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HILANDER TIMES

Official Newsletter of Kelso High School

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KELSO
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026

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Lacey DeWeert

Principal

Kelso High School

Dear Kelso Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to welcome our Hilanders back and begin another great year at Kelso High School. Our goal is to make KHS a place where every student feels safe, supported, challenged, and connected.

As we begin the year, we are focused on **three priorities: Safety, Attendance, and Involvement.**

SAFETY | Take Care of Each Other

Keeping KHS safe is everyone's responsibility. Follow school expectations, treat others with respect, and make choices that contribute to a safe and positive environment. If something doesn't look or feel right, say something to an adult. We all play a role in keeping KHS safe.

ATTENDANCE | Be Here

Being at school matters. Every day—and every class period—counts. Students who attend regularly are more likely to stay on track academically, build strong relationships, and graduate on time. Be here, be on time, and be ready to learn. If getting to school becomes difficult, reach out. We are here to help.

INVOLVEMENT | Find Your Place

There is more to high school than earning credits. Join a club, participate in athletics or activities, attend events, get involved in leadership, or support your classmates. There is a place for everyone at KHS—find yours!

STAY CONNECTED | Know What's Happening

There is a lot happening at KHS, and we want students and families to know where to find accurate, up-to-date information. Stay connected through:

- Class of 20XX Google Classrooms for Students – announcements, deadlines, graduation information, and class-specific updates are posted here
- KHS Facebook – school news, celebrations, events, and reminders
- KHS Instagram – quick updates, activities, events, and what's happening around KHS
- KHS Screencastifies – important announcements and information directly from KHS
- KSD Thrillshare - KHS will frequently utilize Thrillshare to announce and update events
- Ask an adult! – Teachers, counselors, administrators, and staff are here to help. If you have a question, just ask!

Our staff is excited about the year ahead and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside our students and families.

Be Safe. Be Here. Get Involved. Stay Connected.

Welcome back, Hilanders! Let's make it a great year.



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Go Hilanders!

MEET OUR KHS ADMIN



Lacey DeWeert
Principal



Jason Coburn
Assistant Principal/Loowit Principal



Erin Hanson
Assistant Principal



Melissa Boudreau
CTE Director



Joe Kinch
Dean of Students

Kelso High School Office Hours



Main Office

Main Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Counseling Center

Counseling Center Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



ASB Office

ASB Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30 a.m.-Noon ; 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.



360.501.1800



1904 Allen St.



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2026-2027 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

SPANISH

- (3) pkg 3x5 Flashcards
- (1) pkg Expo Markers
- (2) Spiral Notebook
- (1) Tape or Glue Stick
- Box of Tissues
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils

ASL

- (2) Spiral Notebooks
- (1) Pencils
- (1) Skinny Expo Marker
- (1) pkg 3x5 Note Cards
- (1) Headphones
(2nd Trimester)

PE

- Workout Clothes
(school appropriate-
sweats, shorts, leggings)
- Tennis Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Towel (optional)
- Yoga Mat (optional)

AP US HISTORY

- (1) Box tissues
- (6) Black/Blue Pens
- (6) Pencils
- (3) pkg 3x5 Index Cards

US/WORLD HISTORY & AMERICAN GOV

- Lined Paper
- Pens/Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- (1) Spiral Notebook
- (2) Highlighters

AP WORLD HISTORY

- (1) Box tissues
- (1) Colored Pens/Pencils
- (2) Highlighters
- Pens/Pencils
- (1) 3-Subject Spiral Notebook

SCIENCE

- (1) Notebook (per Trimester)
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencils (yearly supply)
- Blue/Black Pens (yearly supply)
- Scissors
- Clear Tape (yearly supply)
- Highlighters
- Graph Paper

AVID

- (3) Spiral Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- Pencil Pouch
- Scientific Calculator
- Ruler
- Student Planner or Pocket Calendar

MATH

- Scientific Calculator
(prefer TI-30XS Multiview)
- 1" Binder w/pockets
(all classes except UW)
- 2" Binder w/pockets
(UW classes)
- Pencils w/erasers (extra lead)
- Lined Paper (Stats & Calculus)

9TH/10TH LANGUAGE ARTS

- 3 Ring Binder w/Paper
- Spiral Notebook (80+ pages)
- Glue Stick
- Post-It Notes (Lovell)
- Pens/Pencils
- Roll of Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Highlighters (different colors)

SPED

- Colored Pencils
- Pocket Folders
- Kleenex
- Pens/Pencils
- Spiral Notebook
- Clear Tape

11TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Spiral Notebook (70-80 page)
- Pens/Pencils
- Roll of Scotch Tape
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters (different colors)

Click the link below to shop
[KHS School Supplies](#)

KHS PICTURE DAY!



9th Grade — Wednesday, August 26th
Library — 8:30 AM — 10:45 AM

10th–12th Grade — Friday, August 28th
South Gym — All Day

Order Photos Online

<https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001423369>

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

We hope you are enjoying your summer! The 2026-2027 school year is approaching fast. This letter is to inform you of dates that students may meet with their counselor regarding scheduling issues prior to the start of school.

Kelso High School's school year is set up on a trimester system. Students take 5 classes, each worth .50 credits, for a total of 2.50 credits per trimester. Students will take 15 classes during the school year accumulating 7.50 credits per year to apply toward their goal of the required 26 credits for graduation. Students will **only have the first 5 days of each trimester** to make schedule changes. When considering schedule changes, be sure students are meeting graduation requirements by viewing their **Academic History** and **Graduation Requirements** through Skyward Family Access.

On the dates shown below, counselors will be available to help students with scheduling needs. Unofficial schedules for the 2025-26 school year can be viewed using Family Access beginning **August 14th**. **Keep in mind the schedule you see online may change as counselors will be working on any scheduling conflicts, adjusting class sizes, etc.**

Please note: Demographic information must be updated in Skyward before schedules can be viewed.

Because the master schedule is very tight and we need to keep class sizes balanced, **schedule changes will only be considered if the request meets one of the following criteria:**

- *Inaccurate course placement/ prerequisite not met*
- *Missing graduation requirement*
- *You already took (and passed) a course*
- *Duplicate class/ empty period*
- *Current documented medical concern requiring a change*

We will not be able to make changes for the following reasons:

- *Lunch preferences*
- *Teacher preferences*
- *Changes based on other students' schedules*
- *Rearranging order of classes*

On the following dates and for the reasons listed above, counselors will be available to meet with students. We will have a sign-up sheet available in front of the Counseling Center. Students will be seen in the order they have signed up. We **will not** be available for phone calls or appointments during these days. Counselors will see students from **10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **If you cannot make this time**, you may also submit a schedule change request via email to your counselor.

Seniors & Juniors (12th & 11th grades)	Wednesday, August 19th
Sophomores & Freshmen (10th & 9th grades)	Thursday, August 20th

New students to Kelso will be seen **by appointment per their counselor's availability**. Enrollment forms are available in the counseling center or can be found on the Kelso High School website. Enrollment forms and previous school records must be received **prior** to scheduling an appointment. Student's immunization records must be on file prior to starting school.

Thank You

KHS Counseling Department

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Megan Giltinan (R-Z)
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Justin Sitch (Special Education)
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(360) 232-5003
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HILANDER SPORTS

**READY TO
PLAY?**

GET CLEARED FOR KELSO ATHLETICS!

***REGISTER IN FINAL FORMS TODAY!
CLICK THE FINAL FORMS ICON BELOW!***



FINAL*✓*FORMS
SPORTS REGISTRATION



HILANDER SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

UPCOMING HOME CONTESTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

AUG. 28 SKYVIEW 6:20 PM
SEPT. 4 RIVER RIDGE 7:00 PM
SEPT. 18 WF WEST 7:00 PM
SEPT. 25 PRAIRIE 7:00 PM
OCT. 2 SHELTON 7:00 PM
OCT. 23 HERITAGE 7:00 PM

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

SEPT. 8 MARK MORRIS 7:00 PM
SEPT. 10 NORTH THURSTON 7:00 PM
SEPT. 17 SKYVIEW 7:00 PM
SEPT. 22 BATTLE GROUND 7:00 PM
SEPT. 24 EVERGREEN 7:00 PM
OCT. 8 MT. VIEW 7:00 PM
OCT. 20 HERITAGE 7:00 PM
OCT. 22 PRAIRIE 7:00 PM

GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

SEPT. 3 CAMAS/HERITAGE/UNION/MT VIEW 5:00 PM
SEPT. 9 CAMAS 5:00 PM
SEPT. 23 FORT VANCOUVER/HUDSON'S BAY 5:00 PM
SEPT. 30 SKYVIEW 5:00 PM
OCT. 24 ABERDEEN + 20 OTHERS 10:00 AM
OCT. 28 SHELTON 5:00 PM

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

SEPT. 9 RIDGEFIELD 7:00 PM
SEPT. 15 SKYVIEW 7:00 PM
SEPT. 22 TUMWATER 7:00 PM
SEPT. 29 CAMAS 7:00 PM
OCT. 1 MT. VIEW 7:00 PM
OCT. 6 PRAIRIE 7:00 PM
OCT. 15 EVERGREEN 7:00 PM
NOV. 5 HERITAGE 7:00 PM

VARSITY BOYS GOLF

SEPT. 10 BATTLE GROUND 3:00 PM
SEPT. 17 CAMAS 3:00 PM
SEPT. 29 PRAIRIE 3:00 PM
OCT. 1 EVERGREEN 3:00 PM
OCT. 6 MT. VIEW 3:00 PM

CROSS COUNTRY

SEPT. 12 JACK & JILL INVITE @LAKE SACAJAWEA
V & JV GIRLS- 2:20 PM
V BOYS -3:10 PM
SEPT. 15 PRAIRIE 4:00 PM
SEPT. 29 MT. VIEW 4:00 PM
FIND THE FULL XC SCHEDULE ON [ATHLETIC.NET](https://athletic.net)

SLOWPITCH - TBD

CLICK THE ARBITER ICON FOR THE CURRENT UP TO DATE SPORT SCHEDULES!





ASB is the heartbeat of student life – powering athletics, clubs, events, and the traditions that make our school unforgettable. This one-page guide gives families information you need for the start of the school year.

ASB CARD

- Required for participation in sports, competitive activities and most clubs
- Perks: game discounts, event access, dance pricing deals
- **Cost: \$45**
- **Buy:** ASB office or online payment portal: [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Pro Tip:** Save receipts – they help with fee tracking all year

FEES AND FINES

- **Fees** are assigned to students when they initiate desire to participate in a sport, activity, club, event, class
- **Fines** are assigned to students when the fee is not paid during a season
- **Additional fines** may be charged to a student for lost, damaged, or unreturned school property.

Kelso High School recognizes that families may face financial challenges. We encourage you to work with the ASB office for payment options as well as filling out the [Free and Reduced Lunch Form](#). While KSD provides free breakfast and lunch to students, the FRL form provide additional free and reduced fee assistance for students.

What ASB does for Students

ASB is the official student government at Kelso High School – a group of elected student leaders who represent the student body, plan events, promote school spirit, and manage student activities.

- Supports athletics, clubs, and activities with essential funding.
- Gives students a voice through leadership, voting, and decision-making.
- Students participating in ASB Leadership class work to builds school spirit through pep assemblies, events, and student-led traditions.

The ASB fund holds student-generated public money and is governed by the ASB student government and bylaws

Contact Info:

ASB Secretary: Haley Cox

360-501-1846

haley.cox@kelsosd.org

ASB Administrator: Erin Hanson

360-501-1966

erin.hanson@kelsosd.org



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Student Parking Enforcement Information

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To maintain a safe and secure campus, Kelso High School is implementing a new parking enforcement procedure regarding vehicles parked behind the school. The rear parking area located behind the autoshop and food service entrance is not designated for student parking and must remain clear for school operations, deliveries, staff access, and emergency vehicles.

Despite previous reminders, students have continued to park vehicles in this restricted area. As a result, the school will begin enforcing the following process.

PARKING ENFORCEMENT PROCESS

First Violation – Warning

- A copy of this letter will be left on the vehicle as a reminder warning.
- A photograph of the vehicle will be taken to verify the date and time of the parking violation.
- The student listed for the vehicle will be contacted to sign a warning acceptance statement.
- Parents/caregivers of the student will be notified of warning violation through email/phone call.

Second Violation – Vehicle Booted

- The vehicle will be **immobilized using a vehicle wheel boot**.
- **A parent or caregiver must come to the school between 3:00pm and 4:00pm to sign the release documentation before the boot is removed.**

Third Violation – KHS Parking Pass Revoked

- The violating student will no longer be allowed to park on KHS or CMS property. Violations may result in towing of the vehicle.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

KelsoSchool District property is **private property**. Vehicles parked on school grounds must comply with school parking regulations. By choosing to park on school property, vehicle owners and drivers **acknowledge and accept these parking rules and enforcement actions**, including booting and loss of KHS parking pass privileges.

Our goal is to maintain **clear access for safety vehicles, staff operations, and student safety**. We appreciate your support in discussing these expectations with your student.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to maintain safety and security on the KHS campus.

Sincerely,

Kelso/Loowit High School Administration

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





NONDISCRIMINATION NOTIFICATION

Equal Opportunity in Career and Technical Education Programs

Kelso School District

*Kelso School District is committed to providing equitable access to all educational programs, including Career and Technical Education (CTE). In compliance with federal regulations and the Office for Civil Rights, this notice informs students, parents, guardians, employees, and the general public of our **nondiscrimination policy** regarding CTE programs.*

Career and Technical Education Program Offerings

Kelso High School offers hands-on career preparation and STEM programs including:

- Agriculture Sciences
- Business & Marketing
- Family & Consumer Sciences
- Health Sciences
- Skilled & Technical Sciences

These programs provide opportunities for dual credit, industry-recognized certifications, and skills aligned to post-secondary and career pathways. Please review the [KHS Course Catalog](#) for CTE course descriptions. For more information about all things CTE at Kelso High School please visit www.khscareertech.com.

Admission Criteria

All students enrolled in Kelso School District may participate in CTE programs. Placement is determined by student interest, grade level, and availability. Lack of English language proficiency will not be a barrier to admission and participation in career and technical education programs. **No student is excluded based on prior experience, academic standing, or English language proficiency.**

Nondiscrimination Statement



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. Kelso School District offers classes in many Career and Technical Education (CTE) program areas, such as Agriculture Sciences, Business & Marketing, Family Consumer Sciences, Health Sciences, Skilled & Technical Sciences, and STEM under its open admissions policy. This notice is available in other languages upon request to ensure accessibility for all families.

Compliance Contacts

If you have questions or wish to report a concern, contact information is listed below:

→ **Title IX & Section 504 Coordinator**
Gunnar Guttormsen, Director of Student Services
601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626
gunnar.guttormsen@kelsosd.org • (360) 501-1905

→ **ADA Coordinator / Title VII Officer**
Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources
601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626
holly.budge@kelsosd.org • (360) 501-1918

→ **Career and Technical Education**
Melissa Boudreau, CTE Director
1904 Allen Street, Kelso, WA 98626
melissa.boudreau@kelsosd.org • (360) 501-1839

→ **Kelso High School**
Mara Rinker, Registrar
1904 Allen Street, Kelso, WA 98626
mara.rinker@kelsosd.org • (360) 501.1845

For full details regarding these regulatory requirements—including Title IX (34 CFR 106.8(b)), Section 504 (34 CFR 104.7(a)), and Title II (28 CFR 35.107(a))—please refer to the OSPI Methods of Administration webpage.

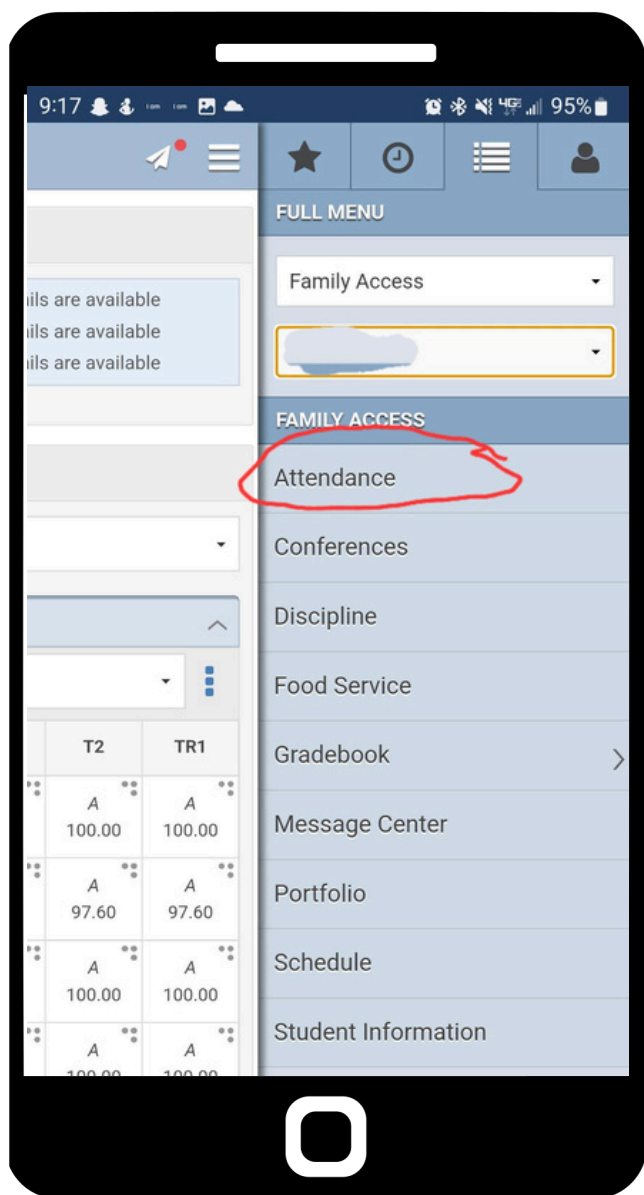


FAMILY MOBILE APP

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>

STAY

CONNECTED

**THE KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT
HAS AN APP!**



STEP 1

IN YOUR APP STORE SEARCH
FOR KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT.
BE SURE TO LOOK FOR THE "K".

STEP 2

ONCE YOU ARE IN THE APP GO
TO SETTINGS TO CHOOSE THE
SCHOOLS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS FOR!



Check it out today!!!



GOOGLE DRIVE

AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S "CAREER, COLLEGE, AND COMMUNITY READY" GOAL, OUR STUDENTS WILL BE UTILIZING GOOGLE DRIVE ACCOUNTS THAT ALLOW THEM TO PRODUCE, SHARE, AND EASILY ACCESS ASSIGNMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND PROJECTS USING ONLINE TOOLS.

GOOGLE DRIVE PROVIDES FREE WORD PROCESSING, SPREADSHEET, AND PRESENTATION SOFTWARE THAT STUDENTS CAN USE TO CREATE DOCUMENTS FROM ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS INTERNET ACCESS. THE DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN GOOGLE DRIVE PORTAL THAT ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR OUR STUDENTS. THESE ARE NOT TO BE TREATED AS PRIVATE ACCOUNTS, BUT ARE PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL RELATED WORK AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE BENEFIT OF GOOGLE DRIVE IS THAT STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR DOCUMENTS BOTH AT HOME AND SCHOOL ON ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. IN ADDITION TO FAMILIAR TOOLS LIKE GOOGLE DRIVE, CLASSROOM, KEEP, AND SITES, SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE ACTIVE GMAIL ACCOUNTS THAT CAN BE USED FOR SCHOOL RELATED PURPOSES. WE ARE USING A MONITORING TOOL CALLED BARK THAT ALERTS US TO INAPPROPRIATE OR DANGEROUS CONTENT. FLAGGED ACTIVITY WILL BE REVIEWED AND FOLLOWED UP ON IF NEEDED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD HOW HE/SHE IS USING GOOGLE DRIVE IN SCHOOL.



WE ARE RESPONSIBLE ♦ RESPECTFUL ♦ KIND ♦ RESILIENT HILANDERS

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 Gunnar Guttormsen, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX & Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A DRUG AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE