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Our Vision
Focusing on every student, every day: strengthening community through education.

Developing a Strong Foundation in the Early Years

2026 Community Commitment
At least 19 out of every 20 students (95%) entering kindergarten demonstrate kindergarten level skill development across six key domains – physical, social-emotional, literacy, cognitive, language, and math.

2019 Baseline: About 4 out of every 20 children enter kindergarten demonstrating kindergarten level developmental skills.

Empowered, Connected, Supported & Engaged

2026 Community Commitment
At least 19 out of every 20 students (95%) will attend school at least 171 days out of 180 days per school year.

2019 Baseline: 10 out of every 20 students (50%)

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At least 19 out of every 20 students (95%) agree/strongly agree to the survey questions: "I feel safe at school" and "I feel connected to other students and adults at school."

2019 Baseline: 16 out of every 20 students feel safe (80%), no baseline data for "connected"

Equitable Opportunity to Achieve Core Mastery & Critical Thinking

2026 Community Commitment
At least 15 out of every 20 students (75%) in grades 4, 7, and 10 meet state standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

2019 Baseline: 7 out of every 20 students meet state standards in a
Our Core Values
Diversity, equity & inclusion • High expectations for all • Focus on the whole child • Family engagement & community partnerships

Persistence through Graduation and Beyond

2026 COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS
At least 18 out of every 20 high school students (95%) graduate on time, and 100% graduate within 6 years.

2019 BASELINE: 16 out of every 20 students (80%) graduate on time, and 80% of the remaining students graduate within 6 years.

Bilingual, Biliterate by Graduation

2026 COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS
At least 75% of PK-5 Schools will have access to a two-way dual language program.

2019 BASELINE: 0 out of every 20 students (0%)

2026 COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS
At least 10 out of every 20 (50%) middle school students will participate in a world language course or cultural exchange program.

2019 BASELINE: 0 out of every 20 students (0%)

2026 COMMUNITY COMMITMENT
At least 10 out of every 20 graduating seniors (50%) attain the Seal of Biliteracy.

2019 BASELINE: 3 out of every 20 (15%)
What You Will Give, What You Will Receive

**Students**

Give
- Practice a growth mindset
- Take personal responsibility for your own learning and behavior

Receive
- A learning environment conducive to student learning
- Parents and staff working together on students’ behalf

**Families**

Give
- Reinforce high expectations and growth mindset in students
- Communicate regularly with teachers about student progress

Receive
- Continuous academic and behavioral gains for your child
- Higher levels of trust and mutual respect between home and school

**Community Members**

Give
- Advocate for quality education and social services for students and families
- Provide enriching learning opportunities and programs for students and staff

Receive
- Competent, engaged, civically-responsible students and graduates
- Stronger local economy, active school communities, and improved quality of life

**District Leaders & Staff**

Give
- Provide resources for effective, culturally-responsive classroom instruction
- Invest in continuous professional learning for teachers, school leaders, and staff

Receive
- Higher performing schools and mission-focused central office
- Ability to attract and retain a talented, diverse workforce

**School Board**

Give
- Communicate a clear, consistent vision of high expectations and equity for all
- Advocate for needed resources and allocate them equitably

Receive
- Improved performance at all levels
- Greater collective ownership of each student and support for quality schools

**Teachers & Staff**

Give
- Believe in and set high expectations for all students
- Communicate proactively with parents about student progress

Receive
- More motivated students, prepared to learn
- District and community resources and support

**Administrators**

Give
- Cultivate a culture of high expectations, safety, equity, and continuous learning
- Provide high-quality professional development opportunities

Receive
- High-performing, dedicated teachers and staff
- Stronger relationships with families and community

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Yakima is the 20th largest district in Washington, the fourth largest in Eastern Washington, and the 2nd largest Latino-majority district in the state.

16,406 Students Enrolled

- 0.9% American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 0.4% Asian
- 0.5% Black/African American
- 79.5% Hispanic/Latino
- 0.1% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 2.4% Two or More Races
- 16.2% White

- 31% English Learners
- 82% Free or Reduced Lunch
- 16% Students with Disabilities

24 Schools

- 14 Elementary Schools
- 5 Middle Schools
- 5 High Schools

935 Teachers

- 121 National Board Certified Teachers
- 53% Have a Masters Degree or Higher

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