WHAT MAKES SPANAWAY LAKE SPECIAL:
Spanaway Lake High School (with a current population of 1,480 students) has the most ethnically diverse population (53.7% ethnicity) in the Bethel District. Our Free and Reduced percentage is at 51.4%.

We are committed to increasing our academic rigor at every level. Teachers in our building with at least a Master’s Degree is 83.9% with 100% of classes taught by teachers meeting ESEA high qualified (HQ) definition. SLHS offers open enrollment to a large number of Advanced Placement and Honors classes ranging from Honors Communication Arts to AP Calculus as well as a University of Washington Science class for college credit: The Biology of Addiction and the Brain. World Languages offered include: American Sign Language, French, and Spanish. Our CTE classes include Composite/Machining, Introduction to Engineering Design, Introduction to Aerospace Engineering, and Biotechnical Engineering, plus a wide variety of Career/Tech. Education classes from Arts, Business & Marketing, Navy JROTC, Family & Consumer Science and much more!

SLHS takes great pride in our commitment to non-traditional learners. We offer programs for English Language Learners, at-risk students, special education students and nontraditional learners. Each student is assigned to an advisory and will remain with the same advisor for their high school career. All students are required to pass Advisory and their Student Led Conference. Our goal is to connect closely with students to help them develop their potential and maximize their learning.

At SLHS we are committed to providing students with a rigorous and relevant education. Our students are graduating at a time where they will be competing in a global economy. They must demonstrate critical thinking skills, be able to analyze, problem-solve, and communicate. It is our responsibility to prepare them for this world and to be college-ready when they graduate. Our students will be challenged, pushed, and encouraged to do their best.

OUR MISSION:
At Spanaway Lake High School, our mission is to provide a safe environment that fosters student success while building a culture of Rigor, Relevance, Relationships and Reflection.

PARENTS & COMMUNITY:
Parents participate in Site Council, a variety of Booster Clubs, and are able to volunteer for various student activities. 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. SLHS continues to assist families with support of local food banks and food drives. We also provide holiday meals and gifts for several families in our community.

Our facility hosts an Annual Craft Fair, and District Tech Fair and is used by several community organizations including: Bethel Recreation, club sports, blood drives, and professional development, as well as several Pierce College offerings throughout the year.

RAISING STANDARDS:
SLHS staff members work closely with district personnel to successfully implement new textbooks that align with federal and state standards. Our focus is to increase academic rigor and student participation. Students who need assistance in reading and math are placed in specialized classes aimed at skill building while advancing to the next level.

We support the district’s High Schools That Work initiative, which focuses on ten key practices that promote student learning.
SCHOOL SUCCESS:

SLHS is known for raising the bar in education, in and out of the classroom. Most recently, we have seen a significant growth in our EOC Math scores as well as our EOC Biology scores. Spanaway Lake was recognized during an October School Board meeting for the high performance of our staff and students as measured by the 2013 High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) test scores. These scores reflect continuing improvement of Spanaway Lake H.S. An in-depth review of the HSPE scores shows the 10th Grade EOC Geometry increased over 10% from 2012 with a 16.6% increase for a Historic High. This is a noteworthy accomplishment for which we take great Pride.

BUILDING QUICK FACTS:

- Principal: Dr. Susie Askew
- Asst. Principals: Michelle Scott-Beach, Sarah Sunday, Hans Nelson
- Assoc. Admin: Bruce Leonardy, Brooke Wilkinson
- Secretary: Janet Zenor
- Year Built: 1981 (Remodeled 2010)
- Square Feet: 178,802
- Six additional portables to help support the school and two additional portables for Pierce College courses.