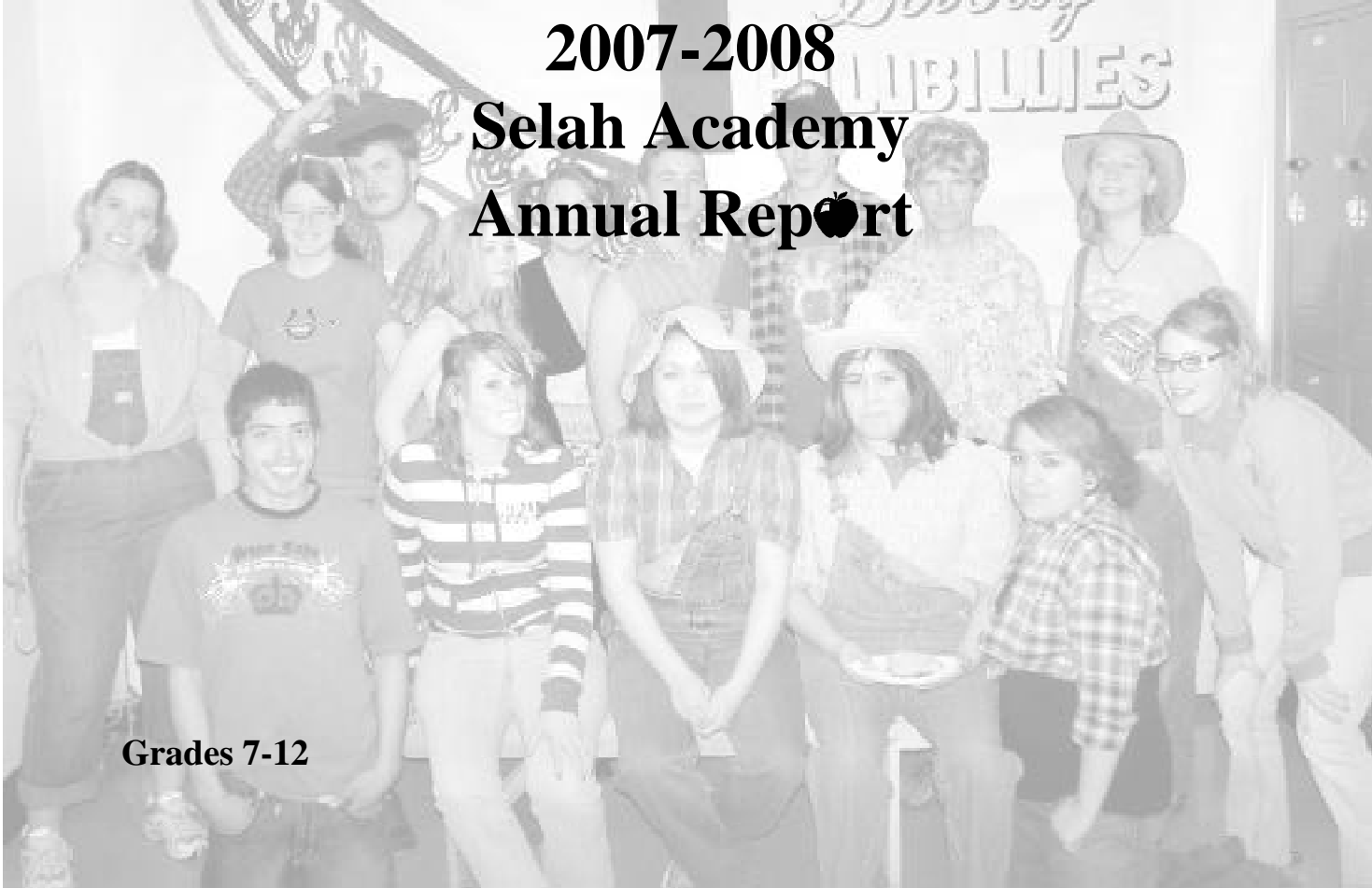


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**2007-2008**  
**Selah Academy**  
**Annual Report**

**Grades 7-12**

The following 2007-2008 Selah Academy Annual Report provides a snapshot of the building's programs and status. A similar Annual Report is available for each of Selah's schools.

A Message  
to Parents  
from the  
Superintendent...

The Selah School District is committed to continual improvement. We believe no matter how good we may be, improvement is possible if we work on it--anything less would shortchange our students.

The progress of Selah's schools is only possible through our united efforts--students, staff, parents, business, and patrons. This Annual Report provides information to encourage mutual understanding and greater participation.

Please feel free to call the principal or me should you wish to discuss the Report.

Thank you for joining us in providing our children with the best possible education, one which will be improved each year that we continue to work together.

### *Mission Statement* *Selah School District*

**It is the mission of  
the Selah School District  
to equip each student with the  
knowledge, skills, and desire  
to be a contributing citizen  
and life-long learner.**

*This Annual Report is designed to inform parents/guardians of students at Selah Academy about its programs, staff, and students.*

*Esta reporte es para los padres de los estudiantes de la escuela Selah Academy para informar de las programas, personal, y los estudiantes. Si Ud. gustaria mas informacion en Espanol sobre este reporte, por favor llame 697-0675.*

## From the Desk of the Principal

—Scott Ruark



With this annual report comes the end of yet another school year. I am very proud of what our Selah Academy Staff has accomplished together for our students. During the last year as principal at Selah Academy, we have continued to grow in our student population and program expansion. Students from seventh through twelfth grades are utilizing our programs. We have many students who attend classes daily between Selah Junior High, Selah High School, and Selah Academy.

We are a specialized program for students in grades seven through twelve. Students can attend full-time, part-time, or participate in our on-line learning center during the day or evening. Some common goals for our students include:

- Master basic academic skills
- Catch up on credits
- Review for a GED—available through the on-line night program
- Graduate from high school
- Re-enter Selah High School or their home school
- Acquire employability skills
- Learn job skills
- Start on a career path
- Stay drug and alcohol free
- Become involved in our community

Selah Academy is completing its fourth year of its on-line learning center. The Selah Online Learning Opportunities (SOLO) center gives students an alternative to the traditional classroom. With the support of the Superintendent and the Selah School District, we have been able to continue to expand the SOLO program to offer evening sessions.

Each year, numerous activities are offered at Selah Academy. These extra-curricular activities include ASB, yearbook, SOLO, and athletic participation. The Selah Academy staff believes that a strong parent-school partnership is necessary to help students succeed. Please consider this an invitation to volunteer in your child's educational experience. Inquire how you can become involved by calling 697-0815.

## Getting to Know Us...



### Our Students...

#### Attendance

Selah Academy maintains a minimum expectation of 75% attendance at all sessions per month. The attendance policy at Selah Academy is designed to place responsibility on the student. The majority of students meet this expectation. However, it

Selah Academy Daily Attendance	
Total Attendance (Grades 7-12)	82.3%

should be noted, that the student target population at Selah Academy is considered "at risk," and for many, attendance has been an indicator of their "at risk" status. The average percentage of Selah Academy attendance on October 1, 2007 was 82.3%.

#### Discipline

For the 2006-2007 school year, 30% of students were suspended and 2% of students expelled.

#### Student Enrollment

(Head count as of Oct. 12, 2007)

\*\*\*This year 07-08 numbers include Sundown M Ranch enrollment.

Grade	2006/2007	2007/2008
Seventh		1
Eighth	6	2
Ninth	28	15
Tenth	17	33
Eleventh	31	27
Twelfth	22	41
<b>Total:</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>119</b>

#### Ethnic Composition

\*\*\*The discrepancy between enrollment and ethnic composition counts is that one reflects head count, while the other reflects FTE.

Student Ethnicity	2006/2007	2007/2008
Native American	1	2
African American	1	1
Asian	0	0
Hispanic	29	22
White	70	71
Multi-Racial		2
Not Provided	3	21

## Diploma Awards and Dropout Rates

**Percentage of Seniors who graduated:  
2007-2008**

9 Selah Academy students graduated

**Dropout percentage rate:  
2006-2007**

24%

#### Diploma Follow-Up:

Past data has indicated that after graduating from Selah Academy, students typically enter the workforce or continue their schooling.

Selah Academy is a Grade 7-12 program designed to address and meet the needs of a diverse student population.

Selah Academy is structured on an individualized competency based concept. Selah Academy is a school without failure. Each assignment a student hands in must receive a grade of at least 75%. If the assignment falls short of this percentage, the student will be given the opportunity to redo the paper. The final grade on a redo assignment cannot exceed the 75%, and the final grade on the redo will be the one entered in the grade book.

During the 2007-2008 school year, nine seniors attending Selah Academy graduated. However, a percentage of Selah High School seniors depended on the Selah Academy program to provide classes that are required for graduation from the high school.

In a follow-up, past data has indicated that after graduating from Selah Academy, students entered the workforce or continued their schooling.

Also, during the 2006-2007 school year, 24% of Selah Academy students dropped out.

\*\*Please note that in some of our yearly facts and figures analysis, our percentages and figures represent that of the previous year, as information from the 2007-2008 isn't available at press time.

## Selah School District is Still Going “S.O.L.O.” Selah Online Learning Opportunities

Education in the Selah School District is now going SOLO. For the past two years, staff at Selah Academy has worked to implement an online educational opportunity for valley high school students. The 2007-2008 saw the third year of the school's SOLO Center.

S.O.L.O. which stands for Selah Online Learning Opportunities, was designed to offer stu-

dents the freedom to obtain credits outside of the traditional school setting. The classes are designed by Class.com, an educational facility known for being innovators in distance learning.

The idea behind the SOLO Center is to offer students choices in their education. The SOLO Center provides students with a second option in fulfilling academic requirements.

The SOLO Center operates as students work at an individual pace. Students can work from home or come to the online center at Selah Academy. The SOLO Center provides students with a teacher who can be contacted directly, by phone or via e-mail. Besides the opportunity to work at one's own pace, additional advantages the SOLO Center's educational format include helping students make-up

credits, providing home school parents more educational choices, assisting students bound at home because of medical conditions, providing options for upper-classmen required to complete under-classmen courses, and increasing student choices of class offerings.

Curriculum at the SOLO Center is aligned with Washington State accreditation standards. Traditional academic courses are provided to keep students on track with Washington's graduation requirements. Available SOLO classes include *Psychology, American History, Biology, World Literature, Algebra, and Geometry*, just to name a few.

The Selah Academy SOLO Center is free to students enrolled at Selah Academy. For students not enrolled in the Academy, there is a cost for enrollment.

For more information about Selah Academy and the SOLO Center, please contact the school at 697-0815.



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## More Components of Selah Academy



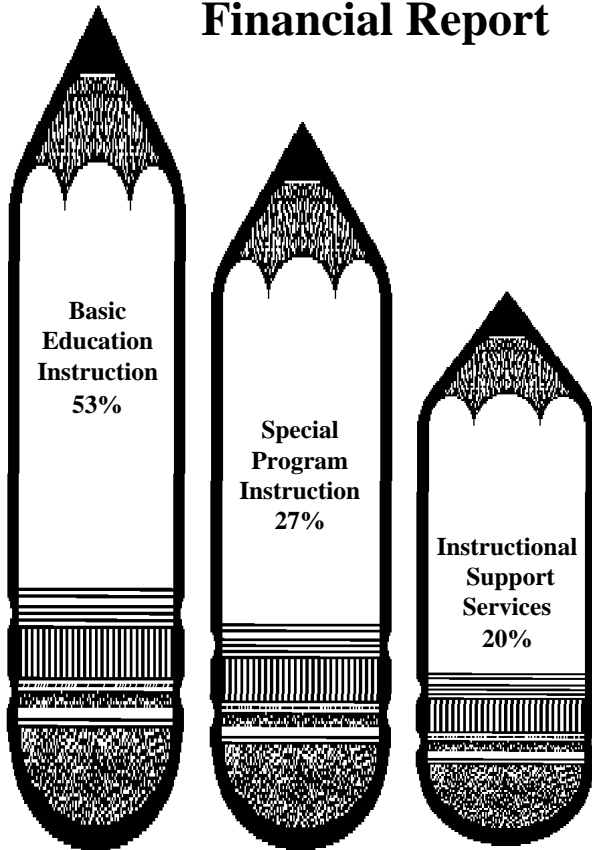
At Selah Academy, we want students to have a well-rounded educational experience. Therefore, Selah Academy offers assistance beyond academic requirements. Below are samplings of our offerings:

- Drug/Alcohol Education and Treatment referrals
- Night School Program—On-Line
- Self-Esteem Training/Rapport and Partnership Classes
- ASB Student Government Activities
- Sundown M Campus
- After school tutoring
- Special Education Services
- Support groups for middle and high school Selah Academy students
- Yearbook activities
- Chemical Dependency Counselor
- Extra-Curricular sporting activities for our middle and high school students.

*Selah Academy will guide and nurture our students into becoming informed, active, productive citizens who will gain an awareness of the opportunities and benefits of becoming independent life-long learners. We will strongly encourage our students to strive for academic progress, while taking into account that all persons do not necessarily learn at identical rates, and through identical methodologies.*

## About Our Finances...

### Financial Report



The District's 2007-2008 budget of approximately \$30.1 million is derived from state, local, and federal resources with the majority coming from state funds. An average of \$8,160 is allocated for each full time equivalent (FTE) student, based on the last four years. (Kindergarten students are classified as half-time). Directly to the left is how funds are distributed district-wide.

### Selah Academy Staffing Information...

Selah Academy staff serves its students with an educational team of nine certificated staff members which include the principal, eight teachers, and three classified staff members, which include a secretary, para-educators and a custodian. In addition, the Sundown M Ranch campus has two certificated staff and one classified employee.



Of Selah Academy's nine certificated staff, all have earned their Masters Degrees.

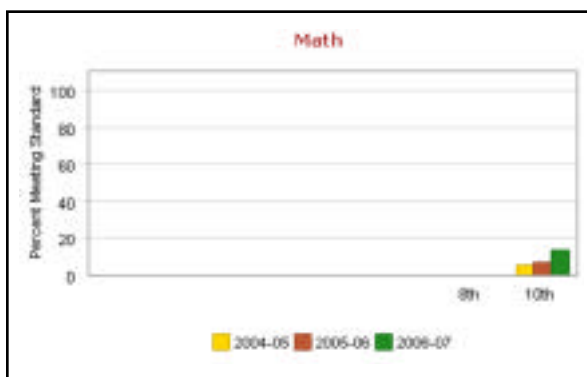
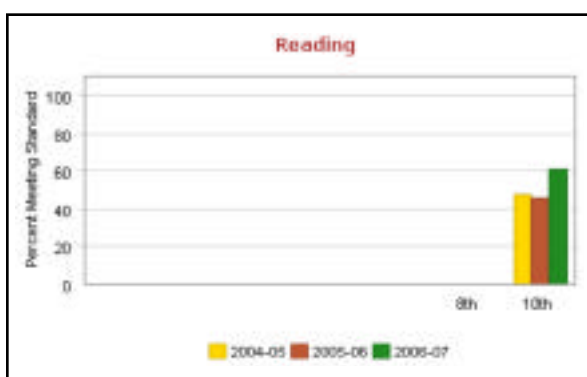
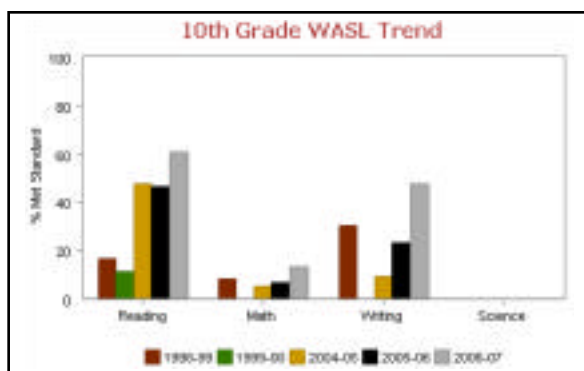
Both certificated staff and classified staff at Selah Academy are in compliance with the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind Act* as being "highly qualified."

**Administrative Staff**  
1  
**Certificated Staff**  
8.0 (2.0 at Sundown M Ranch)  
**Classified Staff**  
4.0

## Tracking our Progress on Mandated Tests...

The following graphs reflect Selah Academy tenth grade results on the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) tests in math, reading, and writing. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Subject:	Reading	Writing	Math
10th Grade	60.9%	47.6%	13.6%



## The Selah Academy Plan...

The Selah Academy Staff is dedicated to student growth and academic advancement. One means of encouraging this on an individual basis is through the setting of academic targets for each student every six weeks. As a means of instilling accountability into this process, the Selah Academy Academic Expectations Policy is used. Additional supports outside of the school day such as after school tutoring and additional time with teachers are in place to help students attain their targets. We are committed to partnering with parents and students in the growth and academic achievement of our students.



## Our Facility...

Selah Academy is an alternative education program designed for students in Grades 7-12. Selah Academy was founded when the District purchased the Peace Lutheran Church parsonage in 1986. In 1988, the middle school program, housed in a portable on the Selah Junior High parking lot, began for students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. However, beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, the campus relocated to the first floor of Selah High School. By moving Academy students to the high school, the District closed the former building, saving taxpayers operating costs of the facility. In addition to the daily use of Selah Academy, the wrestling room which is located at the facility is used by Selah Parks and Rec. Also, in the evening, Selah Academy runs its night school program.