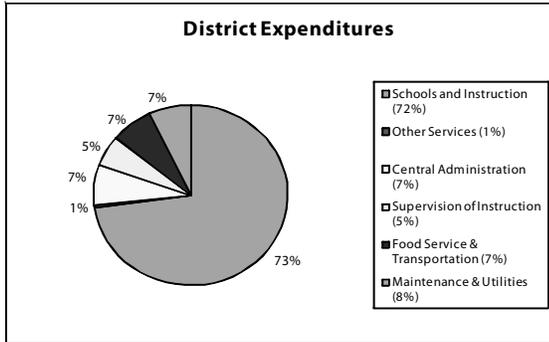
#### GOALS

1. Increase academic achievement of all students.
2. Prepare students for success beyond high school.
3. Maintain safe and caring schools.
4. Promote family and community involvement in our schools.

*Engage Their Minds*

# 2007-2008 District Budget

## Where do our education dollars go?



### District Fund Balance

07-08 Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 2,500,000
Income	\$ 69,432,790
Expenses	(\$ 69,432,790)
07-08 Ending Fund Balance	\$ 2,500,000

### Expenditures Per Student

Teaching Activities	\$ 34.37
Teaching Support	\$ 5.33
Food Service	\$ 1.71
Transportation	\$ 2.13
Building Administration	\$ 2.96
Building Operation	\$ 3.74
Central Administration	\$ 3.84
Other Support Services	\$ .29
<b>Total Cost Per Day</b>	<b>\$ 54.37</b>

### General Fund/Income

Tax Base (Local Property Taxes)	\$ 14,462,000
State Support	\$ 48,169,019
Federal Support	\$ 6,673,471
Other Sources	\$ 128,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,432,790</b>

## Our Students

### Gender & Ethnicity

Gender	Percent	Number
Males	49%	589
Females	51%	613

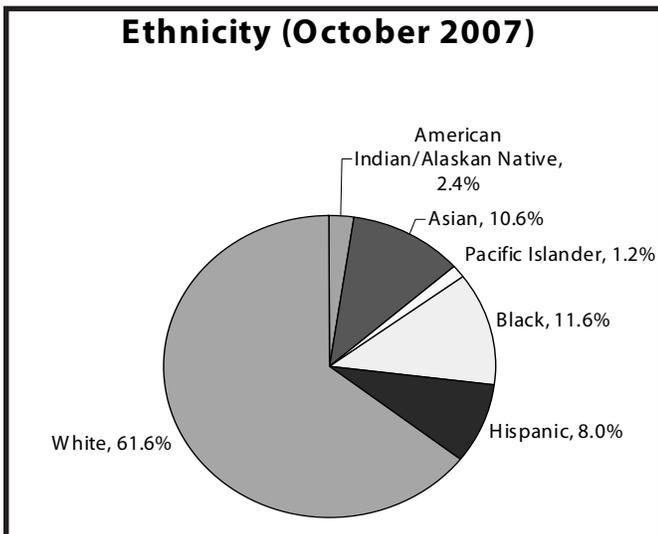
### Graduation & Dropout Rates

*Seniors (as of October 1, 2007)*

Percentage calculations based on 227 seniors: 235 students PLUS 13 students enrolled/advanced in grade after October, MINUS 18 "shared students" who graduated from /returned to their home schools (13 Medical Rotation & 1 other) & 3 exchange students returning to home countries..

167 graduates	73.5%
31 non-graduates	13.7%
17 withdrawn to other schools/programs	7.5%
12 dropouts	5.3%

### Ethnicity (October 2007)



### Disciplinary Actions

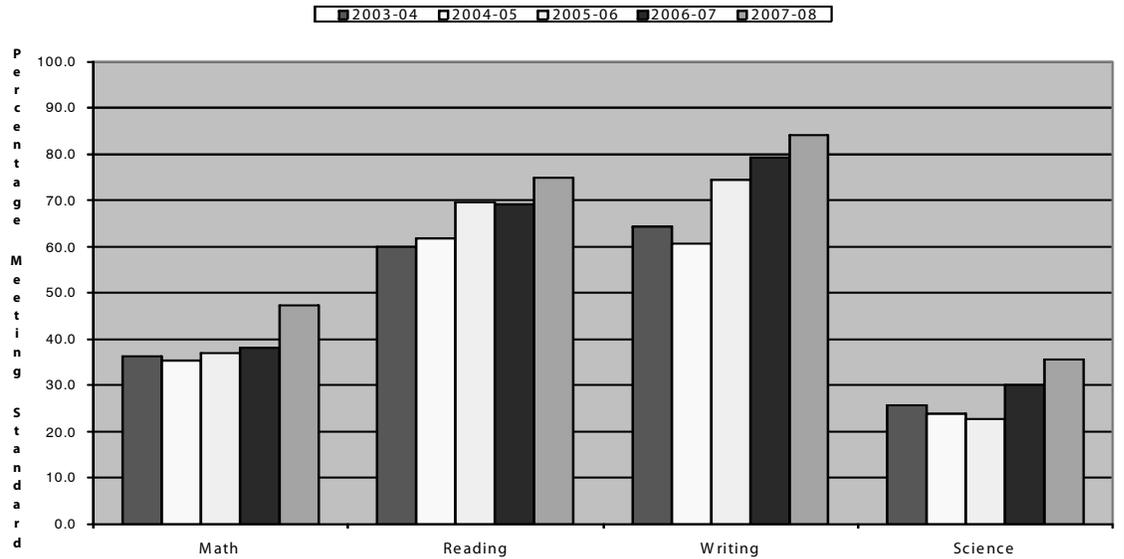
Our school has the highest enrollment in the district, yet respectable numbers in the area of student suspension. Our security staff ensures that our school is safe and orderly. Routine detentions and Friday Schools are assigned for common rule infractions. We work closely with students and their parents to maintain strong discipline in our school with an excellent educational environment, and an emphasis on disruption free classrooms.

Discipline	2007-2008	
	FPHS	District
Short-term Suspensions	236	1362
Long-term Suspensions	20	127
Expulsions	5	11

# Test Results for 2007-2008

## Franklin Pierce H.S. WASL Comparison

The WASL chart to the right represents the percent of students who are able to meet state academic standards in reading, writing, science and mathematics. This chart also show trends at FPHS across several years. You can obtain more information about our school and its performance on the OSPI website [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) under School Report Card.



## FPHS Accomplishments



FP Students from the Turf & Landscaping class once again captured First Place and Best In Show in the high school division at the Point Defiance Flower & Garden Show. 1-r front row: Kaylee Kenney, Tamra Cooper, Robyn Christensen, teacher Sly Boskovich; back row: Mitchell Solomon, Derick Fogle, Cory Curtis, Adam Fujiura

- 2007 graduate George Ftikas was inducted into the Legal Eagles, the student community of the Department of Justice, Law and Society at American University.
- DECA came to FP this year. This club, along with our business alliance class, opened our new student store "The Bird's Nest."
- Our DECA cards competed for the first time in the regional competition, and eight placed, going on to state: Garrett Gunderson & Andrew Soros teamed up

to receive the elusive 1st place in Financial Analysis; Amanda Vishoot took home 3rd in Accounting; Riley Kitchen and Dan Squier received 6th in Buying & Merchandising Management. Austin Olson placed 7th in Automotive Services Marketing; Rachel Wilder 7th in Business Services Marketing; and Danielle Westing 7th in Restaurant & Food Service.

- Our band students participated in the Regional Solo and Ensemble contest held at Bethel High. All individual entrants scored at least an "Excellent" (II) rating, and two received ratings of I: Max Jacobsen, who went on to state, and Grace Pak, who was a first alternate to state. Band director Matt Pelandini says these students rose above and beyond what is expected of them, preparing their music outside of class, presenting themselves professionally at the competition, and representing FP well to the rest of our region.
- Max Jacobsen represented himself and the school extremely well at the State Solo/Ensemble contest in Ellensburg. He received outstanding (near perfect) scores in almost all categories, and from one judge, an

overall rating of 1 (considered "most musical artistry expected from any high school student").

- FP baseball players Kevin Whitehead and Erich Armstrong were selected to the All-Area baseball team by the Tacoma News Tribune, and Kevin, Erich and Brooks Roy made the SPSL All-League 1<sup>st</sup> team.
- In the spring, our band received an "Excellent" rating from three very tough judges at the regional Band Contest at Graham-Kapowsin HS. Our band students thoroughly enjoyed their clinic with Larry Gookin of CWU, and were able to hear some wonderful bands including Spanaway Lake, Curtis, and Graham Kapowsin.
- The journalism and yearbook staffs attended the JEA National Convention in Anaheim, CA. Four FP students brought home awards: Elise Utterback received a "Superior" in the category Yearbook Copy/Caption: Sports; Amy Ohlinger took an "Excellent" in Newspaper News/Feature Photography; and Zach Newman (Broadcast Newswriting) and Kristen Larkin (Advertising Design) brought back Honorable Mentions.

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## Building Usage

Franklin Pierce High School facilities are available for public use. We encourage district personnel and community groups to use our building. Our central location is very appealing to local organizations. Depending on the group and type of use, some fees may apply. For more information contact FP office manager Lynn Cawthra at 298-3805.

## Emergency Procedures

Our students and staff are familiar with the evacuation routes to use in case of an emergency and routinely participate in safety drills, including emergency lock down drills designed to safeguard students in the event of an intruder on our campus, as well as monthly fire drills. We meet regularly in committee and as a faculty to improve our campus security.

## Staff Information

A variety of highly trained and capable staff provide instruction, counseling, and support to all students. Certified staff have special credentials to allow them to provide direct instruction to students.

Classified staff provide many different support services such as instructional assistance, administrative support and nursing services.

All staff participate in the development and implementation of our School Improvement Plan.

## Involvement

Education is truly a cooperative effort among parents, students, staff, and the community. Your support and help are appreciated. If your business is interested in a school/business partnership, please feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office at 298-3000. If you are interested in volunteering at one of the district schools, please contact the principal's office of that school. All volunteers are required to complete a Washington State Patrol background check.

At FP, we also encourage you to join our Booster Club. Call the main office for more information.

## FPHS Accomplishments

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- Senior Nathalie Herrand was accepted at Duke University!!!
- The 2007-08 Cardinal Newspaper staff for took home Best of Show 1st Runner Up at State competition! The staff submitted the November 2007 issue of the Cardinal. Dan Woods, Ashley Drowatzky, James Fisher and Amy Ohlinger also won individual Honorable Mentions for their work.

- Senior Janice Rim was selected as a Washington Scholar. This award comes with a scholarship for full tuition for 4 years at any Washington University. Janice was one of 147 students across the state selected for the award.
- The FPHS Concert and Symphonic Bands (known together as the "Cardinal Band") participated at the CWU Wind Ensemble Festival. It is the largest festival of its kind in the state. The students performed two pieces of music especially put together for this event and received many compliments, including "I had no idea the band was doing so well!", "I wasn't expecting that!", and "Your band is AWESOME!"
- The Franklin Pierce Special Olympics Basketball Team won the State Championship in Wentachee/Leavenworth. Taking home the gold medal were Jacob Hartson, Wyatt Jones, Joshua Moldskred (Ford Middle School), Zachary Slotnick, and Greg Whitbeck.
- The FP Jazz Band participated at the Edmonds Community College Jazz Festival. We received high praise from the adjudicators and three students received "Outstanding Musicianship" Awards: Leif Gustafson, Max Jacobsen, and Trish Wells.



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