



Hamblen's Mission Statement

Hamblen Elementary School is dedicated to creating a school where staff, families, students, and the community share the responsibility for creating and maintaining a learning environment that allows all students to reach their full potential.

It is our mission to serve each child in becoming successful in all areas of the curriculum, respectful of self and others, aware of personal and social responsibilities, strong in personal integrity and valuing of the quest to learn.



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Welcome to Hamblen Elementary!

Hamblen Elementary is located high on the South Hill and is the center of our community. Our doors are always open and the coffee is hot. We love to have our community members drop by and say "Hi," volunteer in our classrooms or take advantage of our many school activities.

What Makes Hamblen Special?

- ★ Wonderful students who care about their learning, the community and each other.
- ★ A professional, caring teaching staff that places the needs of the children first.
- ★ A dedicated, involved group of parents who care about their children's education.
- ★ One of the largest parent and community volunteer programs in Spokane Public Schools, including a very active PTG.
- ★ Fourth grade WASL scores in math, reading and writing that meet or exceed Washington state averages.

Think globally. Learn Locally.

In 2010, the top 10 jobs in the country will be jobs that did not exist in 2004.

Technical information is more than doubling every two years.

Our challenge is to prepare students for jobs that do not exist yet, that will use technologies that have not been invented yet, in order to solve problems that are not even problems yet.

At Spokane Public Schools, we are committed to ensuring academic success for all students. To do that, we are:

Focusing on powerful teaching.

Ensuring the district's curriculum lines up with state standards and is taught in every classroom.

Infusing our classrooms with technology.

Providing more support for our teachers, including dedicated time for collaboration. Working to provide rigorous and relevant instruction for students.

Encouraging supportive relationships.

As a result of our efforts, more students are taking advanced placement courses than ever before. Our students' average SAT scores continue to exceed state and national averages. More than twice the number of graduates joined an apprenticeship right out of high school than when we started the program three years ago.

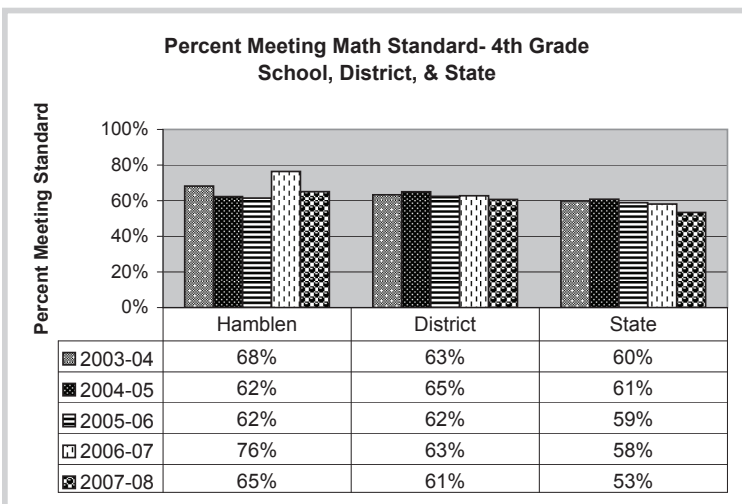
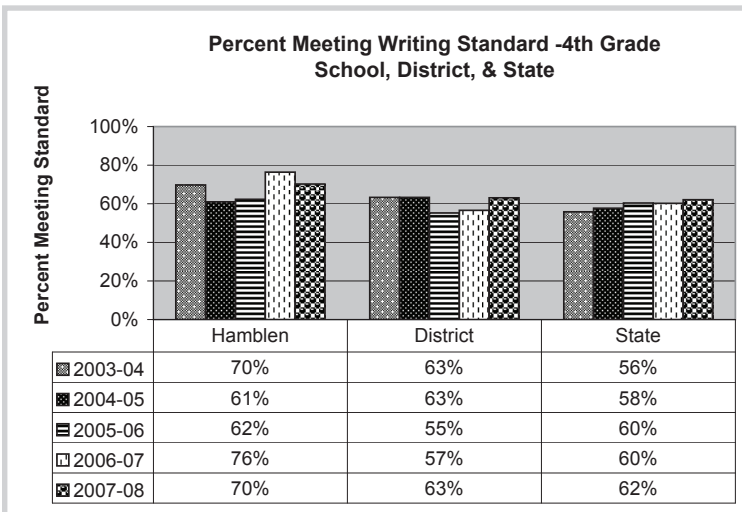
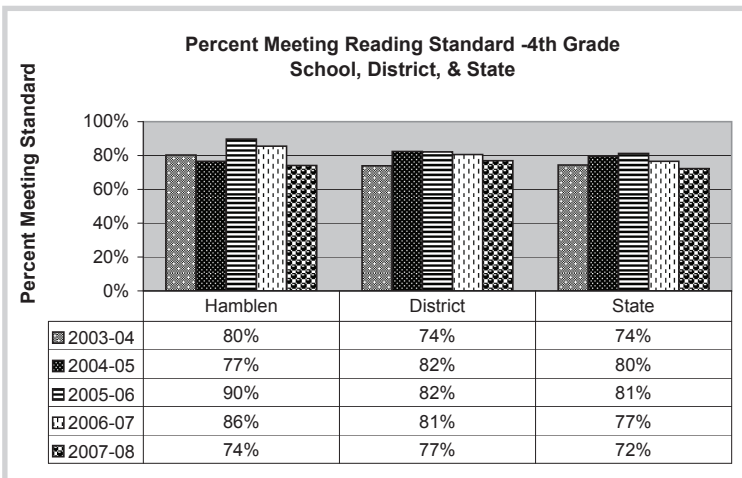
Because of our community's support, we are able to continue our work toward becoming a world-class system. Thank you!



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Annual Report Card 2008

Hamblen School Students' Trends in WASL Performance



Major Goals from School Improvement Plan

The major goals from our Hamblen School Improvement plan are:

- Use the district curriculum and assessments to teach reading, writing and math
- Provide interventions for students who have not met the learning standards.
- Provide acceleration activities to students who have met or exceeded the learning standards.
- Ensure we have a safe learning environment for all of our students.

Summary of School Data

Expenditures per pupil.....\$9,895.83
Annual school budget\$47,976

For more information regarding this school's academic achievement and other related data, please visit reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us.

District AYP Message

The intent of the federal No Child Left Behind Act is to ensure that all students have the knowledge and skills they need to be productive and engaged citizens. Under NCLB, schools and districts that receive federal funds must make Adequate Yearly Progress toward the goal of 100 percent of students meeting state standards by 2014 or be subject to various sanctions.

Districts are considered to have made AYP if they meet requirements in 111 areas. Spokane Public Schools did not make AYP this year because it missed 15 of these areas, and is considered to be in Step 1 of improvement. Statewide, only 84 districts out of 296 made AYP this year. Most of the districts that made AYP are relatively small districts and benefitted from the small number of students enrolled.

Because of this, we are required to revise our district improvement plan. Our SPS families are vital partners in improving schools, and we welcome you to actively participate in the revision and update of the improvement plan. Contact your school for more information. We are proud of the work we are doing and are committed to the success of each student.

Levy and Bond Replacement

This March, Spokane Public Schools will ask the community to vote on a replacement levy and bond. These measures both supply essential funds to support our students and provide them good places to learn. Find out more at spokaneschools.org or call 354-7340.

Spokane Public Schools Mission:
To develop the skills and talents of all students through rigorous learning experiences, supportive relationships, and relevant real-life applications.