



Road to STUDENT SUCCESS

Our Goals



CAREER, COLLEGE & COMMUNITY READY

Every Kelso student will transition successfully between grades and schools and will graduate with the knowledge, skills, and attitude to excel in post-high school opportunities.



CLIMATE & CULTURE

Emphasize student & staff safety, wellness, and a culture of mutual respect.



COMMUNICATION

Maximize awareness and support of the district's mission, vision, goals, and programs.



EARLY LEARNING

Every Kelso student will meet or exceed standard by the end of third grade in English language arts and mathematics.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Maintain effective resource allocation, operational planning, and solid fiscal controls.



QUALITY INSTRUCTION

Every Kelso student will experience high-quality, standards-based instruction that fosters critical thinking and high levels of academic achievement.

Mission

The mission of Kelso Public Schools is to prepare every student for living, learning, and achieving success as a citizen of our changing world.

Vision

Our students begin school ready to learn, transition confidently between grades and schools, and emerge from our district as engaged citizens, both career- and college-ready.



100% GRADUATING

CAREER, COLLEGE & COMMUNITY READY

Increase the four-year high school graduation rate by at least one percent per year for the next five years.



QUALITY INSTRUCTION

Student achievement in mathematics and English language arts will increase annually and the achievement gap between multilingual learners, students with disabilities, and students in poverty—in comparison with other students—will decrease annually.

★ 2025-26 PRIORITY

- Attain strong student achievement and growth that produces equitable outcomes as measured by formative and summative assessments through a Professional Learning Community (PLC) process.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

★ 2025-26 PRIORITY

- Maintain effective resource allocation, operational planning, and solid fiscal controls.



COMMUNICATION

Engage with Kelso community to maximize awareness and support.



CLIMATE & CULTURE

Improvements to the learning environment will be achieved in two specific areas: 1) safety and security of our students and staff, and 2) student behavior.

★ 2025-26 PRIORITIES

- Enhance our culture of belonging and engagement for students and staff while sustaining clear safe-school protocols.
- Elevate student voice in the improvement process through meaningful dialogue and engagement.



EARLY LEARNING

The percentage of all third grade students meeting or exceeding the grade level English language arts benchmark will increase annually, regardless of student subgroup.

How We Get There

