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FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC ACADEMY
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REPORT TO COLLEGES 2009-2010

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. The Public Academy prepares students for rigorous, academic instruction in order to prepare them for their college experiences.

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

Founded in 1999, FWPA is a college preparatory public school for grades six through ten. The school is a part of the Federal Way Public School System. Students choose to come to the academy and admission is by a lottery system. In 2007, 190 students applied for the 62 sixth grade placements available.

Student Population is about 300 for grades six through ten.

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

GRADE STANDARDS

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

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE GPA'S FWPA Students 2008 – 2009 School Year

GPA	# of Students	% of Class
4.00-3.67	65	22%
3.66-3.33	39	13%
3.32-3.00	38	13%
2.99-2.67	31	10%
2.66-2.33	42	14%
2.33-2.00	23	8%
GPA<2.00	61	20%
Average FWPA GPA 2008 - 2009 - 2.76		

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 can earn high school credit if they are enrolled in Algebra or Geometry. Fifty percent of the seventh graders were enrolled in these class.

Eighth grade College preparatory work is emphasized in English, U.S. History, and Integrated Science. Students also begin 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. High school credit is given for Spanish, Integrated Science, Algebra and Geometry.

Ninth grade students are enrolled in English, History of the Pacific Region, Spanish II, Biology, and Geometry or advanced Algebra. Students also enroll in a semester of Civics and Debate and two elective semesters of Digital Information, Forensics or Robotics.

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



