

HILANDER TIMES

August/September 2023

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **August 23-25 & 28-29** - Student Chromebook Distribution (Library)
- **August 30** - Freshman Transition Day/
*Picture Day (9th Grade Only)
- **August 31** - 1st Day of School
*Picture Day (Grades 10, 11, & 12)

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:

- **September 5-**
==>VARSITY VOLLEYBALL VS SKYVIEW
- **September 5-**
==>VARSTIY GIRLS SOCCER VS SKYVIEW
- **September 8-**
==>VARSITY FOOTBALL VS CAPITAL
- **September 12-**
==>CROSS COUNTRY VS HHS & MVHS
- **September 13-**
==>SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL VS HERITAGE
- **September 13-**
==>SWIM VS VPS

WHAT'S INSIDE?

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL	PAGE 2
COUNSELING CENTER	PAGE 3
ATHLETICS	PAGE 4
ASB	PAGE 5
SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST	PAGE 6
CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION	PAGE 7
OEO	PAGE 8
SKYWARD MOBILE/ ATTENDANCE	PAGE 9
HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS	PAGE 11-12
PARKING/TRANSPORTATION	PAGE 12
GOOGLE DRIVE	PAGE 13



A Letter from Principal Walker

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year, Hilanders! We are so excited to have you back on campus and continue making connections with friends, staff, and colleagues. This is going to be a GREAT year! It has been so fun to see so many students and staff on campus throughout the summer, getting ready for athletics and activities. Teachers have been coming in to set up their classrooms and prepare for supporting their students' success in being college, career, and community ready after graduation.

As a school, we will continue our school improvement efforts during the 2023-24 school year that began during the 2021-22 school year. Our School Improvement areas of focus include: High School and Beyond Plan/Master Schedule, Freshman Success, AVID, and Tier 1/Core Values. Each one of our staff members is an active member of one of these teams and their efforts have made a direct impact on our school..

Five of our Leadership students participated in the AWSP Leadership Camp at CISPUS in July, focusing on servant leadership. Our leadership students and staff have been planning to welcome our new incoming 9th grade students to high school. The transition day for freshmen will be Wednesday, August 30. Only 9th grade students will attend school that day. The day will follow the regular, Wednesday Early Release schedule: 7:50-1:00. All other students' (grades 10-12) first day of school will be Thursday, August 31. Last year, we joined the state wide work focused on Freshman Success, and we will continue with that work this year. Last year, we saw significant improvement with freshman on-track rates through our work. If you are interested and would like to learn more about Freshman Success, here is a link to the state's focus: [Ninth Grade Success OSPI](#). We worked in partnership with the [Center for High School Success](#) for this work.

Another area of focus for the school last year was our [KHS Core Values](#): Responsibility, Respect, Kindness, and Resilience. This work began during the 2021-22 school year, and the values were identified in partnership with families, students, and staff. Last year, we introduced 2 student recognition processes, asking staff and students to nominate those students who demonstrate these values in action. Students were honored through the Rotary Student of the Month recognition and the in-school nomination process where students were awarded stickers for each character/quality.

We were so excited to send many of our teachers to the Summer AVID Institute in June. KHS AVID Site Coordinator is Jason Coburn. Last year, our graduating AVID students celebrated 100% college/post secondary program acceptance; it was a joyful end of the year celebration. We have the largest class of our incoming 9th grade AVID students - 31, and our new AVID teacher, Shawn Conrad is excited to start this journey with them. The 11th grade AVID students visited college campuses and participated in service opportunities in our community last year, and they take post secondary exams this year: PSAT and SAT. Our 12th grade AVID students finished their junior year visiting 4 college campuses and plan to begin college and financial aid applications as our school year starts.

Our final area of School Improvement last year was our Master Schedule. We continue to focus on increasing the number of our students who access the most rigorous courses that will support students being college, career, and community ready. We shifted the way we forecast to be more focused on helping students make informed decisions about the courses they take in order to best prepare them for post high school success. This has led to an increase in access to courses that offer certifications, dual credit, and advanced coursework. This work aligns closely with the district's [Strategic Plan: Road to Student Success](#).

I hope you have a restful and joyful end to summer as we approach the new school year. I am so thankful for the support of our community for Kelso High School. Together, We Are Hilanders.

Sincerely,

Sheri L. I. Walker

Principal, Kelso High School



WE ARE
+ RESPONSIBLE
+ RESPECTFUL
+ KIND
+ RESILIENT
HILANDERS

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

We hope you are enjoying your summer. The 2023-2024 school year is fast approaching. This letter is to inform you of dates that students may meet with their counselor regarding scheduling issues prior to the start of school.

Kelso High School's school year is set up on a trimester system. Students take 5 classes, each worth .50 credits, for a total of 2.50 credits per trimester. Students will take 15 classes during the school year accumulating 7.50 credits per year to apply toward their goal of the required 26 credits for graduation. Students will only have the first 5 days of each trimester to make schedule changes. When considering a schedule change, be sure students are meeting graduation requirements by viewing their Academic History and Graduation Requirements through Skyward Family Access.

On the dates shown below, counselors will be available to help students with scheduling needs. Un-official schedules for the 2023-24 school year can be viewed using Family Access beginning August 14th. Keep in mind the schedule you see on-line may change as counselors are still adjusting class loads. Official schedules must be picked up on the first day of school in the Commons area.

Because the master schedule is very tight and schedules will be difficult to change, the counselors will only be making changes for the following reasons:

- An open period (a period with no class scheduled)
- A class needed for graduation not listed on your schedule
- A class already passed and cannot be repeated listed on your schedule
- Major conflicts; such as two English or PE classes the same trimester
- Enrolled in the wrong level of a core class

On the following dates and for the reasons listed above, students can meet with a counselor. We will have a sign-up sheet available at 7:45 a.m. Students will be seen in the order they have signed up. Please be patient and plan extra time, there may be long lines. We will not be available for phone calls or appointments during these days. Counselors will see students from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you cannot make this time, you may also submit a schedule change request via email to your counselor.

Seniors & Juniors-----Monday, August 28
Sophomores & Freshmen-----Tuesday, August 29

The counseling office WILL NOT be open until August 16th. If an individual appointment is needed please contact the appropriate counselor.

New students to Kelso will be seen **by appointment per the counselors availability**. Enrollment forms are available in the counseling center or can be printed off the Kelso High School website. Enrollment forms and previous school records must be received prior to scheduling an appointment. Student's immunization records must be on file **prior** to starting school.

Thank You,
KHS Counseling Department

Letter from the Athletic Department

The 2023 Fall sports season is almost here. Please welcome Bob Kickner to the staff as Athletic Director. Bob comes to us from Olympia and will be a great asset to the Athletic Department.

If you are planning on participating in a Fall sport and have not registered, please do so by August 14 for Football and August 17 for all other sports. This allows the athletic department time to process your registration and determine eligibility prior to the beginning of the season.

Football begins August 16, all other Fall sports begin August 21. Students must have a current physical and medical insurance. Final Forms registration must be completed and approved prior to any type of participation. NEW, beginning this 2023 Fall season is that ALL fines/fees (not just sport-related), must be paid prior to the first competition, page 9 of the handbook. Sport fees of \$50 per sport and a one-time annual ASB fee of \$45 are in effect this school year and also are required to be paid prior to the first competition. Registration instructions can be found on page 3 of the KSD Student Athletics/Activities Handbook. The handbook was revised and adopted July, 2023. It is a great resource for any questions you may have. Right click to open the link below.

<https://kelso-wa.finalforms.com/documents/a5394bd6-b226-4d90-92c0-9559ba0d9dce/download>

If you have questions, please email the head coach.

- Head Cheer coach; emilie.jorgensen@kelsosd.org
- Head Cross Country coach; tim.wines@kelsosd.org
- Head Football coach; steve.amrine@kelsosd.org
- Head Boys Golf coach; pat.connors@kelsosd.org
- Head Slow Pitch coach; liz.hoopfer@kelsosd.org
- Head Girls Soccer coach; kyle.tatro@kelsosd.org
- Head Girls Swim coach; lori.clark@kelsosd.org
- Head Volleyball coach; michelle.mury@kelsosd.org
-

Sports team pictures will be taken by Bell Studios Wednesday, September 6, after school. Coaches will have picture order envelopes, and families will be sent a pre-order link when it becomes available.

Schedules are live, and updates are posted immediately. On the gohilanders.com site, click the MORE tab, the Athletic Events Calendar features a transportation schedule which lists daily events including dismissal, leave and return times. Be sure to click on the correct "season" tab at the bottom of the page, as it contains Fall, Winter and Spring information.

An email with the upcoming week's sports schedule will be sent each Thursday.

Go Hilanders!

Cathy Usher, Athletic Secretary
360-501-1898
cathy.usher@kelsosd.org

bob.kickner@kelsosd.org

www.gohilanders.com

360.501.1861



OFFICE HOURS

ASB

STUDENT HOURS

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
DURING LUNCHES

COMMUNITY HOURS

M, T, TH, F

7:30-12:00 & 2:30-3:15

WEDNESDAYS

7:30-1:15

DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE ASB OFFICE
WILL BE OPEN ON DAYS THAT STUDENTS ARE
PRESENT

2023-2024 SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

ASL

- (3) pkg "Standard Size" Post-It Notes
 - (1) Skinny Expo Marker
 - (1) pkg 3x5 Note Cards
 - (1) Headphones
- (2nd Trimester)

US/WORLD HISTORY & AMERICAN GOV

- Lined Paper
- Pens/Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- (1) Spiral Notebook
- (2) Highlighters

AP US HISTORY

- (1) Box tissues
- (6) Black/Blue Pens
- (6) Pencils
- (3) pkg 3x5 Index Cards

AP WORLD HISTORY

- (1) Box tissues
- (1) Colored Pens/Pencils
- (2) Highlighters
- Pens/Pencils
- (1) 3-Subject Spiral Notebook
or 1.5" 3 Ring Binder

9TH/10TH LANGUAGE ARTS

- 3 Ring Binder w/Paper
- Spiral Notebook (80+ pages)
- Glue Stick
- Post-It Notes (Lovell)
- Pens/Pencils
- Roll of Scotch Tape
- Scissors
- Highlighters (different colors)

JAPANESE

- (1) pkg of 4 Expo Markers
- (1) pkg 3x5 Index Cards
- (1) Spiral Notebook (70 page)
- (1) Roll of Cellophane Tape
- Scissors

PE

- Workout Clothes
(school appropriate-
sweats, shorts , leggings)
- Tennis Shoes
- Water Bottle
- Towel (optional)
- Yoga Mat (optional)

SCIENCE

- (1) Notebook (per Trimester)
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencils (yearly supply)
- Blue/Black Pens (yearly supply)
- Scissors
- Clear Tape (yearly supply)
- Highlighters

SPANISH

- (3) pkg 3x5 Flashcards
- (1) pkg Expo Markers
- (1) Spiral Notebook
- (1) Tape or Glue Stick
- Box of Tissues
- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils

SPED

- Colored Pencils
- Pocket Folders
- Kleenex
- Pens/Pencils
- Spiral Notebook
- Clear Tape

AVID

- (3) Spiral Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Highlighters
- Post-It Notes
- Pencil Pouch
- Scientific Calculator
- Ruler

MATH

- Scientific Calculator (prefer TI-30XS Multiview)
- 1" Binder w/pockets (all classes except UW)
- 2" Binder w/pockets (UW classes)
- Pencils w/erasers (extra lead)

11TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

- Loose Leaf Paper
- Spiral Notebook (70-80 page)
- Pens/Pencils
- Roll of Scotch Tape
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters (different colors)



<https://app.teacherlists.com/schools/114672-kelso-high-school>

CHROMEBOOK PICKUP

IMPORTANT: Students are responsible for picking up a Chromebook **BEFORE** the first day of school.

➔ **August 23 - 25**
August 28-29 ↘

PICK UP AT LIBRARY ENTRANCE LOCATED IN BHALL



QUESTIONS

Call 360.501.1829



Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO)

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) is an independent state agency that helps to reduce educational opportunity gaps by supporting families, students, educators, and other stakeholders in communities across WA in understanding the K-12 school system and resolving concerns collaboratively. OEO services are free and confidential. Anyone can contact OEO with a question or concern about school.

OEO listens, shares information and referrals, and works informally with families, communities, and schools to address concerns so that every student can fully participate and thrive in our state's public schools. OEO provides support in multiple languages and has telephone interpretation available. To get help or learn more about what OEO does, please visit our website: <https://www.oeo.wa.gov/en>; email oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov, or call: [1-866-297-2597](tel:1-866-297-2597) (interpretation available). (English)

La Oficina de Educación y Resolución de Quejas (OEO, por sus siglas en inglés) es una agencia estatal independiente que ayuda a reducir las brechas de oportunidades educativas al apoyar a familias, estudiantes, educadores y otras partes interesadas en las comunidades de WA para comprender el sistema escolar K-12 y resolver inquietudes colaborativamente. Los servicios de OEO son gratuitos y confidenciales. Cualquiera puede comunicarse con la OEO si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud acerca de la escuela.

La OEO escucha, comparte información y referencias, y trabaja de manera informal con las familias, las comunidades y las escuelas para abordar las inquietudes para que todos los estudiantes puedan participar plenamente y prosperar en las escuelas públicas de nuestro estado. OEO brinda apoyo en varios idiomas y tiene interpretación telefónica disponible. Para obtener ayuda u obtener más información sobre lo que hace la OEO, visite nuestro sitio web: <https://www.oeo.wa.gov/es>; envíe un correo electrónico a oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov, o llame al: [1-866-297-2597](tel:1-866-297-2597) (interpretación disponible). (Spanish)

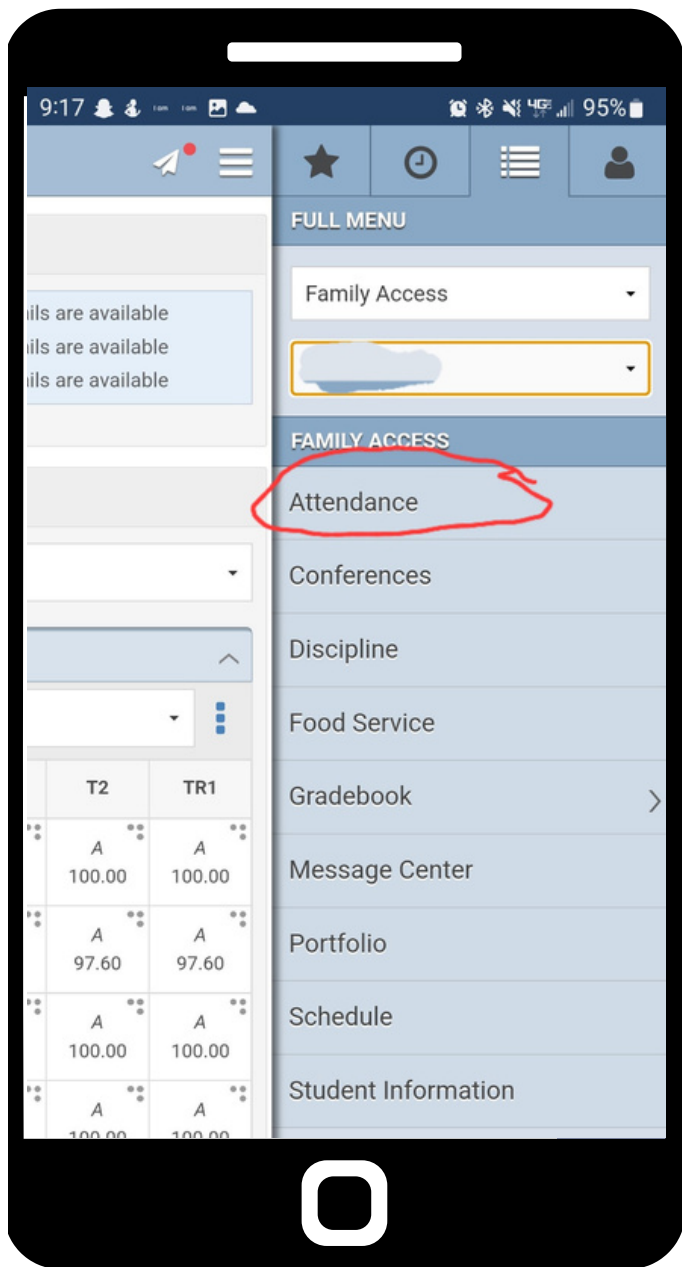


FAMILY MOBILE APP

All the benefits of Family Access on your phone

Entering your student's attendance

DOWNLOAD TODAY, AND STAY UP-TO-DATE
ON THE GO



How - To

- Log onto your Skyward account on the App
- Using the drop-down menu, choose your student
- Choose the date (date range if multiple days)
- If the absence will not be a full day, click off the toggle switch and fill in the time
- Using the drop-down menu, choose an absence reason
- Hit 'submit' when you are finished
- **THIS CAN BE DONE ON THE COMPUTER AS WELL.**

Find out more at the link below

<https://www.kelso.wednet.edu/o/ksd/page/skywardapp-attendance>

DID YOU KNOW?

9TH GRADE IS CONSIDERED THE **MAKE OR BREAK** YEAR!

9th Graders who pass all courses in
the 9th grade year are **4 X**
more likely to graduate high school
than their off-track peers!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

9th Graders with **0-4 absences** have
an **87% chance of graduating on**
time and 9th graders with **10-14**
absences have a **41% chance of**
graduating on time.

9TH ON-TRACK MATTERS MOST

9th Grade On-Track is a **better**
predictor of graduation than all other
factors including gender, race,
socioeconomic status and mobility

ATTENDANCE AFFECTS G.P.A.

The majority of students
who earned a **3.0+ G.P.A**
miss **fewer than 5 days** of
school in a school year.

G.P.A. & COLLEGE/CAREER

G.P.A at the end of 9th
grade year is a **predictor of**
college enrollment and
persistence.

**IN WASHINGTON STATE, ON-TRACK MEANS PASSING
EVERY CLASS. EVERY SINGLE CLASS MATTERS!**

**CHECK IN WITH A 9TH GRADE TEACHER, COUNSELOR
OR ADMINISTRATOR TO LEARN MORE!**

¿SABÍAS QUÉ?

¡EL 9º GRADO SE CONSIDERA EL AÑO DECISIVO!

Los estudiantes de 9º grado que aprueban **todos sus cursos en el grado 9** tienen **4X** más probabilidad de graduarse de la escuela secundaria que sus compañeros que no están al corriente.



LA ASISTENCIA IMPORTA 9º AL CORRIENTE IMPORTA MÁS

Los estudiantes de 9º grado con 0-4 ausencias tienen un 87% de probabilidad de graduarse a tiempo y los estudiantes de 9º grado con 10-14 ausencias tienen un 41% de probabilidad de graduarse a tiempo.

Estar al corriente en el 9º grado predica mejor la graduación que todos los demás factores, incluidos el género, la raza, el estatus socioeconómico y la movilidad.

LA ASISTENCIA AFECTA EL PROMEDIO DE CALIFICACIONES

La mayoría de los estudiantes que obtuvieron un promedio de calificaciones de 3.0+ pierden menos de 5 días de escuela en un año escolar.

EL PROMEDIO DE CALIFICACIONES Y LA UNIVERSIDAD/CARRERA

El promedio de calificaciones al final de 9º grado predica la inscripción universitaria y la persistencia.

**EN EL ESTADO DE WASHINGTON, ESTAR AL CORRIENTE SIGNIFICA
APROBAR TODAS LAS CLASES. ¡CADA CLASE IMPORTA!**

**¡CONSULTA CON UN MAESTRO, CONSEJERO O ADMINISTRADOR
DE 9º GRADO PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN!**

Hilander **PARKING**

**KELSO HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PERMITS
WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 15TH.**

**REMEMBER THAT THE APPLICATION REQUIRES
A PARENT SIGNATURE, VALID PROOF OF INSURANCE,
VALID WASHINGTON STATE DRIVER'S LICENSE,
AND YOU MUST SIGN THE "NEED TO KNOW" FORM
FROM THE KHS STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Transportation

**BUS PASSES ALLOW STUDENTS TO RIDE A BUS OTHER
THAN THEIR REGULAR BUS TO OR FROM SCHOOL.
PLEASE SEND A NOTE WITH YOUR STUDENT TO TAKE
TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE THAT INCLUDES THE
STUDENTS NAME, DATE OF REQUEST, BUS ROUTE, AND
WHO ARE THEY GOING HOME WITH AND THE ADDRESS
OF THAT STUDENT. BUS PASSES WILL BE ISSUED
BEFORE SCHOOL AND DURING LUNCH. THE
ATTENDANCE OFFICE IS CLOSED AFTER SCHOOL.**



GOOGLE DRIVE

AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S "CAREER, COLLEGE, AND COMMUNITY READY" GOAL, OUR STUDENTS WILL BE UTILIZING GOOGLE DRIVE ACCOUNTS THAT ALLOW THEM TO PRODUCE, SHARE, AND EASILY ACCESS ASSIGNMENTS, DOCUMENTS AND PROJECTS USING ONLINE TOOLS.

GOOGLE DRIVE PROVIDES FREE WORD PROCESSING, SPREADSHEET, AND PRESENTATION SOFTWARE THAT STUDENTS CAN USE TO CREATE DOCUMENTS FROM ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS INTERNET ACCESS. THE DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN GOOGLE DRIVE PORTAL THAT ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF ACCOUNTS FOR OUR STUDENTS. THESE ARE NOT TO BE TREATED AS PRIVATE ACCOUNTS, BUT ARE PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCHOOL RELATED WORK AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE BENEFIT OF GOOGLE DRIVE IS THAT STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR DOCUMENTS BOTH AT HOME AND SCHOOL ON ANY COMPUTER THAT HAS ACCESS TO THE INTERNET. IN ADDITION TO FAMILIAR TOOLS LIKE GOOGLE DRIVE, CLASSROOM, KEEP, AND SITES, SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE ACTIVE GMAIL ACCOUNTS THAT CAN BE USED FOR SCHOOL RELATED PURPOSES. WE ARE USING A MONITORING TOOL CALLED BARK THAT ALERTS US TO INAPPROPRIATE OR DANGEROUS CONTENT. FLAGGED ACTIVITY WILL BE REVIEWED AND FOLLOWED UP ON IF NEEDED. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD HOW HE/SHE IS USING GOOGLE DRIVE IN SCHOOL.



WE ARE RESPONSIBLE ♦ RESPECTFUL ♦ KIND ♦ RESILIENT HILANDERS

All Kelso schools take the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) of students very seriously. According to the most recent Healthy Youth Survey, the majority of students in Kelso schools indicate that they feel safe at school. Any student, parent or other interested adult can report an incident of HIB using the Kelso Incident Report Form (which is available on the website and in the main office of all schools).

Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) is an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

If you have any questions about this policy please contact the principal of your child's school, or the Director of Student Services,, Don Iverson, at the Kelso School District office.

Kelso School District #458 complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, the school district's Title VII Officer and ADA Coordinator. People of disability may request reasonable accommodation in the hiring process by contacting, Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 or (360) 501-1924.

Inquiries regarding compliance procedures regarding students may be directed to Gunnar Guttormsen, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX & Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A DRUG AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE