Tolt Middle School looks for the talents within all learners while setting high expectations and academic standards. Presently, TMS serves approximately 740 students in grades 6-8. Our goals include working with both the family and the community to develop responsible citizens who can succeed in the 21st century. We’re a school that believes all students can be successful, and we challenge students to think independently and work to their potential.

Students and teachers at Tolt are organized in departments and grade-level groups, so we are able to create an environment that gives a sense of community within the context of the larger school.

Teachers offer a variety of avenues for hands-on instruction, including using technology as tools and project-based learning, which matches with the middle school students’ academic success, responsible citizenship, and commitment to life-long learning. We believe the community and families are keys to helping us reach our mission and encourage all of our patrons to join us in educating our students. We strive to meet the needs of all learners.

Tolt is a great place for children to learn and grow! We enjoy the opportunity to work with your children.

Sincerely,

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“Building Bridges to the Future”
Mission Statement
Tolt Middle School, in partnership with families and community, ensures a safe and respectful environment which inspires excellence and challenges all students to develop their talents as healthy, life-long learners, achievers, and responsible citizens.

Belief Statement
We believe:
♦ School is a safe and constructive environment with effective class size.
♦ Students are taught to respect each other.
♦ All students can learn, achieve, and succeed.
♦ Students are challenged to think independently.

School Improvement Goals 2015-2018: Improving Student Achievement
♦ Increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding their student growth goals in Math and Reading based upon fall to spring scores on district level assessments.
♦ Focus on students with the greatest needs in Reading and Math.
♦ Implement curricula to meet the varying needs of all students.
♦ Create an environment with high levels of collaboration and respect.

Demographics

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Average Class Size: 25

Ethnicity %

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Financial Resources
Tolt Middle School operates on an average annual budget of approximately $65,180 based on a full-time equivalent student enrollment of 740.

Of these funds, 45 percent is distributed to individual teams and elective/strand teachers for specific needs, and the balance is allocated for basic and operating support for the school.
Facility Information

A school has been located on the Tolt campus since 1914. Tolt Middle School was originally built as a high school, then a junior and senior high combined. Growth in the valley and the need to separate led to Tolt’s current status as a middle school with grades 6, 7, and 8.

Over the past 12 years, several buildings on the campus have been remodeled and modernized. Projects included new roofs, heating and ventilation systems, seismic upgrades, energy efficiency units, modular classroom replacement, aesthetic interior and exterior design, and improved grounds. The most recent remodel included additional classrooms, a new technology lab, new walkways, updated multipurpose room, gym, and locker rooms, along with updated multi-use fields and sports complex with an all-weather track. Beyond school programs, Tolt is used regularly by local groups and leagues, PTSA, and other community groups throughout the year.
School Safety
Staff members monitor students in common areas, during bus loading, and passing time. Each student is trained in how to report safety issues. Safety drills are practiced regularly with a school-wide emergency preparedness plan in place.

Students are encouraged to police themselves, and the discipline system reinforces our Tolt Points of Pride: promptness, participation, politeness, preparedness.

Discipline consequences are progressive unless misconduct is considered exceptional. There is zero tolerance with bullying, harassment, and intimidation. School counselors deliver a variety of lessons on safety, conflict resolution, and infuse success skills in the area of goal setting and school success throughout the year.

PTSA
The Parent Teacher Student Association is composed of parents and teachers who work together to support school-related interests. Board members meet monthly.

Although there are many PTSA activities, just a few include: operating the student store during lunch time; volunteering for lunch supervision through the Pride Program; assisting with money collection during the all-school magazine drive each fall; organizing the annual talent show and 8th-grade moving-up dance; chaperoning after-school socials; and supporting other activities.
Student Activities

In an effort to provide our students with a balanced and well-rounded education, Tolt Middle School offers a variety of extra-curricular opportunities.

Students are encouraged to participate in one of the many clubs and activities that Tolt Middle School has to offer. Club style offerings are based on student and staff interest. Recent experiences have included Arts & Crafts, Technical Student Association, Golf, Homework Assistance, Honor Society, Japanese, Mathematics, Robotics, and Video.

For those students who are interested in expressing their musical side, Tolt offers Jazz Band and Jazz Choir in a before/after school enrichment.

Students interested in academic activities are encouraged to participate in the Geography Bee, Knowledge Bowl, and Spelling Bee competitions. Students also spend time creating the yearbook, and participating in ASB leadership activities, and National Junior Honor Society.

Sports

Tolt Middle School also offers a variety of after-school sports opportunities. Approximately 450 students take part annually in our 8 sports programs.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students can participate in boys and girls cross country, basketball, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls track, girls volleyball, and wrestling.

Sixth-grade boys and girls can participate in cross country, track, and wrestling. We have four sports seasons, and our teams compete in the Cascade Foothills League. In addition to promoting a healthy, active lifestyle, our programs teach sportsmanship, self discipline, respect, and teamwork.

Technology

Students progress through a technology curriculum that covers keyboarding, Microsoft IT Academy, coding, digital imaging/design and video editing. Students use graphing calculators and a variety of math-related software programs in all math classes.

Technology levies and grant applications in the area of technology make it possible for all classrooms to have multiple computers available for use.

The campus has two technology labs and 8 laptop carts on an as-needed basis. Beginning in 2016-17 the RSD will be implementing a 1:1 computer program in the 8th grade.
Students at Tolt have the opportunity to stretch and grow in the fine arts by participating in either Band, Choir, or Art programs. Band is offered at all three grade levels - 6th, 7th, and 8th. Sixth-grade students can take either Debut Band or Premier Band.

Debut Band is for students who have never played an instrument, and Premier Band is for students who had band in the 5th grade. All grade levels of band students perform at least three evening concerts a year, and many enter an optional solo and small group festival.

Both 7th and 8th graders will march in local parades, play at judged band festivals, assemblies, and combine with the elementary or high school to perform in the all-district concert. In addition to band during the school day, before-school band programs include Jazz Band. This band will play jazz and rock songs and perform at concerts.

Choir at Tolt began as an elective for 6th, 7th and 8th beginning in the Fall of 2012. The choir performs at concerts, assemblies and local festivals as a way to showcase student talent.

Art classes at Tolt are offered as an elective to 6th – 8th grade students as part of the daily schedule. Depending on how the student's classes are arranged, a student typically is in art for a 9-week rotation in the 6th and 7th grade, and a semester in the 8th grade. Students in art will learn the elements of design and complete a myriad of projects that span the art media using everything from pencil/line design to pottery.

Students become familiar with several artists and learn about the influence of art throughout world history. Work developed by students can be seen at local establishments and venues including the Tolt main office, District offices, some museums, and art shows. Art Club is an after-school activity where students meet once a week to work on projects. Many students who are not able to fit art into their daily schedule, join the Art Club.

**Special Education**

Students who have been identified with a range of learning disabilities can have their needs met within a variety of programs at Tolt. Depending on the disability or handicapping situation, there are self-contained, limited self-contained, and fully-integrated programs. Because the need of each student is unique to the environment that can best suit them, students will be recommended for the program through their Individual Education Plan, parent input, and teacher recommendation.
Special Programs
Advanced Placement/Honors

Students are able to qualify for math instruction at their level of ability. Whether students are incoming 6th graders to Tolt or current students, a combination of district & state assessment scores are used to identify students for advanced placement in math or language arts.

Systematically, as students progress through math or language arts, placement is re-evaluated annually. Some students might be in advanced classes the entire time they are at Tolt.

As a result, Tolt offers Algebra and Geometry math classes where students can opt for high school credit if they qualify.

Pre-honors Language Arts is offered at all grade levels for students who qualify for and desire to meet the challenges obtained in the honors program. Students who qualify based upon assessment scores and show academic talent in language arts are placed in pre-honors classes at each grade level and reevaluated annually based upon district and state level assessment scores.
Students at Work

6th Grade SBA Scores
63.4% met the Reading standard

7th Grade SBA Scores
58.1% met the Math standard

8th Grade MSP Scores
71.7% met the Reading standard