

# Hilltop Elementary School



## About Us

HILLTOP HAS PAWS — Perseverance and hard workers who Accept responsibility and Work together as a community in making Smart academic thinkers, making positive choices.

At Hilltop Elementary we strive to create a stimulating, safe school where everyone's encouraged to reach their maximum potential in an environment of respect, caring and trust.

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## Mission Statement of School and District

The Edmonds School District engages students, staff, families, partners and the broader community in the district's Strategic Direction. Together, along with every school, results have been identified that we want for our students. The continual improvement of our schools is essential in providing increased student performance and quality results. Innovative, exemplary, and research-based programs, coupled with professional development, focused and aligned resources, and community participation in decision making and planning are essential elements in improving schools. For more detailed information, please visit our school's improvement plan or give us a call at your convenience.

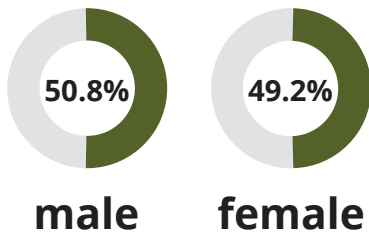
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**Our  
543  
students  
at a glance:**



## State Assessments

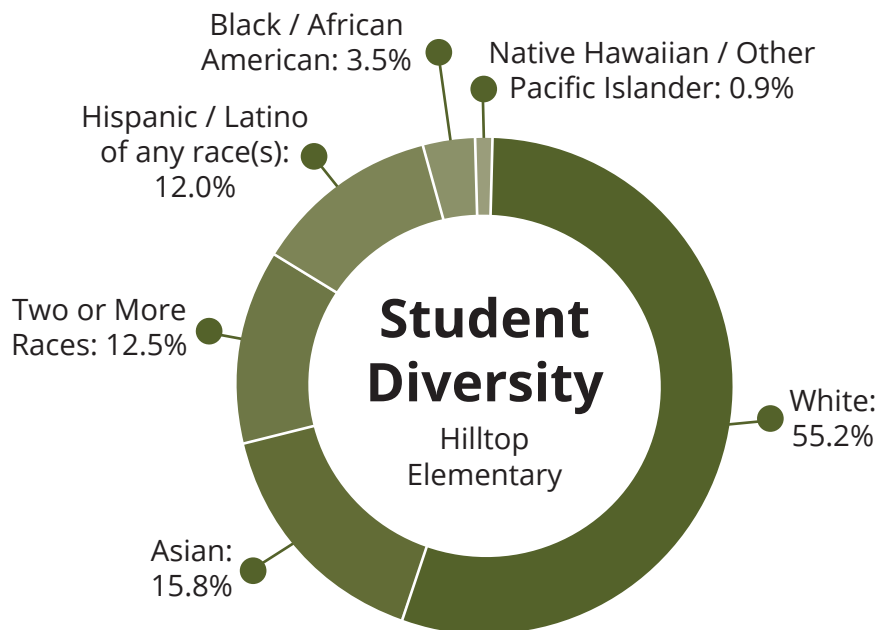
Washington students are tested annually by the state to assess their progress as they move through school. In grades 3-8 students take tests in English language arts, math and science. Please see [our School Report Card](#).



## Academic Accomplishments and Goals – Focus Areas

Hilltop Elementary is proud that we have seen steady growth in our reading and math performance. This year, our focus will be on continuing to providing rich core instruction for all students and targeted intervention when needed. All teachers are boosting engagement and access by using explicit, in-context instruction of academic language, designing inquiry-based real-life science explorations, and continuing to apply engagement strategies during instruction. We believe this will elevate reading comprehension, writing skills and speaking proficiency in our English Learners and students not at yet at standard. To aid in this work, teachers are being provided with time to work as a team to align their grade level program and deepen collaboration. We are also participating in effective professional

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development on EL methods, Amplify Science, and Writers Workshop. We will also partner with our diverse community to increase family engagement with an equity lens.

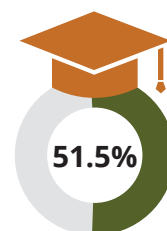
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### **How You Can Help**

We have an incredibly supportive PTA that contributes greatly to our school. We have monthly PTSA-sponsored family events and many additional activities that you can become involved with. We currently have a small group of parents planning family engagement opportunities for academic focused evening events. Additionally, we have individual students who would benefit from one-to-one tutoring in basic skills. We welcome you to join our Hilltop family and become a volunteer! Please contact our school office if you are interested.

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**Our  
33  
teachers  
at a glance:**



**of teachers  
have at least  
a Master's  
Degree**

**11.1  
average  
years of  
teacher  
experience**



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## Edmonds School District Board of Directors

### **Carin Chase**

Director District 1

### **Ann McMurray**

Director District 2

### **Gary Noble**

Director District 3

### **Deborah Kilgore**

Director District 4

### **Diana White**

Director District 5

### **Dr. Kristine McDuffy**

Superintendent

## Our Goals

- Equity of Opportunity
- Strong Community
- High Expectations
- Global Readiness
- Culture of Kindness

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The **Edmonds School District** covers approximately 36 square miles in south Snohomish County and includes the communities of Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway, and portions of unincorporated Snohomish County.

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## Financial Resources

Annually, we produce a Citizens Guide to the District's Budget. One of our highest priorities is being excellent stewards of our community's resources.

Each year, we involve staff, students, families and community members in helping us to set budget priorities. For more information on school funding, we encourage you to refer to the [2018-19 Citizens Guide to the Budget](#).

**\$12,334**  
**per-pupil**  
**expenditure**

*2018-19 OSPI*



## About Our Building

Opened: 1967

Square footage: 55,328

Remodeled: 1987 and 1992 (additions)

We are proud that our school facility is used extensively by our community for meetings, events and youth activities.

