

Northwest Liberty School Profile: 2010-2011

NWLS is a private secondary school that customizes education to assure student success. We blend the aspects of a day school, of online programs, and academic resources to meet the personal and educational needs of students.

Our commitment is to lead and guide students to personal and academic achievements through individualized and classroom instruction, online and independent learning, small learning communities, and a wealth of educational resources. We understand the importance of a student's past performance, current needs, and future goals. NWLS responds to each student. We work with individuals and families who desire education that is personally relevant and individually rigorous. NWLS specializes in quality education that is responsive and supportive.

MISSION

Customizing education that leads and guides students to individual rigor and personal relevancy with an eye on their future.

GOALS

School

- Continue to develop and implement educational opportunities for students emphasizing math, science, and occupational education courses
- To upgrade computers and purchase additional technology
- Inform surrounding districts of our services
- Revising databases to mesh student information and assessment with progress reporting

Students

- Reconnecting students to learning
- Developing skills and knowledge to help students learn to succeed now
- Broadening education to include career & technical education, and service learning

COMPONENTS

Contract Learning

Contract learning engages and encourages students to be actively involved in their learning. Individually working with their teacher, students participate in the process of their education. Students become more independent and responsible for their own learning.

Online & Independent Learning Resources

Online Learning resources offer an impressive list of courses. In addition to courses, online libraries and tutors, digital tools, and learning resources are available to help students and parents.

Independent Study courses allow students the same flexibility as online courses and to complete some of their credit requirements by studying on their own under the guidance of a NWLS teacher.

Classroom Instruction

Small learning communities blend the benefits of small group instruction and individual academic needs. Teachers increase learning and support for students with: frequent interactions, customizing content, and providing practice and guidance for all students.

Academic Resources

Resources that support students are available. Students who take classes at NWLS utilize the Math Lab and Academic Labs. In addition, some students use our tutoring services and may sign up for our Labs that help support and build accountability for learning

COURSE OFFERINGS AND OPTIONS

NWLS offers a wide variety of educational options. We match the student with the academic offering and the approach that best fits their need.

Fulltime, Part-time, Augmented Enrollment

NWLS offers many services that include fulltime, part-time, and augmented enrollment where students may attend classes at both NWLS and their neighborhood school.

Regular Education

Our comprehensive course offerings meet Washington State graduation requirements in all areas.

Online and Independent study

Apex Learning is the provider of online classes and NWLS oversees student progress and the correcting of student assignments. In addition, many students have a difficult time scheduling all required courses into their high school, we offer independent study courses, such as Health, PE, and Life Fitness.

Summer and Winter School

NWLS offers two credit recovery sessions. Students take from 1-3 classes to make up for lost credit in core areas of the curriculum.

Accelerated Classes

With assistance from the local school district, NWLS offers accelerated math courses during the summer. This allows students to enter Honors, AP, or Pre-IB classes if all requirements are met.

Credit Retrieval

Credit recovery, through online, independent study, and in-class, is available throughout the year. Many students attend our summer or winter sessions while others need more flexibility through independent or online studies.

Culminating and Freshman Project

Students who need to complete this graduation requirement can either finish it as an independent study class or during our summer school.

Shared Education

Shared Education fosters a connection between students and community resources that expand learning from businesses, agencies, non-profit organizations, or Service Learning opportunities. Travel or personal experiences may also be included in their education plan along with courses from other schools, technical programs, or community colleges.

Additional Offerings

SAT, ACT, GED preparation
Education while traveling
Educational consulting for secondary students
Testing: Diagnostic, Proctoring
Career and college counseling

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YEAR-ROUND OPPORTUNITIES

2010 - 2011

Northwest Liberty School offers a range of services and support for secondary students throughout the year. In addition to full-time and part-time options that include contract learning, independent study, credit recovery, Apex online courses, and small group classes, we have Study and Math Labs, tutoring, and short-term help that allows students to clean-up academic messiness.

REGULAR ED & CREDIT RECOVERY	Fall	Winter & CR Session	Spring	Summer & CR Session
English	•	•	•	•
Math	•	•	•	•
Social Studies	•	•	•	•
Science	•	•	•	•
Health, Life Fitness, PE	•	•	•	•
Occupational Ed	•	•	•	•
Fine Arts	•	•	•	•
Electives	•	•	•	•

COURSES	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Online Courses	•	•	•	•
Classes: Spanish 1,2,3	•	•	•	
Short-Term, Immed Need, or Clean-up	•	•	•	•

ACADEMIC SUPPORT	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Tutoring: (individual and small group)	•	•	•	•
Study Lab: Mon - Fri: 12:30-5:00	•	•	•	
Math Lab: Mon, Wed: 3:30-5:00	•	•	•	

FULLTIME OR PART-TIME	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Contract Learning	•	•	•	•
Online Learning	•	•	•	•
Independent Study	•	•	•	•

Highlights and Accomplishments

- In our first 2½ years of operation, we have served over 550 students.
- A close working relationship with the 4 high schools in the local district. NWLS is a resource for school counselors when additional options are needed.
- A NWLS teacher was nominated for King5 Teacher of the Year.
- Many seniors graduated on time due to our ability to quickly respond to students needing to fulfill graduation requirements.

Statistics

- Our first year of enrollment: 196 students. In our second year, we grew by 173%; 339 students.
- NWLS graduated 6 students in 2010
- Seniors who graduated on time as part of taking classes at NWLS: 2008-2009: 24; 2009-2010: 80.

Other Information

An academic tracking system is used to assure that no student will fail. Teachers refer any student who is receiving less than a “C” to our Study Help lab. Parents are immediately notified of any referral. Students receive one-on-one attention that improves skills and organization from caring staff. Regular classroom teachers also help struggling students after class. Our commitment to assistance and keeping parents actively informed are key reasons for students’ very low failure rate.

Scholarships and Awards

Graduating senior scholarships

Service Leadership Award: \$1500.00

Trinity Lutheran College Award: 50% tuition scholarship award; for academics, and leadership in church and community.

Community Involvement

Team Center of Washington

- A non-profit organization formed to help children and youth with special needs develop technology skills that will change their lives forever.
- During Team Sessions, weekly classes are held at Northwest Liberty School
- Bob Hagin is a Board Member

Senior Culminating Project of a NWLS graduate

A NWLS graduate’s senior culminating project was to sell hand made, innovative and creative necklaces to community members. She has a vision and hearing impairment. Her intent was to raise money to support NWLS, and a student(s) who had similar challenges. She successfully raised and donated \$600.00 to NWLS.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA

	08-09	09-10	Total
Head Count	196	339	535
Contract Learning & Classroom	80	144	224
Credit Recovery	76	105	181
Online & Independent Study	112	218	330
Accelerated	0	19	19
Labs or Tutoring	1	4	5