

# Holmes

## Elementary School

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### Welcome to Holmes Elementary!

Welcome to Holmes Elementary School. We are located in the heart of the West Central Community neighborhood. We welcome all visitors to our school and encourage you to come in and witness all the great teaching and learning taking place. We are constantly looking for volunteers to read with our students, be a mentor, or support the learning in classrooms.

### What Makes Holmes Special?

What makes Holmes Elementary special can be summed up in one word: people. From the students, to the educators, to the families in our neighborhood, Holmes is touched by an amazing array of talented and dedicated people.

We have 400 students who are excited about learning and an incredible staff that strives to provide the best possible education for each student, doing whatever it takes to help our students be successful.

The Holmes staff, students and community are extremely proud of their school and look forward to continued student success in all academic areas. At Holmes, our motto is "Teaching to the Heart as Well as the Mind." It's not only what we believe, it's what we do.

### Accomplishments:

Holmes' staff strives to provide students with the best education available. We continually use the most current research coupled with a high-quality, dedicated staff to provide a state-of-the-art education. With our focus on student learning, we continue to make significant academic gains in all content areas.

In 2007-08, Holmes was one of five schools in the state of Washington to earn a Title I Distinguished School award for significant ongoing improvement in reading and math. And Holmes also received the 2007 Title I Improvement Award for continuing efforts to increase academic success.

### 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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excellence for everyone

**Annual Report Card 2008**

## Holmes School Students' Trends in WASL Performance

## Major Goals from School Improvement Plan

The Holmes staff continues to focus on literacy and mathematics. This has been our school-wide focus for the past three years. We are learning and implementing the "comprehensive literacy model" in which the goal is to accelerate student performance within the classroom setting. In mathematics, we continue to focus our work around the five content strands and three process strands with an emphasis on problem solving. Our students are becoming great thinkers as we align our curriculum from kindergarten through grade 6.

### Summary of School Data

Expenditures per pupil..... \$9,895.83  
Annual school budget ..... \$33,481

For more information regarding this school's academic achievement and other related data, please visit [reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us](http://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.

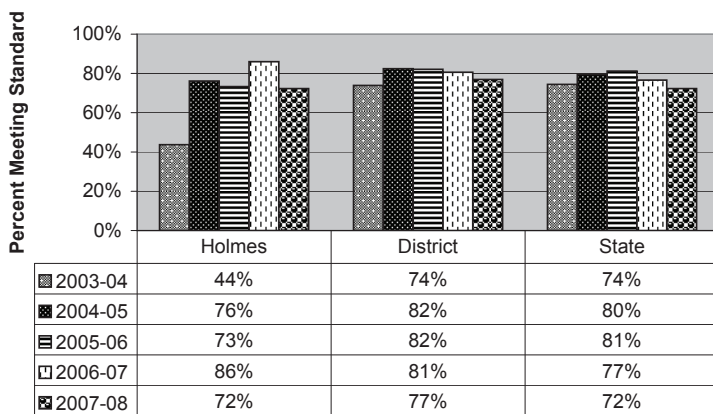
Districts are considered to have made AYP if they meet requirements in 111 areas. Spokane Public Schools did not make AYP this year because it missed 15 of these areas, and is considered to be in Step 1 of improvement. Statewide, only 84 districts out of 296 made AYP this year. Most of the districts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

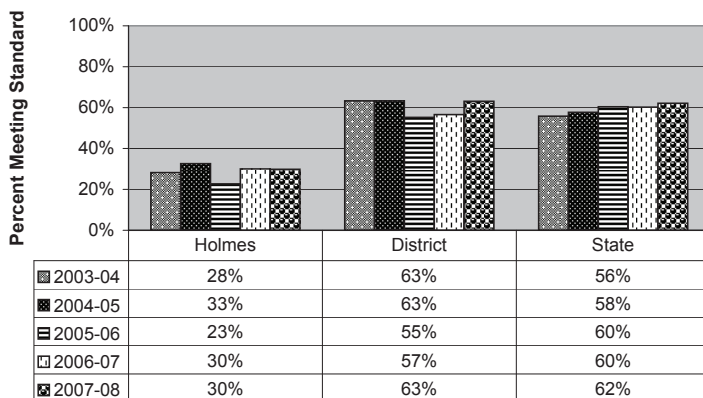
### Levy and Bond Replacement

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](http://spokaneschools.org) or call 354-7340.

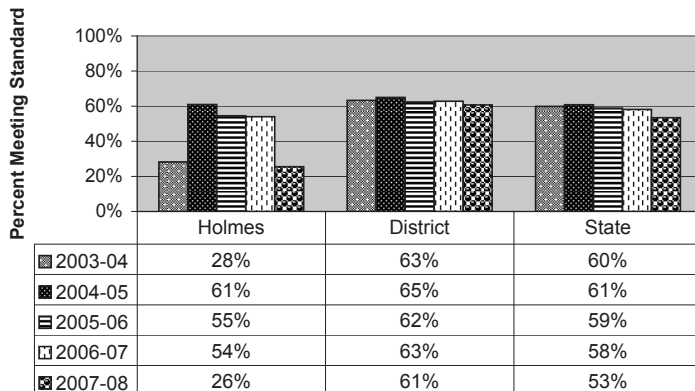
Percent Meeting Reading Standard- 4th Grade  
School, District, & State



Percent Meeting Writing Standard- 4th Grade  
School, District, & State



Percent Meeting Math Standard- 4th Grade  
School, District, & State



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