COWEEMAN

NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

- Nov 4- Arena style conferences
- Nov 5- Arena style conferences early release @ 1pm
- Nov 10- Veterans Day Assembly
- Nov 11- NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day
- Nov 16- 7th grade Hearing and Vision Screenings
- Nov 25- Thanksgiving early release @ 1pm
- Nov 25- **END** Term 2
- Nov 26 & 27- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving
- Nov 30- NO SCHOOL- Trimester Break

Plan Ahead Dates

- Dec 1- START Term 3
- Dec 18- Early Release @ 1pm
- Dec 21- Jan 1- NO SCHOOL- Winter Break

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*



KALI DALTON
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Last Names M-Z

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Check us out on Facebook!

@CMS.COUNSELORS

Check us out on Instagram!

COWEEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELORS

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

November 2, 2026

Dear Valued Coug Families;

The weather is changing! Holidays are quickly approaching! Our Cougs are already starting to vibrate with excitement!

Remember…Conferences are this Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.; and Thursday 1:15-3 p.m. Coweeman operates an area style conference with all teachers in the gym. Pizza and water will be provided Wednesday night until it is all gone!

As we work to keep their education at the forefront, please remember the support that we have available for your Coug(s)...

PAWS - 7:45-8:30 - everyday we have opportunities for ALL students to complete iReady Reading and Math interventions, SEL lessons every Wednesday, and time to visit other teachers within the school for students to get extra help, make up a test, or complete an assignment or project. Attendance everyday from the start of the CMS day is important!

CORE 4 - 2:30-3:30 on Tuesday and Thursday - students have the opportunity to visit one of the Core 4 classrooms for additional support - ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies. Students are expected to be IN A CORE 4 CLASSROOM for the duration.

We are also asking for your support in some behavior areas…

Pantsing - We are asking for your partnership in addressing “pantsing”—pulling down another student’s pants/shorts/bottoms. This behavior is unacceptable and can cause humiliation, distress, and a loss of safety at school, even when intended as a joke.

Depending on the circumstances, this behavior may constitute sexually inappropriate conduct or sexual harassment under Kelso School District policies, including Policy 3205, and applicable Washington law. Incidents will be investigated and addressed through appropriate school responses, including discipline.

CONTINUE

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Please talk with your student about respecting others' bodies, clothing, privacy, and personal boundaries. Encourage them to avoid participating in or encouraging this behavior and to tell a trusted adult if they experience or witness it.
Thank you for helping us ensure every student feels safe and respected.

Entrepreneurship - Some students have been bringing items to school to sell. Items include candy, chips, energy drinks, pop and toys. Student engaging is such ventures will have their inventory confiscated, and, if they are not allowed at school, disposed of promptly.

Language - Please review with your Coug(s) the importance of school appropriate language. Words to demean or purposely embarrass, are vulgar, relate to ethnicity, and/or personal choices have no room in school. As we continually work to build a school of belonging, acceptance, and pride, we must have a culture that accepts all and respects all.

Cutting in Breakfast/Lunch line - Every student is important and respected at Coweeman. Some Cougs believe it is imperative that they be next to a best friend or friendship group at all times and cut the lines. Yes, we watch the lines, but when attention is called away, missteps are made. We check cameras and could result in discipline (end of the line, lunch detention, last to each for a few weeks). This is the easiest to fix, we never run out of food. Just wait your turn. Make new friends. Rekindle a friendship. Be KIND to others.

Finally, Hands/Feet/Comments - If we can keep our hands, feet and comments to ourselves, then Mr. D'Aboy can spend time working with Student Voice, Reward Friday's, and lunch festivities. Following our core values of Respectable, Responsible, Safe and Kind will make a major difference in the daily lives of all our students.

Sincerely,

Rob Birdsell
Principal



VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

NOVEMBER 10TH 2:00-2:30

CMS INVITES VETERANS TO BE HONORED AT OUR VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

RSVP TO:
KILA.INGLES@KELSOSD.ORG

WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES TO SEND PICTURES OF ANY FAMILY MEMBERS IN SERVICE (ACTIVE OR RETIRED).

PLEASE SEND IMAGES TO:

KILA.INGLES@KELSOSD.ORG

If sending images please include name, branch and years served.

NOVEMBER
PAW-sitive Notes

Coweeman Middle School
SCHOOL COUNSELORS

DATES TO KNOW

Nov. 4: Conferences 5-7
Nov. 5: Conferences 1:15-3
Nov. 11: No School- Veterans' Day
Nov. 25: Early Dismissal
Nov. 26-30: No School- Thanksgiving
Dec. 2: Student SEL Survey
Dec.18: Early Dismissal
Dec. 21- Jan. 1: Winter Break

PRACTICE AT HOME

Practice problem solving:

- Role Play/Practice a conversation so students are prepared
- Model conflict resolution
- Build self advocacy by giving students words or phrases they can use
- Monitor social media accounts (these contribute to conflict)

CONTACT INFO

Kali Dalton (A-L)
kali.dalton@kelsosd.org

Rachel Leinweber (M-Z)
rachel.leinweber@kelsosd.org

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

Coug Choice Wheel

We are encouraging students to problem solve using our Coug Choice Wheel! For small problems, we can try 2 before finding an adult: walk away, take turns, talk it out, do something else, apologize, compromise, ask them to stop, or rock/paper/scissors! For big problems, fill out a what happened form or find an adult to help. See our choice wheel in the newsletter!

Coming soon: Regulation Skills and Tools to Try!

We want all of our Cougs to have the skills to regulate and be ready to learn and do! Lessons and Monthly Tips coming soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Counselors are available by appointment- please call or email to set something up!

To refer your student to see their counselor, you can fill out our appointment request form on the website.

November sports



NOV 02
- BBB @ MT SOLO
- WRESTLING @ HOME

NOV 04
- WRESTLING @ CASTLE ROCK

NOV 09
- BBB @ HOME
- WRESTLING @ CANYON CREEK

NOV 10
- BBB @ KHS VS HMS

NOV 12
- BBB @ MONTICELLO
- WRESTLING @ HOCKINSON

NOV 16
- BBB @ HOME
- WRESTLING @ VIEW RIDGE

NOV 18
- BBB @ HOME
- WRESTLING @ WOODLAND

NOV 23
- BBB @ CASTLE ROCK
- WRESTLING @ MONTICELLO

2026 Coweeman Middle School

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

Are you in need of support this holiday season? Click the link below or use the QR code to fill out our Giving Tree form. DUE November 20, 2026

Students must be enrolled at Coweeman Middle School in order to be on our giving tree.

https://forms.gle/8EbLFQmxFTvebAqN9

Coweeman Middle School 2026

ÁRBOL DE DONACIONES NAVIDEÑAS

¿Necesita apoyo durante esta temporada festiva? Haga clic en el enlace de abajo o utilice el código QR para completar nuestro formulario del "Giving Tree" (Árbol de Regalos). Fecha límite: 20 de noviembre de 2026.

Los estudiantes deben estar inscritos en Coweeman Middle School para poder participar en nuestro programa "Giving Tree".

https://forms.gle/yzF96a9dBvhtfU7m8

2026 Coweeman Middle School

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

Ka osupwangen alillis lon ei fansoun holiday? Klik won ewe link fan are aea ewe QR code ne amasoua ach ei taropwen Giving Tree. EKKEWE 20 Nopempwer, 2026

Ekkewe chon sukun repwe chok fiti ewe Sukunen Coweeman pwe repwe tongeni nom won ach ewe iraan awora.

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ATTENTION PARENTS!

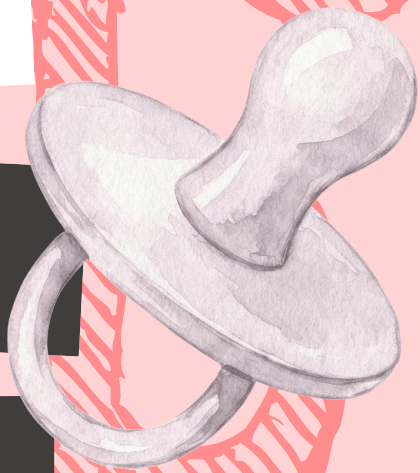


CMS YEARBOOK



IS LOOKING FOR:

8th GRADE BABY PHOTOS



PLEASE SEND YOUR PHOTO WITH YOUR STUDENT'S FULL NAME VIA EMAIL TO KIRSTIN COCKRUM OR USE THE QR CODE BELOW!

KIRSTIN.COCKRUM@KELSOSD.ORG

SUBMIT BY DEC 31ST

CMS YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR

AFTER HOURS PHOTOS

Please send in your student's photos from any activity after school. It can be sports, events or hobbies outside of CMS!!

Please email your photo, student's full name and activity to Kirstin Cockrum at
kirstin.cockrum@kelsosd.org
or the QR code below

Submit by December 31st, 2026

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

JOIN US FOR

HIGHER GROUND DANCE STUDIO'S

THE NUTCRACKER

AT COLUMBIA THEATRE



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS & FAMILIES

ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE NUTCRACKER,

COMPLIMENTS OF A VERY GENEROUS DONOR.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
2:00 PM
COLUMBIA THEATRE

1231 VANDERCOOK WAY, LONGVIEW

800 TICKETS AVAILABLE

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

SIGN UP AT: bit.ly/ksd-nutcracker

(YOU WILL BE EMAILED CONFIRMATION AND TICKET PICK-UP)

4TH ANNUAL

CNEEB Forms: Why?

2026-2027

You may be wondering why we are asking families to complete CNEEB (Child Nutrition Eligibility and Education Benefits) forms when meals are free of charge to all students.

It is more than a meal application

Why are meals free?

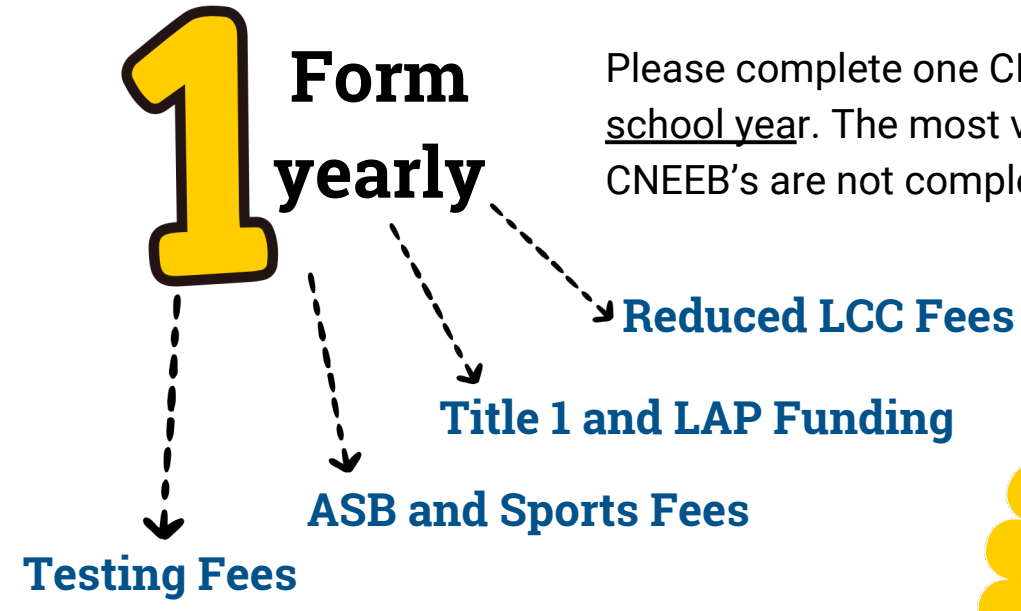
Our district providesmeals at no cost to our students via the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This is not a grant, and not dependent on families completing yearly CNEEB forms.

Why do I need to complete a form?

While meals are free due to the CEP program, it does not replace the income data collection that is used for other programs. By continuing to collect income data, our district and students can qualify for benefits such as reduced sports and testing fees, LAP funding, and much more. Without this data, we risk loosing vital funing for our schools.

When should I complete a CNEEB?

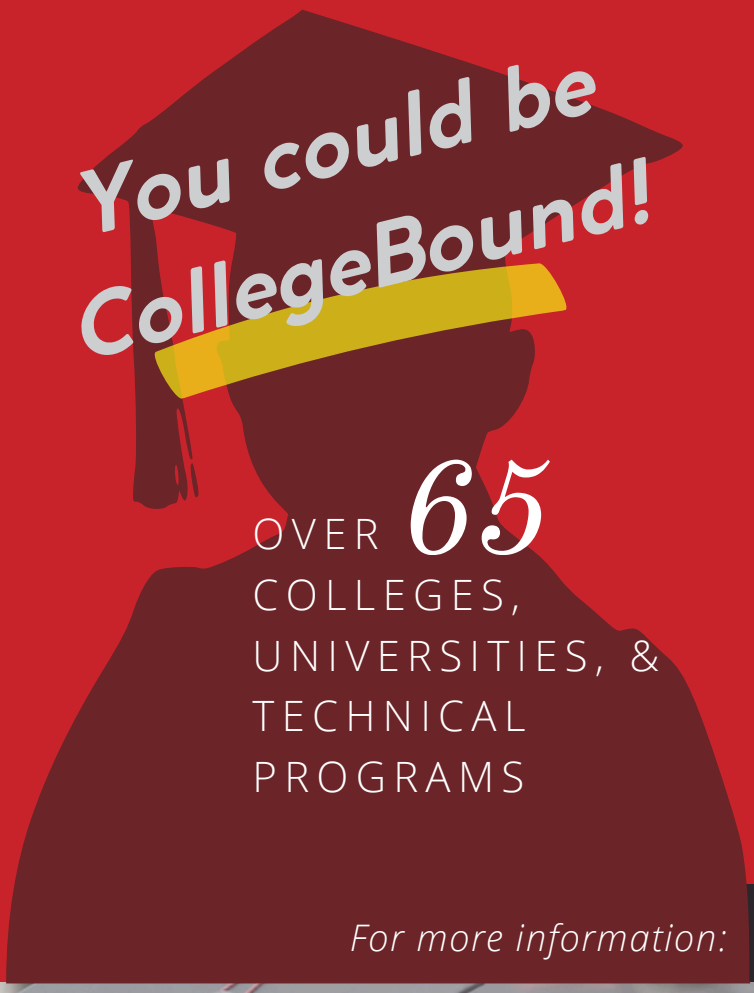
Please complete one CNEEBper household each school year. The most vital funding loss can happen if CNEEB's are not completed before November.



Click here for an online form, or receive a printed copy in your school's office.

Complete instructions, online links, translated materials, and consent forms can be found on our Kelso Nutrition Services page!

Interested in Free College?



OVER 65 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

How to Qualify:

1) STUDENTS ARE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL

2) COMPLETE A FREE/REDUCED LUNCH FORM TO APPLY

3)MEET INCOME GUIDELINES

***STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE IN 7TH GRADE OR AFTER AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY**

Covers Tuition, Fees, & Boo

For more information: collegebound.wa.gov

Complete Application Form Here

Complete el formulario de solicitud aquí (español)

What is College Bound?

collegebound.wa.gov
collegebound@wsac.wa.gov
888.535.0747 (option 1)

Middle school students: Want to help people as a health professional? Build cool things? Create video games? Start your own business? No matter your dream, College Bound can help you get there! College Bound is an early commitment of state financial aid, like the Washington College Grant, for income-eligible students. It helps pay for average tuition (at public college rates), fees, and a small amount for books at more than 60 colleges, universities, and technical schools in Washington! Are you College Bound?

Who is eligible?

Youare automatically signed up if:

- You attend a public school, are income-eligible (see table below), and signed up for free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL) in 7th or 8th grade, or newly eligible in 9th, **or**
- You are in state foster care, or a dependent of the state, between 7th grade and high school graduation.

If you qualify for FRPL, sign up at your school. You'll be automatically enrolled in College Bound. Ask your counselor today!

2025-26 income guidelines

Household Size	Annual Income[1]	Monthly income	Weekly Income
2	$39,128	$3,261	$753
3	$49,303	$4,109	$949
4	$59,478	$4,957	$1,144
5	$69,653	$5,805	$1,340
6	$79,828	$6,653	$1,536
Additional members[2]	Add $10,175	Add $848	Add $196

[1] Householdincome mustbeless thanor equal tothisamount.
[2] For each additional household member, add dollar amount.

Other ways to qualify:

Contact our office toapply if you:

- Attend a private school or homeschool program in WA and meet the income limits, **or**
- Are in another type of foster care and income-eligible for FRPL.

How to stay eligible:

Program requirements:

- Graduate from a WA high school, homeschool, or earn a GED in WA.
- Earn at least a 2.0 GPA if going to a four-year college directly after high school (no GPA requirement if attending a community or technical college).
- Have no felony convictions.
- Enroll in an eligible WA college or career school (there are more than 60!) within one year of high school graduation, and stay in good standing.

Note: College Bound can be used for up to six years after college enrollment or until you earn a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first.

How do I know if I am a College Bound student?

You'll get updates in themail orin an email. If you change your phone number or mailing address, contact our office so you don't miss any updates.

How will I receive funds?

- File a financial aid applicationinyour senior year (and each year in college).
- Meet income and state residency requirements.
- Enroll in an eligible WA college or career school and stay in good standing. There are about 60 participating institutions!

College Bound is a program run by the Washington Student Achievement Council.

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
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¿Qué es Compromiso universitario (College Bound)?

collegebound.wa.gov
collegebound@wsac.wa.gov
888.535.0747 (opción 1)

Estudiantes de escuela secundaria: ¿Quieres ayudar a las personas como un profesional de la salud? ¿Construir cosas geniales? ¿Crear videojuegos? ¿Comenzar tu propia negocio? No importa cuál sea tu sueño, ¡Compromiso universitario (College Bound) puede ayudarte a conseguirlo! Compromiso universitario (College Bound) es un compromiso temprano de ayuda financiera estatal, como la Beca universitaria del estado de Washington (Washington College Grant), para los estudiantes elegibles por ingresos. ¡Ayuda a pagar la colegiatura promedio (a las tasas de las universidades públicas), las cuotas y una pequeña cantidad para libros en más de 60 colegios, universidades y escuelas técnicas de Washington! ¿Deseas obtener Compromiso universitario (College Bound)?

¿Quién puede participar?

Quedarás automáticamenteinscritosi:

- Asistes a una escuela pública, eres elegible por ingresos (consulta la siguiente tabla) y estás inscrito en el programa FRPL (Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, almuerzo gratis o a precio reducido), en 7.º, 8.º o recientemente elegible en 9.º grado **O bien**
- Estás en cuidado de crianza estatal o eres un dependiente del estado entre el 7.º grado y la graduación de la preparatoria.

Si cumples con los requisitos para el FRPL, inscríbete en tu escuela. Quedarás automáticamente inscrito en Compromiso universitario (College Bound). ¡Pregunta a tu consejero hoy!

Pautas de ingreso de 2025-2026

Tamañode la familia	Ingreso anual[1]	Ingreso mensual	Ingreso semanal
2	$39,128	$3,261	$753
3	$49,303	$4,109	$949
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[1] Los ingresosfamiliaresdeben ser menores oiguales aestemonto.
[2] Por cada miembro adicional del hogar, se agrega la cantidad de dólares.

Otras formas de participar:

Comunícate con nuestra oficina parapresentar tu solicitud si:

- Asistes a una escuela privada o programa de educación en casa en Washington y cumples los límites de ingresos. **O bien**
- Estás en otro tipo de cuidado de crianza y eres elegible por ingresos parael FRPL.

Cómo mantener la elegibilidad:

Requisitosdel programa:

- Graduarte de una preparatoria de Washington o de un programa de educación en casa o haber obtenido un GED (General Education Diploma, Diploma de Educación General) en Washington.
- Obtener al menos un GPA (Grade Point Average, promedio general) de 2.0 si asistirás a un colegio de cuatro años inmediatamente después de la preparatoria (no hay ningún requisito de GPA si planeas asistir a un colegio comunitario o una escuela técnica).
- No tener ninguna condena por delitos graves.
- Inscribirte en un colegio o escuela profesional elegible en Washington (¡hay más de 60!) durante el primer año después de la graduación de preparatoria, y mantener un buen expediente escolar.

Nota: Compromiso universitario (College Bound) puede usarse hasta por seis años después de la inscripción al colegio o hasta que obtengas tu grado de licenciatura, lo que ocurra primero.

¿Cómo sé si soy un estudiante de Compromiso universitario (College Bound)?

Recibirás noticiaspor correo postal oen el correo electrónico. Si cambias tu número de teléfono o tu dirección postal, comunícate con nuestra oficina para que no te pierdas ninguna noticia.

¿Cómo recibiré los fondos?

- Presenta una solicitud de ayudafinanciera en tu último año de escuela preparatoria (y cada año de colegio).
- Debes cumplir con los requisitos de ingresos y residencia estatales.
- Inscríbete en un colegio o escuela profesional elegible en Washington y mantén un buen expediente escolar. ¡Hay alrededor de 60 instituciones participantes!

Compromiso universitario (College Bound) es un programa dirigido por el Consejo para el Logro Estudiantil del Estado de Washington (Washington Student Achievement Council).

WASHINGTON STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT COUNCIL
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ATTENDANCE

QUESTIONS ANSWERED

IF MY STUDENT IS TARDY WILL I GET A PHONE CALL/TEXT?

YES

IF MY STUDENT IS MARKED ABSENT WILL I GET A CALL/TEXT?

YES

IF THEY HAVE A DOCTORS APPOINTMENT, SHOULD I BRING IN A NOTE?

YES

CAN I PREARRANGE A LONG TERM ABSENCE?

YES/ASK FOR A FORM IN THE MAIN OFFICE

CAN I ENTER ABSENCES THROUGH MY PARENT SKYWARD PORTAL?

YES

FREQUENTLY USED ABSENCE CODES

ABSENT REASON

MA- MEDICAL APPOINTMENT

IL- ILLNESS

L-LATE

OT-OTHER*

REQUIRES COMMENT

Attendance Matters!

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

This year, Coweeman Middle School is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Student attendance is an essential first step for students to learn. We want you to know that our school is committed to supporting your student(s) to attend and access their education. Your students' future is our first priority, and we want to partner with you to ensure their success.

DID YOU KNOW? - Attendance - Why it Matters!

- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (just two days a month or about 18 days in a year) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We miss your student(s) when they are not in school and we value their contributions to our community. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school.

QUESTIONS OR TO REPORT YOUR STUDENT'S ABSENCE

PLEASE CALL
MS. HARLIN
360.501.1772

Kelso School District Excused and Unexcused Absence Guidance

The following guidance is given In accordance with Policy 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences:

	After:	To Do:
▫	3 Days Unexcused	Attendance staff will send a letter home to the student/caregiver.
▫	5 Days Unexcused	Attendance staff will send a letter home.A conference will also be scheduled with student, parent/caregiver (if possible), and school staff. An attendance agreement and student assessment of barriers to attendance will be completed during conference.A copy of the attendance agreement will be mailed home if the caregiver does not attend. Truancy will be notified of conference results.
▫	7 Days Unexcused	Attendance staff will send a letter home.The Truancy Specialist will start weekly meetings with the student on Mondays and Fridays at their school.
▫	10 Days Unexcused	Attendance staff will send a letter home and notify Truancy. A petition will be filed with the court (court attendance NOT required).Community Engagement Board referral process will begin.The student has 2 months to make progress and show engagement. If this does not occur, the court process will continue resulting in court attendance requirements.
▫	20 Days Unexcused Consecutively	The student is potentially unenrolled due to lack of attendance, dependent on individual circumstance. Truancy will refer the student to ESD for re-engagement support if withdrawn.

*** Note: students and families should be required to provide doctor's note after 7 excused absences in a trimester or 10 excused absences in a semester.**

Veronica LaRose - Truancy Specialist with Attendance Support
ext. 1852 or veronica.larose@kelsosd.org

Where can you find other assistance:

We understand that situations occur and additional support may be needed to ensure the success of your student. Kelso School District takes pride in connecting our families to community providers and resources, fostering a positive and resilient home environment. Here is a list of a few resources you and your student may find beneficial.

- At Risk Youth (DSHS) 1-866-764-2233
- Columbia Wellness/ WISE 360-423-0203
- CORE Health 360-200-5419
- Youth and Family Link 360-423-6741
- Parents Place 360-414-9212
- Strengthening Families 360-261-3971

Additional resources: Behavioral Health Services Navigation - Brochure

FITS FOR THE WEEK

Wednesdays:

Coweeman/Coug gear or colors

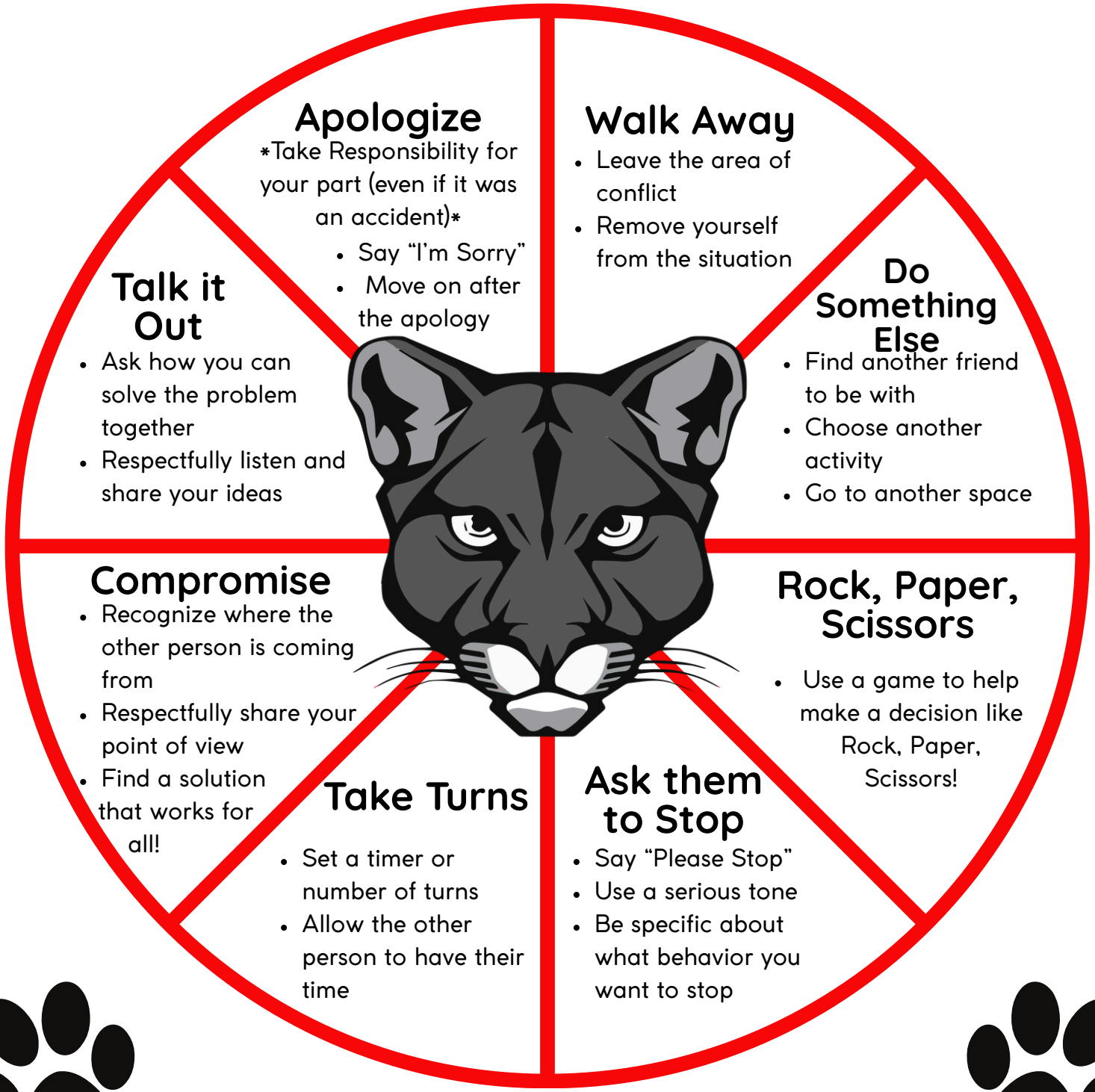
Thursdays:

college or career gear

Fridays:

Kelso gear/Kelso colors

Coug Choice Wheel



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

NEW

COWEEMAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENT & FAMILY HANDBOOK



2026-27

CLICK HERE

link to the handbook

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.

For more information:

360-501-1750

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	

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5th	11:44	12:20
6th	12:24	1:00
1st Bus	1:07	
2nd Bus	1:15	

3rd Lunch	Start	End
PAWS	7:50	8:30
1st	8:34	9:10
2nd	9:14	9:50
3rd	9:54	10:30
4th	10:34	11:10
3rd Lunch	11:10	11:40
5th	11:44	12:20
6th	12:24	1:00
1st Bus	1:07	
2nd Bus	1:15	

You can find a bigger version here:
https://aptg.co/6CQQZY



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

SCHOOL HOURS

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

Wednesday
7:45am - 1:00pm

Doors open at 7:30am

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458
2026-2027
STUDENT CALENDAR

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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JANUARY

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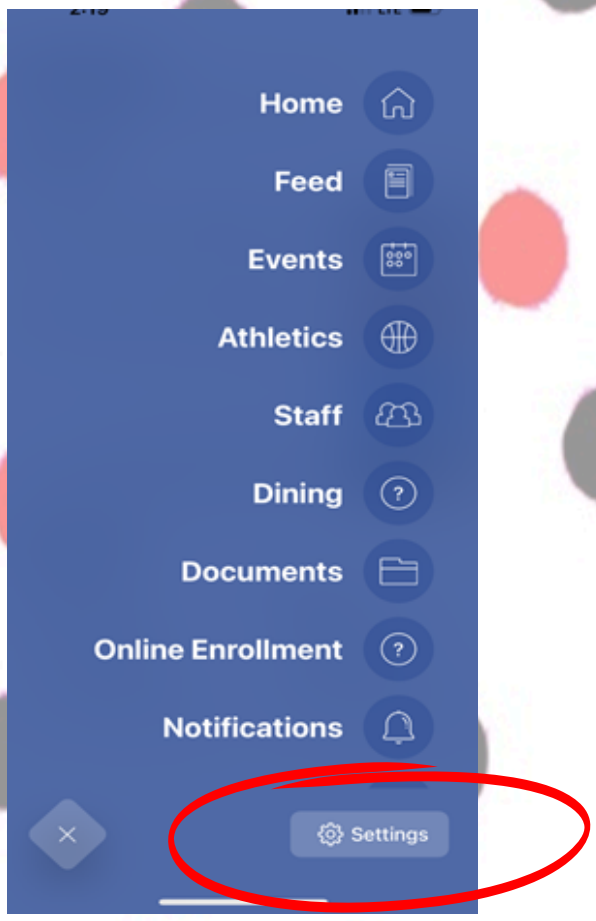
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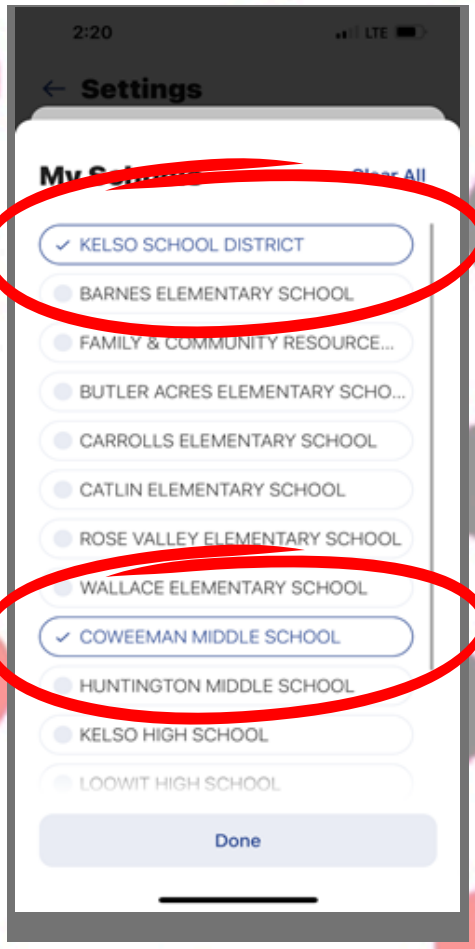
SCHOOL HOURS	Elementary	Secondary
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	*8:45 a - 3:25 p*	*7:50 a - 2:30 p*
Wednesday	*8:45 a - 1:55 p*	*7:50 a - 1:00 p*

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.



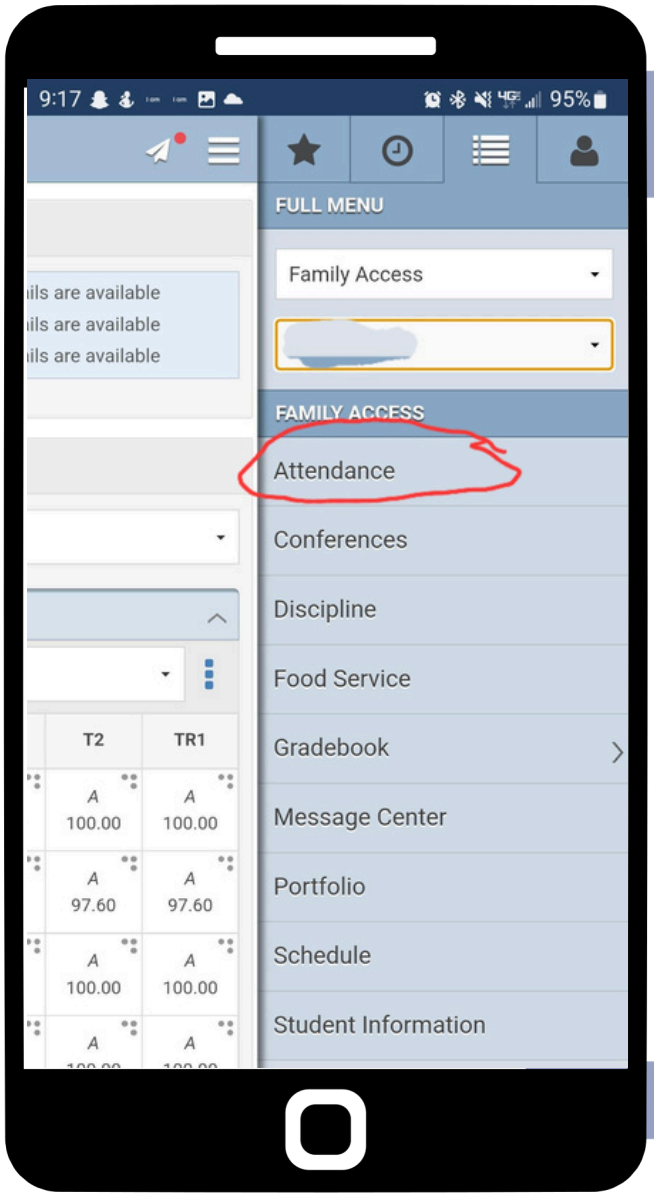


FAMILY MOBILE APP

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