

How I-728 funds were spent this year

2006 -2007 School Year

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Class size reduction (52%)

- K-5 15.565 teachers were funded this school year to provide support in math and reading. These additional teachers also helped the district lower class size in the primary grades.
- 6-12 14.6 teachers were funded this year in pre-Algebra and basic reading and middle school reading.

Professional Development (11%)

Training to improve teaching quality was offered in the following areas:

- Science
- Math
- Reading
- Writing
- Social Studies

Professional Development projects included:

- Assessment/Data Analysis
- LASER Science Training
- Instructional Coaches
- Professional resources for teachers
- Collaborative planning in the core content areas
- Critical Friends
- Gifted and Talented

* Many training opportunities are designed as “trainer-of-trainer” models with the purpose of developing training capacity among our own staff. We are building a cadre of teachers who are becoming our own in-district trainers.

Extended Learning (6%)

Various extended learning programs for students in grades K-12 were offered throughout the school year and summer. This includes All Day Kindergarten for all students. Programs focused primarily on reading and math; more content-based offerings for credit retrieval were provided at the secondary level.

Construction (2%)

- Purchased portables at Wa-Hi

Reserve (29%)

\$641,416

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Walla Walla, WA

2006-2007

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I-728 Community Report

Your Partner in Learning



“The Citizens of Washington expect and deserve great public schools for our generation of school children and for those who follow.

A quality public education system is crucial for our state’s future economic success and prosperity, and for our children and their children to lead successful lives.”

Excerpt from text of Initiative 728

Approved by 71.5 percent of voters in November 2000

Our Vision

Walla Walla Public Schools

Centers of learning meeting the needs of students

District Mission Statement

Walla Walla Public Schools, in partnership with the community, is committed to excellence in personalized learning which challenges and supports all students in becoming educated, productive citizens, and life-long learners.



Our Core Values are more than mere words; they're our business!

Quality | Integrity | Accountability | Respect | Courtesy

I-728...The Basics

What is the origin of I-728? I-728 was written by K-12 2000, a statewide organization of parents, school levy and bond committee members, educators and citizens who are frustrated with overcrowded classrooms and under-funded schools. An extensive process of consensus building, including community meetings around the state, culminated in hundreds of people contributing their ideas for supporting education reform and the state's new, higher standards for student achievement.

Why does I-728 focus on these areas? After talking to parents and citizens from around the state and reviewing education research, K-12 2000 focused on areas that have been shown to increase student learning—like class size reduction. At the same time, the initiative provides flexibility for districts that have other needs, such as summer school and tutoring programs.

The nation's average for student/teacher ratio is 15.8 students per certificated teacher. Washington's student/teacher ratio is 19.2 students per certificated teacher. This number includes music and PE teachers, and other specialists, as well as classroom teachers. This means that the actual number of children in a classroom with one teacher is substantially higher.

How does I-728 affect local M&O Levies? Regardless of this new funding, M&O levies will still fund existing programs Walla Walla voters for more than 35 years have said are vital to a well-rounded education. **It is important to note that the state of Washington still does not fund basic education programs or services at the needed level. I-728 funds can't supplant funds used for existing programs, they may only be used for the five purposes defined in the initiative.**

I-728 Quick Facts

- 71.5 percent of voters said yes to I-728 in November 2000.
 - directs a portion of state property tax, state lottery, and emergency reserve fund revenues into a new *student achievement fund*.
- Money allocated to districts can be used for:*
- class size reduction
 - extended learning opportunities
 - professional development for educators
 - early assistance for pre-kindergarten children
 - building improvements related to class size reduction and extended learning.

Online Initiative 728 Resources

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) www.k12.wa.us/

District Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 1 - Teaching and Learning

- Develop a 21st century learning community that supports continuous learning through relevant and aligned curriculum, instruction, assessment and professional development.

Goal 2 - Communications

- Improve two-way communication with parents, schools, students and the community.

Goal 3 - Facilities & Technology

- Plan and build state-of-the-art facilities with technology to enhance educational opportunities.

I-728 Spending Plan • 2006-2007

Target Area	Recommended Allocation	
Teachers - Class size reduction	52%	\$1,156,818
Extended Learning	6%	\$123,275
Professional Development	11%	\$241,899
Construction	2%	\$40,878
Reserve	29%	\$641,416
TOTAL	100%	\$2,204,286 (Projected 06-07 revenue: 5760.07 x \$300 = \$1,728,021)
Carryover from 05-06 school year		\$476,265

Walla Walla Public Schools Student Assessment

A variety of assessments are used to measure student learning in the Walla Walla Public Schools. Teachers use classroom assessments of all types at all grade levels. In addition, the State of Washington has developed tests which measure the Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) tests are given to students at 3rd grade (reading and math), 4th grade (reading, math and writing) 5th grade (reading, math and science), 6th grade (reading and math), 7th grade (reading, math and writing), 8th grade (reading, math and science) and at 10th grade (reading, math, writing and science).

2005-06 WASL Results WALLA WALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
3rd Grade	70.0%	61.6%		
4th Grade	82.6%	53.5%	54.7%	
5th Grade	73.0%	46.9%		36.3%
6th Grade	61.3%	45.1%		
7th Grade	63.0%	49.0%	64.1%	
8th Grade	71.6%	46.5%		47.3%
10th Grade	81.7%	52.1%	77.6%	44.3%

2005-06 WASL Results WASHINGTON STATE

Grade Level	Reading	Math	Writing	Science
3rd Grade	68.3%	64.2%		
4th Grade	81.2%	58.9%	60.4%	
5th Grade	76.3%	55.8%		35.7%
6th Grade	66.7%	49.5%		
7th Grade	61.5%	48.5%	64.6%	
8th Grade	70.1%	48.9%		42.9%
10th Grade	82.0%	51.0%	79.8%	35.0%

I-728 Funding Breakdown

Year	Funding
2002-2003	\$219 per FTE (actual)
2003-2004	\$212 per FTE (actual)
2004-2005	\$254 per FTE (actual)
2005-2006	\$300 per FTE (actual)
2006-2007	\$375 per FTE (actual)
2007-2008	\$450 per FTE (projected)

