



Challenger High School
School Profile
2014-15

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COMMUNITY

Challenger High School was formed in 1974 as the Alternative High School for the Bethel School District. After several location changes and transformations of the program, Challenger High School's campus now houses 14 portables at its current location. It is one of four high schools in the Bethel School District, and Challenger serves 350 students. Challenger High School is located in Spanaway, in Pierce County, south of Tacoma, Washington.

SCHOOL FACTS

Type of School: Public, 4-year high school, organized into four quarters of nine weeks each.

Total Enrollment: 350 students, grades 9 – 12

Percent Free/Reduced Lunch: 54.1%

COURSE SCHEDULE:

A total of three courses plus an Advisory period are offered, with an AM or PM session for a full-time student each quarter.

RUNNING START:

Running Start is a Washington State early college entrance program that provides an opportunity for juniors and seniors to take community or technical college classes, earning high school and college credit simultaneously. Challenger High School students may take advantage of this program either full or part time.

PIERCE COUNTY SKILLS CENTER: Challenger students may attend the PCSC during the opposite session of their school schedule. Students attending the Skills Center can earn an additional 1.5 high school credits each semester, while learning a trade. Programs descriptions are online on the Pierce County Skills Center website.

CLASS RANK: Based on un-weighted cumulative GPA.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE:

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| A = 4.0 | B = 3.0 | C = 2.0 | D = 1.0 |
| A- = 3.7 | B- = 2.7 | C- = 1.7 | F = 0.0 |
| B+ = 3.3 | C+ = 2.3 | D+ = 1.3 | P = not used in calculating GPA |

CREDIT SYSTEM

0.5 credit is awarded per class per quarter for a grade of A, B, C, D, or P. No credit is given for an F or NC.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – for the class of 2015 (grades 9-12)

4 years of Communication Arts
2 years of Science
3 years of Mathematics

3 years of Social Studies
2.5 years of Health/Fitness
1 year of Occupational Credit

1 year of Fine Arts
0.5 credit Career Education
5 Elective Credits

Total of 22.5 credits needed to graduate

In addition to passing the academic requirements, students must also pass the Reading and Writing sections of the Washington High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) and one Mathematics End of Course Assessment (EOC) and the Biology End of Course Assessment (EOC).