COWEEMAN

NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

- Sept 7- NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
- Sept 25- Fall Social (flyer attached)
- Sept 28- Picture retake day
- Sept 29- CMS Health Night (flyer attached)

Plan Ahead Dates

- Oct 7- END term 1
- Oct 8- NO SCHOOL- In-service day
- Oct 9- NO SCHOOL- In-service day
- Oct 12- START term 2

Respectful
Responsible
Safe
Kind

MEET the team

COWEEMAN COUGARS



ROB BIRDSELL
Principal



BIANCA MULLER
Asst. Principal



TOM D'ABOY
Dean of Students



KILA INGLES
Administrative Secretary/ Registrar



KANDI HARMON
Athletics/ASB Secretary



KYLIEGH HARLIN
Attendance



BAYLEE MARTIN
Health Specialist

MEET OUR *Counselors*



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Check us out on Facebook!

@CMS.COUNSELORS

Check us out on Instagram!

COWEEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELORS

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

September 11, 2026

Dear Valued Coug Families;

What a week it has been! Sports, clubs, classes, friends! In the first week of Coweeman sports we celebrated the successful Cross Country meet at Lake Sacajawea, a Volleyball sweep of the Skyhawks, and a Football sweep of the Cavaliers - our Cougs have shown the fight, teamwork, and vision of One Team - One Mission. Follow us on Facebook to see pictures of contests and the 'Coug Chain' for standout and improving student athletes after each competition.

The vestibule at school is nearing completion. We will be in contact with new entry routes, procedures, and expectations as it becomes fully functional.

We have completed the Fall iReady diagnostic to inform instruction and intervention in Reading and Math. Students who did not finish during the four (4) time slots of the assessment will be called out to the library to complete the diagnostic(s).

The State SBA (ELA and Math) and WCAS (Science) scores will be finalized soon. Our Cougs continue to improve their local and state rankings while refining skills/knowledge that are indicated through State and classroom assessments.

Coweeman continues to enjoy a robust enrollment for the 2026.27 school year. Lunch lines are being processed faster, one way hallways expedite travel from class to class, and our teachers continue to lead through professionalism, team planning, and rigorous content.

Calendar items:

Sept 18 - 8:00 a.m. - All School Assembly
Sept 25 - 2:15-4:00 p.m. - Fall Social
Sept 29 - 6:00-7:00 p.m. - CMS Health Night
Oct 8 & 9 - NO School - PLC and Inservice Days

Please enjoy this incredible Fall weather and activities!

Sincerely

Rob Birdsell
Principal

SCHOOL HOURS

Mon/Tue/Thurs/Fri
7:45am - 2:30pm

Wednesday
7:45am - 1:00pm

Doors open at 7:30am

MIDDLE SCHOOL

VOLLEYBALL MATCHUP

ALL GAMES @ KHS

SEPTEMBER 14TH

BLENDED@ 5:30
7TH GRADE @ 6:30
8TH GRADE @ 7:30

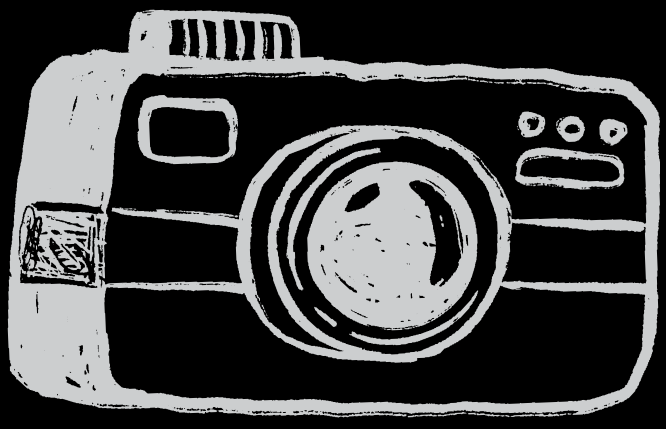
COWEEMAN COUGARS

VS

HUNTINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL HUSKIES

PICTURE RETAKES

Sept 28



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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Students in Grades 4-12:

The Kelso School Board follows the State Guidelines for Sexual Health Information and Disease Prevention. Per District Policy 2125, curriculum will "be medically and scientifically accurate, age appropriate, and inclusive of students". It will include factual information regarding contraception and disease prevention, and instruction in abstinence education.

Students in grades 4 through 12 are scheduled to receive this information in their PE, science, health, social studies, or biology class during the school year.

The AIDS Omnibus Act (RCW 28A.230.070) requires parents to preview the Human Growth & Development and/or HIV/STD Prevention Curriculum if they want to excuse their child from the instruction. Students who are excused from the instruction will be given other lessons during that time.

We want to inform each parent about how we teach these topics. Teachers and administrators will be available to answer questions at the following Parent Night preview sessions. A complete list of preview sessions follows:

Grades	School(s)	Curriculum	Date & Time	Viewing Location
4-5	**Barnes Carrolls Rose Valley Wallace**	Grade 4 - Human Growth & Development Grade 5 - HIV/STD Prevention	Oct. 20, 2026 6:00-7:00 PM	**Wallace Elementary**
4-5	**Butler Acres Lexington**	Grade 4 - Human Growth & Development Grade 5 - HIV/STD Prevention	March 2, 2027 6:00-7:00 PM	**Butler Acres Elementary**
4-5	**KVA**	Grade 4 - Human Growth & Development Grade 5 - HIV/STD Prevention	March 2, 2027 6:00-7:00 PM	**Kelso Virtual Academy**
6-8	**Coweeman**	HIV/STD Prevention	Sept. 29, 2026 6:00-7:00 PM	**Coweeman MS**
6-8	**Huntington**	HIV/STD Prevention	Oct. 1, 2026 6:00-7:00 PM	**Huntington MS**
9-12	**Kelso HS**	HIV/STD Prevention	Oct. 13, 2026 5:00-6:00 PM	**Kelso HS**

We have developed a balanced program that stresses interpersonal relationships, communication skills, and decision making to give students tools to make decisions about these issues in their lives.

Remember—although your attendance is OPTIONAL, it is REQUIRED if you wish to excuse your child from this instruction. If you cannot attend your school meeting, or have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Kim Yore

Kim Yore
Director of Teaching and Learning

The mission of Kelso Public Schools is to prepare every student for living, learning, and achieving success as a citizen of our changing world.

September sports.



SEPT 09
- VOLLEYBALL @ MT SOLO
- XC @ LAKE SACAJAWEA

SEPT 11
- FOOTBALL @ HOME

SEPT 12
- XC @ LAKE SACAJAWEA

SEPT 14
- VOLLEYBALL @ KHS VS HMS

SEPT 16
- FOOTBALL @ JEMTEGAARD
- VOLLEYBALL @ HOME

SEPT 19
- XC @ FORT STEILACOOM

SEPT 21
- VOLLEYBALL @ MONTICELLO

SEPT 23
- FOOTBALL @ JEMTEGAARD
- VOLLEYBALL @ HOME

SEPT 26
- XC @ CAMP RILEA

SEPT 28
- VOLLEYBALL @ HOME

SEPT 30
- FOOTBALL @ HOME
- VOLLEYBALL @ CASTLE ROCK (7TH & 8TH)
- VOLLEYBALL @ ST ROSE (BLENDED)
- XC @ LAKE SACAJAWEA

ASB presents

BACK TO School SOCIAL!

SEPTEMBER 25TH 2:45 - 4:15 PM

Kick off the new school year with basketball, volleyball, music, movies and fun!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

$4 with ASB

$6 without ASB

Snacks and Pizza also available for purchase at the social!

remember a signed perimssion slip is needed in order to purchase a ticket

2026-2027

Bell Schedule

Coweeman Middle School
Regular Bell Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

1st Lunch	Start	End
PAWS	7:50	8:30
1st	8:34	9:25
2nd	9:29	10:20
1st Lunch	10:20	10:50
3rd	10:54	11:45
4th	11:49	12:40
5th	12:44	1:35
6th	1:39	2:30
1st Bus	2:37	
2nd Bus	2:45	

2nd Lunch	Start	End
PAWS	7:50	8:30
1st	8:34	9:25
2nd	9:29	10:20
3rd	10:24	11:15
2nd Lunch	11:15	11:45
4th	11:49	12:40
5th	12:44	1:35
6th	1:39	2:30
1st Bus	2:37	
2nd Bus	2:45	

3rd Lunch	Start	End
PAWS	7:50	8:30
1st	8:34	9:25
2nd	9:29	10:20
3rd	10:24	11:15
4th	11:19	12:10
3rd Lunch	12:10	12:40
5th	12:44	1:35
6th	1:39	2:30
1st Bus	2:37	
2nd Bus	2:45	

Wednesday Early Release (WER)

1st Lunch	Start	End
PAWS	7:50	8:30
1st	8:34	9:10
2nd	9:14	9:50
1st Lunch	9:50	10:20
3rd	10:24	11:00
4th	11:04	11:40
5th	11:44	12:20
6th	12:24	1:00
1st Bus	1:07	
2nd Bus	1:15	

2nd Lunch	Start	End
PAWS	7:50	8:30
1st	8:34	9:10
2nd	9:14	9:50
3rd	9:54	10:30
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You can find a bigger version here:
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KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458
2026-2027
STUDENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

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STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 26	First Day
June 11	Last Day

GRADUATION

June 5

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS

September 7	Labor Day
October 8	In-Service Day
October 9	In-Service Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 23 - 25	Elementary School Conferences (No School for Elementary Students Only)
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Trimester Break
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break
January 18	MLK Day
January 25	Semester Break
February 15	Presidents Day
March 12	In-Service Day
March 15	Trimester Break
April 5 - 9	Spring Break
May 31	Memorial Day

EARLY DISMISSAL DATES

Elementary 1:55 pm, Secondary 1:00 pm

December 18

April 2

Elementary 11:10 am, Secondary 10:05 am

Last Day of School

TERM-END DATES

Trimesters (Elementary and High School)

November 25	Trimester 1
March 11	Trimester 2
Last Day of School	Trimester 3

Semesters (Middle School)

January 22	Semester 1
Last Day of School	Semester 2

MAKE-UP DAYS

November 30

January 25

March 15

End of School Year

FEBRUARY

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SCHOOL HOURS

	Elementary	Secondary
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	*8:45 a - 3:25 p*	*7:50 a - 2:30 p*
Wednesday	*8:45 a - 1:55 p*	*7:50 a - 1:00 p*

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Save The Date!

COMMON THREADS:

The Fabric of Community

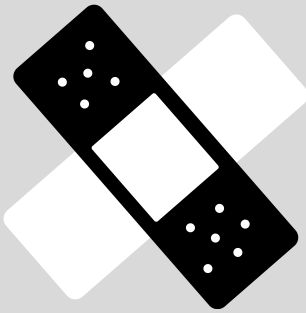
Kelso School District's Multicultural Family Night!

Tuesday, November 17, 2026
5:00-7:30 pm
Kelso High School



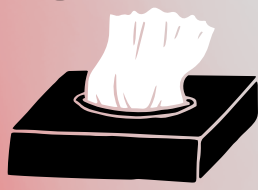


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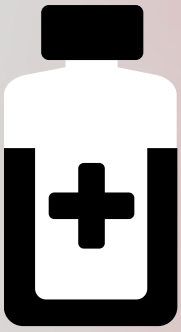




HEALTH ROOM NEWS



ONLY MEDICATION WITH AUTHORIZATION FROM THE HEALTH ROOM AND KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NURSE IS ALLOWED TO BE AT SCHOOL. IF YOUR STUDENT NEEDS MEDICATION PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL HEALTH ROOM.



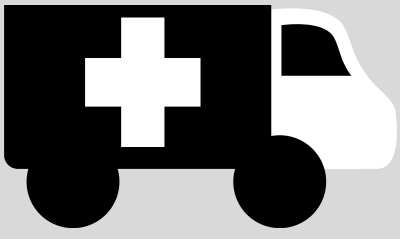
If students need to be excused from PE they will need a doctors note explaining the circumstances



COUGH DROPS/TYLENOL ETC ARE CONSIDERED MEDICATION







Stay
HOME
IF SICK



JOIN TODAY!

Coweeman PTO

Are you looking for ways to get involved?

Join us at our bi-monthly meetings to discuss way in supporting Coweeman students and school.

Upcoming Dates

Nov 5
4pm
CMS cafeteria

President:
Katie Howard
Vice President:
Sara Sanchez
Secretary:
Caitlyn Polk
Treasurer:
Charlee White



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please email our **NEW** Coweeman office email with any general questions, attendance related issues, bus notes or any other needs that arise.
cmsoffice@kelsosd.org

For sports related questions please email our Athletic Secretary Kandi Harmon at
kandi.harmon@kelsosd.org or call 360-501-1756

GOOD TO KNOW

Bus Routes

Information can be found HERE for bus routes.

Bell Schedule

Information can be found HERE for the bell schedule.

Lunch Menu

Information can be found HERE for the monthly menu.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is disposed of monthly- please have your student check this area frequently.

Bus Pass/Early Release

If your student will be released early or riding a different bus home please call the office before 2pm to ensure there is adequate time to notify students.

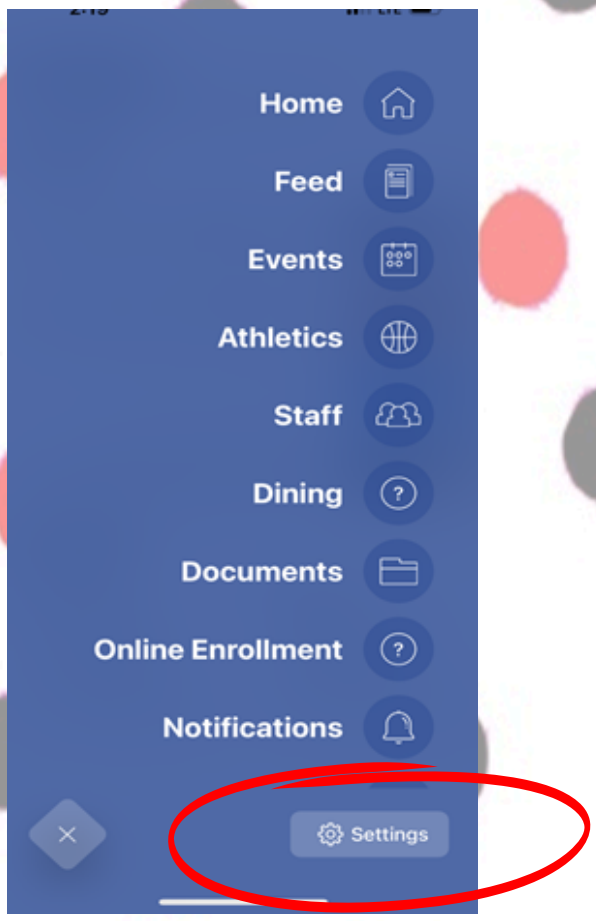
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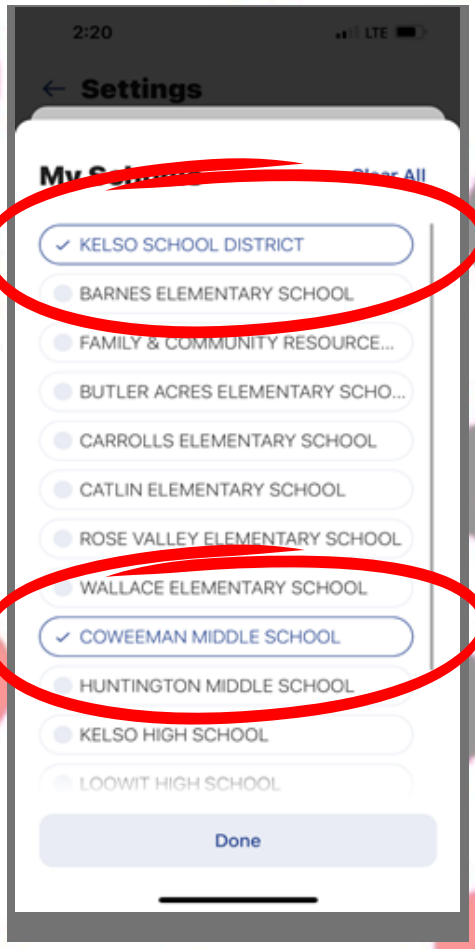
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Coweeman Connection

Check out the Kelso School District App!

Download the app and stay connected. Search for "Kelso School District" in the app store. Once you are in the app, go to Settings to choose the school(s) for which you would like notifications. Kelso schools will be using the app to update families about bus routes, school closures and much more.



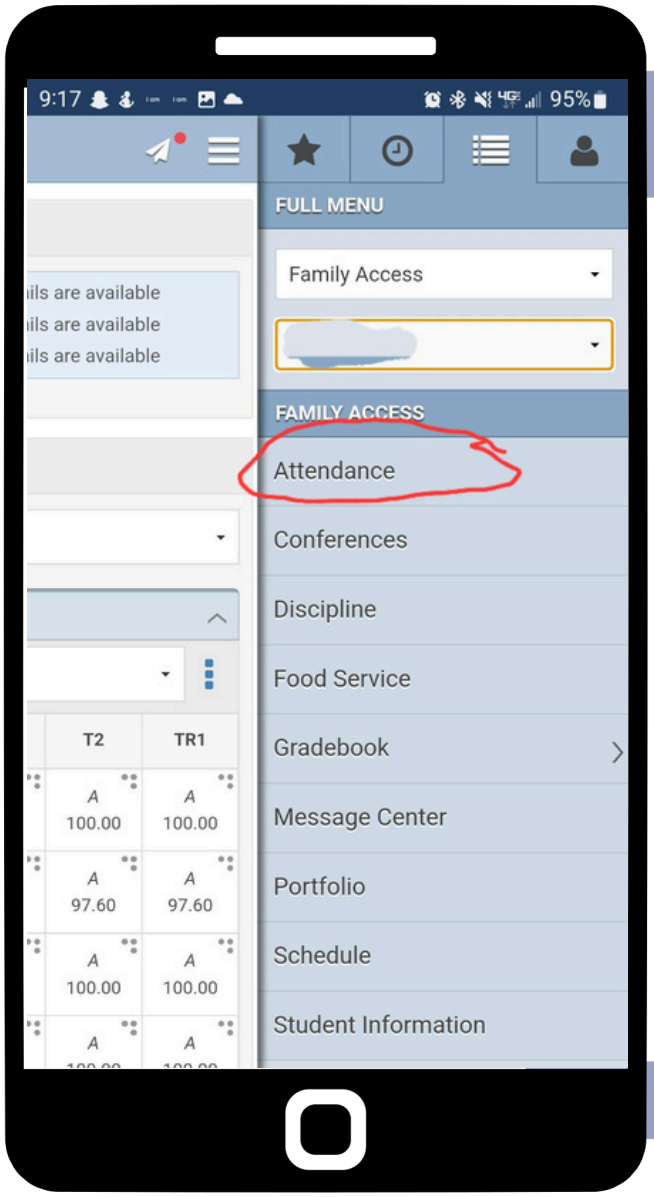


FAMILY MOBILE APP

All the benefits of Family Access on your phone

Entering your student's attendance

DOWNLOAD TODAY, AND STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE GO



How - To

- Log onto your Skyward account on the App
- Using the drop-down menu, choose your student
- Choose the date (date range if multiple days)
- If the absence will not be a full day, click off the toggle switch and fill in the time
- Using the drop-down menu, choose an absence reason
- Hit 'submit' when you are finished
- **THIS CAN BE DONE ON THE COMPUTER AS WELL.**

Find out more at the link below

https://www.kelso.wednet.edu/o/ksd/page/skywardapp-attendance

KELSO SAFE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY INFORMATION



HOLD

ISOLATED EVENT/MEDICAL ISSUE

STUDENTS
- **CLEAR** hallways, stay in room
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

ADULTS
- **CLOSE/LOCK** the door
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



SECURE & TEACH

POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM

STUDENTS
- **RETURN** inside
- **CONTINUE as usual**
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

ADULTS
- **BRING** everyone indoors
- **LOCK** outside doors
- **INCREASE** awareness
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



LOCKDOWN

DEFINITE THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

STUDENTS
- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/ defend

ADULTS
- **RECOVER** students from hall if possible
- **LOCK** room doors
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **TURN OFF** lights
- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/defend



SHELTER IN PLACE

HAZARDOUS OUTDOOR ATMOSPHERE

STUDENTS
- **USE** appropriate strategy

HAZARD **STRATEGY**
Tornado.....Get to shelter
Hazmat.....Seal the room
Earthquake...Drop, cover, hold
Tsunami.....Get to high ground

ADULTS
- **LEAD** safety strategy
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people



EVACUATE

FIRE / INTERNAL THREAT

STUDENTS
- **LEAVE** items behind if needed
- **BRING** phone if possible
- **FOLLOW** instructions

ADULTS
- **LEAD** students to location
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people

KEY REMINDERS

- **NO PROPPED OPEN DOORS**
- **MAINTAIN ADULT VISIBILITY**
- **SEE or HEAR SOMETHING,**

SAY SOMETHING

HearMeWA Tipline
CALL 888-537-1634

TEXT
HearMeWA to 738477

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911

SUICIDE HOTLINE	**988**
COWLITZ CO. CRISIS LINE	**360.425.6064**
KELSO POLICE	**360.423.1270**
SHERIFF	**360.577.3092**
SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE	**1.800.656.4673**
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE	**360.501.2600**
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	**1.800.799.7233 or text START to 88788**
POISON CONTROL	**1.800.222.1222**
DRUG/ALCOHOL HOTLINE	**1.800.662.4357**

911 INFORMATION

SCHOOL _____

ROOM # _____

ROOM PHONE _____

IN AN EMERGENCY:

1 CALL 911 **2 CALL THE MAIN OFFICE @** _____

All Kelso schools take the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) of students very seriously. According to the most recent Healthy Youth Survey, the majority of students in Kelso schools indicate that they feel safe at school. Any student, parent or other interested adult can report an incident of HIB using the Kelso Incident Report Form (which is available on the website and in the main office of all schools). Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) is an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that: • Physically harms a student or damages the student's property. • Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education. • Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment. • Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. If you have any questions about this policy please contact the principal of your child's school, or the Director of Student Services,, Gunnar Guttormsen, at the Kelso School District office.

Kelso School District #458 complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, the school district's Title VII Officer and ADA Coordinator. People of disability may request reasonable accommodation in the hiring process by contacting, Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 or (360) 501-1924.
Inquiries regarding compliance procedures regarding students may be directed to Don Iverson, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX Coordinator or Heather Ogden, Director of Special Programs, the school district's Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.
KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A DRUG AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE