



Ballard High School is an inclusive, supportive community that cultivates a tradition of excellence for all students.
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BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE 2017-2018

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Accreditation

Association of Educational Service Districts

Enrollment

1938 students Grades 9-12
Diversity: 25% minority
Reduced lunch: 12%
Students receiving ELL services: 40
Students receiving special education services: 214

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Ballard High School is an urban public high school, one of ten comprehensive high schools in the Seattle School District. As the oldest high school in the district, Ballard has a proud tradition of excellence. Founded in 1901, Ballard High School is located in the historic community of Ballard on Shilshole Bay of Puget Sound. Named after Captain William Rankin Ballard, our community began with a connection to the sea and maritime endeavors. Recent years have brought a revitalization of the downtown area, drawing young professionals to the community. Thus, Ballard is a vibrant blend of tradition and innovation. With a brand new building which opened in 1999, academies and pathways that prepare students for emerging careers, and a rigorous academic program resulting in admission to selective colleges and universities, Ballard High School has an eye toward the future while valuing the traditions of our past.

Grades and Class Rank

Grades of A (4.0), A- (3.7), B+ (3.3), B (3.0), B- (2.7), C+ (2.3), C (2.0), C- (1.7), D+ (1.3) and D (1.0) indicate credit earned in a class. An E grade indicates course failure and results in no credit earned. Classes dropped after the 10th day of the semester but before the 5th week of the semester result in a W on the student's transcript. Percent (%) grading scale: A=93-100, A- =90-92, B+=87-89, B=83-86, B-=80-82, C+=77-79, C=73-76, C-=70-72, D+=67-69, D=60-66, E=0-59
Grade Point Average is not weighted. The highest attainable GPA is 4.0

Class rank is weighted. Honors (H) courses earn a half weighting point; Advanced Placement (AP), UW College-in-the-High-School (CIHS), and Running Start (HRS) courses earn a full weighting point. The weighted ranking process does not affect the GPA.

Academies and Pathways

A unique feature of Ballard High School is that we offer several small learning academies and pathways while simultaneously respecting students' individual choices. Our academies include the **Academy of Finance, Biotechnology Career Academy, Digital Film and Video Production Pathway, Maritime Academy, Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Pathway, and a Computer Science Pathway.** Students are not required to select an academy or pathway, but many do as these are subjects about which our students are passionate. Most of these programs supplement the student's core academic class schedule. Biotech requires three years of interdisciplinary English (including AP English in 11th or 12th grade), math, and science courses in a cohort model; Maritime requires Biology and Oceanography in addition to Maritime elective courses. All of these programs offer a multi-year sequence of courses which allows students to explore subjects in depth.

COLLEGE PROFILE

College Enrollment

88% of the 387 graduates in the Class of 2017 intended to enroll in an institution of higher learning. **75%** intended to enroll in a four-year institution, and **21%** intended to enroll in a two-year institution.

A sampling of colleges to which Class of 2017 students were accepted: Boston University, Cal Maritime, Cal Poly SLO, Chapman, Cornish, Dartmouth, Georgia Tech, Gonzaga, Loyola Marymount, Montana State, Oregon, Pacific Lutheran, Rensselaer, Santa Clara, UC Berkeley, UBC, U of Washington, Washington State, Whitman

2016 ACT Test Scores

English average	23.8
Math average	24.5
Reading average	24.6
Science average	23.8
Composite average	24.5

2016 SAT I Scores

Crit Reading/Writing	589
Math Mean	564

PROGRAMS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Journalism

The BHS journalism program produces nationally recognized publications. The *Ballard Talisman* has been nominated as a **Pacemaker Finalist** in recent years by the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) which is considered the highest honor for a scholastic newspaper in the country. Some describe the Pacemaker award as the high school equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize for professional newspapers. In 2013-2014, the *Talisman* newspaper news editor was awarded the **WJEA State Journalist of the Year**. Publications are led by editors that are members of the NSPA journalism honor roll and the national Quill & Scroll journalism honor society. The faculty adviser, Michael Smith, was awarded the **2012 Washington State Journalism Adviser of the Year**.

Performing Arts

Ballard High School has a thriving arts program. In the **Music Department**, this includes two instrumental Jazz Bands, Vocal Jazz, Treble Choir, Advanced Chorale, Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and two Orchestras. All of the ensembles have won awards at the regional and state level. In 2016, the Concert Choir and Advanced Chorale performed at Carnegie Hall for Choir Nationals. The Chamber Orchestra was selected for feature performance at the National ASTA Conference and the Jazz Band won the Outstanding Big Band Award at the University of Washington Jazz Festival. The 2016 Ballard production of *Children of Eden* earned multiple award nominations including Best Musical in Washington State from the 5th Avenue Theatre. In 2015, the Ballard Jazz Band was one of twelve bands selected for the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival; the Fiddle Ensemble won 1st place at the Western Washington University Orchestra Festival (Orchestra awarded Gold Award); Percussion Ensemble and Women's Duet won 3rd place at the State Solo/Ensemble; and the production *Thoroughly Modern Millie* earned multiple award nominations including a win for Best Supporting Actress from the 5th Avenue Theatre.

Digital Filmmaking

Since its beginning in the fall of 2001, students in the **Digital Filmmaking Pathway** have won nearly 600 awards and honors at regional, national, and international film festivals. Based on their portfolios they have won many honors from the [National YoungArts Foundation](#) and the [National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences](#) (at the Northwest Emmy Awards) and consistently gained admission to prestigious college film and television programs, sometimes with large scholarships and advanced placement.

The program provides professional production internships through a variety of media organizations and businesses, television shows, and feature films. Numerous program alumni have gone on to careers in the industry: writing or producing series television programs in Los Angeles, directing commercials, working on the camera crew or art department of feature films, producing media for major corporations, or working as broadcast journalists.

For more information: www.bhsvideo.blogspot.com

To see student productions: www.vimeo.com/bhsfilmprogram

Activities and Athletics

BHS students participate in over 70 clubs. Among these, the **Astrobiology Club** created an experiment that flew aboard the final flight of the **Space Shuttle Endeavour**. **Earth Service Corps** runs our cafeteria food composting program. Through **Link Crew**, selected juniors and seniors mentor incoming ninth grade students. Our **First Robotics** team won the 2017 World Championships in Houston. **Union Latina** provides outreach to Latino students and produces the Cinco de Mayo Assembly. Through **Unified Sports**, students with developmental disabilities compete with typically developing peers and professional athletes, winning the 2014 state basketball championship. Ballard High School is a member of the **Metro athletic conference** and competes at the 3A level. Our athletic department offers a variety of athletic programs from Football to Unified Sports. Ballard has 25 programs that represent 66 individual teams. We have 850 students participating in athletics with 70% of them earning a 3.0 GPA and higher.

HIGHEST LEVEL COURSES AVAILABLE

Advanced Placement and UW College in the High School (CIHS)

Courses are offered based on available funding

AP Language and Composition (11th)

AP Literature and Composition (12th)

Composition CIHS (12th)

AP World History 1 / 2 (10th)

AP US History (11th)

AP American Government (12th)

AP Calculus AB

AP Calculus BC

AP Biology

AP Chemistry

Astronomy CIHS

AP French

French 3 CIHS

AP Japanese

Japanese 3 CIHS

AP Spanish

Spanish 3 CIHS

AP Studio Art Photography

AP Drawing & Design

AP Computer Science

AP Macroeconomics

Honors

Intro to Lit and Comp 9 H

World Lit and Comp 10 H

World History 1/2 H (9th)

Geometry H

Algebra 2 H

PreCalculus H

Running Start

Running Start is a Washington state program that provides eligible junior and senior students the opportunity to attend community college classes, earning high school and college credit simultaneously.

Graduation Requirements

21 credits are required in the following subjects: Language Arts - 4; Mathematics - 3; Science - 2; Social Studies - 3; Fine Arts - 1.0; Occupational Ed - 1.5; Health - .5; PE - 1.5; Electives - 4.5. 60 hours Service Learning.



BHS Video Production students at the NW Regional Emmy Awards