WHAT MAKES FRONTIER SPECIAL

Frontier’s vision for each student is to create a school community where middle school students discover their unique potential and develop self-worth, dignity and responsibility as they learn and grow every single day. Frontier will be a place where students learn to think critically, show concern for others, and seek to achieve their personal best!

OUR MISSION

Giving our best to help all students reach their best, every day!

PARENTS & COMMUNITY

Frontier’s motto for parent partnerships is “Parents and Staff...Working together to help every student SOAR to new heights!”

We encourage and welcome parent involvement in all aspects of school life. Parents may volunteer in the classrooms, office, library, hallway or lunchroom. We firmly believe that the more positive adult interaction our students encounter each day, the more students can benefit from the connections.

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering. All prospective volunteers will need to fill out an application and submit to a background check.

FMS students are actively involved in their school and community and routinely perform the following services: school beautification, assisting elementary school teachers, working with FMS teachers, helping in the Independent Living Skills classroom, church youth groups, feeding the homeless, helping with music concerts, assisting handicapped and more.

Our building may be available for community use; please contact us for more information if interested in building usage.

RAISING STANDARDS

We’re proud of the hard work our students are doing to meet state standards -- and we plan to do all we can to get each and every student over the bar. This year, we will continue to focus on math to make sure our students have the skills they need to perform at a high level.

TOP-NOTCH STAFF

FMS has 51 classroom teachers, of which 32 teach core academic classes. They average 11.8 years of experience and 68.6 percent have a master’s degree. Ninety-nine percent of teachers at FMS meet the ESEA highly qualified definition.

They are joined with wonderful support staff who have students’ best interest in mind in all that they do.

SCHOOL SUCCESS

FMS is known for raising the bar in education, in and out of the classroom. Most recently, Frontier students have achieved a high level on district and state assessments, won the district Battle of the Books competition, had successful - even undefeated - athletic teams, and earned recognition and awards at music festivals for band, choir, and orchestra.
Frontier Middle School did not meet adequate yearly progress (AYP), as defined by the No Child Left Behind Act. Of the measured categories, the school met 52% of the required participation and proficiency goals in the areas of ELA, math and other indicators. The school is in Step 5 of School Improvement. Bethel School District is in Step 2 of School Improvement under AYP. To view school performance towards proficiency and participation goals, visit http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/.

AYP is determined primarily by year-to-year student performance on standardized tests. Each year individual schools and the school district must “raise the bar” in gradual increments. The goal is to have 100 percent of students achieve proficiency in each subject area.

The Bethel School District began participating in Smarter Balanced Testing in 2014. At right is a summary of the academic performance on all available SBA and EOC subject tests. For additional information about school performance, visit http://bethelsd.org/pages/bsd403/SchoolBoard/DataDashboard or http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us.

MORE INFORMATION: FACTS & FIGURES

About the Bethel School District

The Bethel School District is a dynamic district that covers about 202 square miles in southeast Pierce County. Over 18,000 students attend the district’s 17 elementary schools, six middle schools, three comprehensive high schools, one alternative high school, and online academy. In 2010, a skills center was built in partnership with six other districts.

Bethel has won numerous national awards in technology and communications, as well as state awards in professional development, energy conservation, and the arts.

Budget information

In 2014-15, the district’s General Fund budget was about $200.7 million, which is approximately $11,363 per student. Bethel’s budget demonstrated a strong commitment to educational excellence. 71.2% percent of the budget funded direct classroom support and another 24.6% went to indirect support. That means a total of 95.8% of expenditures supported classroom activities.

District revenues come from the state and federal governments as well as through local tax collections. The district also oversaw a Capital Projects Fund of $37.6 million for construction, a Transportation Vehicle Fund budget of $2 million for the purchase of buses and transportation equipment, a Debt Service Fund of $17.5 million for the purpose of paying principal and interest on voter approved bonds, and $4.7 million in Associated Student Body funds, which support student activities.

Staff and resources are allocated each year based on the number of students and the types of programs, located at the school. More information about district budgets can be found on the district website.

SBA ELA RESULTS

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Total Expenditures: $11,363/student

- Benefits: 20.5%
- Purchased Services: 12.8%
- Capital Outlay: 0.2%
- Classified Salaries: 16.0%
- Supplies: 9.4%
- Travel: 0.3%
- Taxes: 18%
- Federal: 10%
- Other: 2%
- State: 70%

General Fund Revenues: $200,705,220