



# PORT TOWNSEND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## LEARNING THROUGH A SENSE OF PLACE

### BLUE HERON SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

#### Mission Statement

The mission of Blue Heron School is to assure that within a nurturing and stimulating environment, each of our diverse students achieves literacy and appropriate core competencies, and becomes a responsible and compassionate citizen.

#### Demographics

Grades 4-8 May 2017 Enrollment – 402

82.8% White – 8.6% Hispanic/Latino – 4.1% Two or More Races – 1.5% Asian – 1.3% Native American – 1.3% Black/African American – 0.5% Pacific Islander

49.8% Free/Reduced Lunch – 14.9% Special Education – 1.2% Bilingual – 0.2% Migrant

#### Achievement

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	State	BH	State	BH	State	BH	State	BH	State	BH
ELA	55%	70%	59%	65%	56%	63%	60%	58%	59%	76%
MTH	54%	67%	49%	49%	48%	32%	50%	29%	48%	41%
SCI	NT	NT	63%	72%	NT	NT	NT	NT	66%	75%

2016-2017 State Testing Results

#### Staffing

The Blue Heron staff consists of 28 certificated and 16 classified employees. 22 of our 26 certificated teacher have a master’s degree and all are highly qualified. Our teachers have an average experience of 15 years.

#### Academic Programs

Blue Heron academic offerings include English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Pacific NW History, World History/Geography, American History, Orchestra, Band, Physical Education, Science, STEAM Electives, Visual Art, Publications, Creative Writing, Music Technology, and Support Classes in ELA/MATH. Additionally, Blue Heron offers Algebra which can be taken for HS credit.

#### Support

Additional support for students is available in social-emotional, personal, and career-college ready counseling through a full time counselor. Intensive academic support delivered in ELA by a reading specialist. Mental health counseling and behavior specialist services are also available at Blue Heron.

#### School Goals

Continue to increase the number of collaborative project-based learning experiences for students

Raise average daily attendance from 93% in 2015-16 to 95% in 2016-17

### Achievements

S2O Project Based Learning Experience

Recyclery Bike Safety Program

Writers in the Schools collaboration

Development of acceleration classes within the school day - WIN (What I Need)

Salmon Restoration Project

### Community Partners

NW Maritime Center - Marine Science Center - PT Recyclery - PT Arts Commission - NW Watershed Institute - Fort Worden PDA/Center - Jefferson Land Trust - North Olympic Salmon Coalition - BH PTA