

# Programs & Services

Partners in Learning

## Secondary

Walla Walla High School supports a four-year, comprehensive program. Core curriculum, a vocational program, Advanced Placement, English acquisition, special education, and fine arts courses are offered. Running Start to earn college credits is also available.

## Middle School

The middle school programs include teaching teams at each grade level offering two to three core courses for the same 60-90 students. The middle schools also have an Explorer Gifted Learning program, special education, transitional English, elective and exploratory classes.

## Elementary

Elementary schools offer a complete curriculum with a core focus on literacy, mathematics, and social sciences. Bilingual and English acquisition courses are offered. Low class sizes in kindergarten (all day) and first grade are featured.

## Preschool

The Child Development Center offers a comprehensive preschool program, including Head Start and Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (*ECEAP*).

## Special Programs

Approximately 735 students, district-wide, qualify for special services (*some require speech only*) and approximately 1,200 students are served by Title I/LAP programs for supplemental help in Reading, Math, and Language Arts. Transitional bilingual services also help students acquire English skills.

## Alternative

Secondary Alternative Education includes: Lincoln Alternative High School and Alternative Education Program at Walla Walla Community College. Homelink (*servicing home school students and online learning*) is located at Berney Elementary.

## Special Education Opportunities

Walla Walla Public Schools provides special education services to students who range in age from birth through 21 and have a documented disability.

Special education provides support to students so they can be successful in an educational setting. Our services include special instruction, physical and occupational therapy, speech and language services, transportation, counseling, school health services, behavioral support, rehabilitation and recreation services, and parent training.

Our Individualized Educational Program team determines what services and supports are needed to provide an appropriate educational program for each of our approximately 735 students who are currently receiving special education support.

High school students may be eligible for the Community Resource Training Program supported by local businesses. Community job experiences are provided for students in grades 9 through 12. More than 60 local employers provide work sites to help our students enhance their work skills. Students may rotate through eight different vocational placements during their first two years of high school. In their junior and senior years, students advance to more individualized volunteer or paid work experiences. Many times these work positions are supplemented with vocational classes at the high school or community college.

More than 60 special education students are participating in the Community Resource Training class. Special education staff support the students as they learn new job skills and experience the satisfaction of working in the community in real jobs. This program has emphasized the important link between the world of school and the world of work. Our students are learning which career paths match their own personal skills and interests.

**Contact the Special Education Department at 527-3000.**