

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE LAW

All parents, in the State of Washington, of a child eight years of age shall have such child attend public schools and such child shall have the responsibility to attend full time when such school may be in session unless they qualify for an exception under the law. Such exceptions include private and home school options and other special circumstances. In an effort to encourage all students and their families to comply with the compulsory attendance law, new requirements have been added which include notification of parents of nonattendance, scheduling of conferences, and other steps to eliminate or reduce a student's absences. Exceptions are listed in the Compulsory School Attendance and Admission law, Chapter 28A.225, available at the school office or the public library.

All school district policies and administrative regulations are available for review at the district office, 5050 Spirit Lake Highway, Toutle, Washington.

CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

The Toutle Lake School District conducts *Childfind* activities for the purpose of locating, evaluating, and identifying students with a suspected disability who are residing within the boundaries of the district, including children who are homeless. *Childfind* activities apply to children ages birth through 21 who are not currently receiving special education and related services.

Parents having concerns about their child's health, hearing, intellectual functioning, language, learning, movement, serious behavioral needs, speech, or vision can call the district for more information and/or assistance with *Childfind* identification.

HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM

Toutle Lake School District recognizes the varying aptitudes of students and works to provide activities designed to develop the talents and interest of our students. The District plans to offer activities focused on critical thinking skills in the areas of Science, Math and Social Studies. Participating students will need to demonstrate a high aptitude in one or more of these areas. These activities will be designed to include but are not limited to the following objectives:

- Expansion of academic attainments and intellectual skills.
- Stimulation of intellectual curiosity, independence, and responsibility.
- Development of a positive attitude towards self and others.
- Development of originality and creativity.

Toutle Lake Elementary plans to offer differentiated instruction with accelerated curriculum at each grade level.

Toutle Lake HS plans to offer, though not restricted to highly capable students, Knowledge Bowl activities, along with the AP exam for eligible Calculus students. For more information please contact the elementary or high school principal at 360-274-6182.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Under the federal Department of Education and in accordance with state guidelines, parents of children in schools that receive Title I funds have the right to request specified information about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers. For more information, call 274-6182.

NOTICE OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

Students and school employees who are subjects of threats of violence or harm will be notified of the threats in a timely manner. Parents will be included in notifications to students who are subjects of threats of violence or harm. Timing and details of the notice will be as extensive as permitted by the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, other legal limitations, and circumstances.

The district will address threats of violence or harm in a manner consistent with the district's safety policies and comprehensive safe school plans.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT & BULLYING

Toutle Lake School District is committed to a positive, productive education and work environment free from all types of discrimination, including sexual harassment and bullying. The district shall take prompt, equitable, and remedial action with its authority on formal and informal reports, complaints and grievances alleging sexual harassment or bullying.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The district recognizes that students whose disabilities adversely impact educational performance and who require specially designed instruction have potential for improving educational performance when they receive special education and related services tailored to fit their needs.

Each eligible special education student in the district will be afforded a full educational opportunity. This goal will be met consistent with the state's goals through ensuring the provision of a free appropriate public education, complying with the state and local procedures, and improving performance goal indicators.

TITLE I, PART A

This federal program of assistance to elementary students (K-6) will provide extra help and tutoring for students who are below their grade levels in reading, math, or both. Parents are invited and encouraged to work jointly with the elementary staff and administration to plan, review, evaluate, and improve the Title I Plan and Parent Involvement Activities. For more information, call 274-6142.

Superintendent
Jr/Sr High School Principal
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*"All children can be
successful."*

MODERNIZATION PROJECT UPDATE

Toutle Lake's voter approved modernization project hit a slight "bump in the road" when the bids at our July 19th bid opening were quite a bit higher than our projected estimates and available revenue. The modernization will bring much needed upgrades to the middle and high school buildings, gyms, and upgrade the elementary covered play area to a multipurpose/gym facility; however, construction will be delayed slightly because we must have the project rebid to fit our budget.

We are currently working closely with LSW Architects, R&C Construction Management and OSPI to make the necessary adjustments in the scope of the project, with plans to rebid in September. Our goal is to maximize our funding while securing a General Contractor bid that fits within our budget. We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward through the bidding and construction phases of this project.

NEW STAFF

Toutle Lake School District would like to welcome Mrs. Doreen Grose to our Elementary School staff. Mrs. Grose has over 12 years of elementary teaching experience in the Federal Way and Woodland School Districts, and has served as a substitute teacher in the Toutle Lake School District for the past four years. Mrs. Grose will be replacing 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Barbara Streeter, who is retiring after 30 years of teaching in the Toutle Lake School District. Everyone at the Toutle Lake School District wishes Mrs. Streeter a long and happy retirement!

We would also like to welcome Mr. James Dillhoff to our secondary Social Studies Department. Mr. Dillhoff comes to us from Creston High School in Eastern Washington where he has taught the past eight years. He started his career in the Cascade School District in Leavenworth, Washington where he taught for 15 years. Mr. Dillhoff is replacing Mr. Chris Byrd who will be leading the Secondary School as the Principal.

WATER QUALITY TESTING

As a result of recent testing of our drinking fountains and various water faucets, we are happy to report that we received the "All Clear" rating. Samples were taken from all drinking fountains throughout the District and submitted to ALS Environmental, which is a laboratory accredited to perform lead analysis. We will continue to test our drinking water on an annual basis to assure continued analysis of lead levels.