

Athletics

Our district may be relatively small by population, but we are huge when measured by percentage of students that participate in our athletic programs.

Interscholastic sports are not available until 6th grade, but we still offer opportunities in athletics in the lower grades. Jump Rope for Heart and a walkathon help young students see how they can become fit and help those in need. P.E. programs also help these young students learn proper skills and techniques.

At North Tapps Middle School, athletic opportunities abound. In addition to the many sports offered at the middle school, NTMS also co-ops with the Auburn School District to allow students to participate in additional sports. Our teams not only compete with the larger Auburn schools, but we are consistently found at the top of the standings.


LTES/DHES/NTMS

Arts

One of the hallmarks of a well-rounded school districts is a strong arts program, and at Dieringer we take great pride in our first-rate arts offerings.

At LTES, students are exposed to art and music through in-school offerings, and interested students may also join Chorus for a spring performance.

At DHES, art and music offerings continue, and Drama Club is offered for budding thespians. Beginning in fifth grade, students are also able to participate in the band program.

NTMS broadly expands the program offerings with traditional arts and industrial arts, drama as a class and as an after-school club, and an expanded array of offerings in instrumental music. Student poets can also submit their work to several publications at NTMS.

All of the arts are highly valued in the Dieringer School district, and we will constantly be looking for ways to expand our offerings in these areas.

Academics

The Dieringer School District values academic achievement and offers a variety of programs to help foster the development of young minds.

At Lake Tapps Elementary, students have an opportunity to join Science Club and participate in the Science Fair. In addition, young readers are being developed through the Accelerated Reader program.

At Dieringer Heights, Accelerated Reader and Science Club are supplemented by Math and Journalism Clubs to further expand the options available to our students in academic areas.

Finally, at North Tapps Middle School, Science and Math Clubs remain, but many other clubs are offered as well. Destination Imagination, a problem-solving club, and Knowledge Bowl, a quiz-style competition, push students to work together to achieve common academic goals. Top students are also utilized as tutors for younger students.

The Dieringer School District is committed to providing academic challenges and opportunities that extend well beyond the regular classroom.



**Dieringer
Schools
District**



**Program
Offerings**

	District and PTA Offerings		Lake Tapps Elementary			Dieringer Heights Elementary			North Tapps Middle School			
Literacy	Junior Great Books: Inquiry based reading and discussion based on classic short stories	Six Traits of Writing: Language Arts teachers at all levels use the Six Trait model for instruction and assessment	Book Exchange: Students bring in 10 books for earn credits to get new books	Reading Night: Help for parents is offered during June to set the tone for summer reading	Accelerated Reader: Supplemental, computer-tracked reading program	Journalism: Students gather stories and create the newsletter <i>The Cougar Chat</i>	Accelerated Reader: Supplemental, computer-tracked reading program	Book Club: DHES offers a book club for students using award-winning selections	History Day: Students research a topic and assemble a display for the state competition	Tutoring: NTMS students tutor younger students, and adults as well as high school students are available to tutor NTMS students	Homework Club: Teacher supervised late work and remediation opportunity	Poetry: Eighth grade students can publish poetry to be sent home with grade reports. All grades can submit poems for the district calendar
Math/ Science	Junior Achievement: Community volunteers teach business and personal economic skills	PTA Special Offerings: These unique offerings vary year to year and include skills like Spanish and Chess Club	Science Club: Sessions offered all year for students interested in building projects and conducting experiments	Science Fair: Non-judged contest that allows students to display work to community	After School Tutoring: An opportunity for students to get help from volunteer parents or older students	Science Club: Sessions offered all year for students interested in building projects and conducting experiments	Math Club: Math-based weekly meetings lead to competition	Homework Club: Students can get extra help from teachers and tutors	Math Club/ Relay: Math Club is a competition open to all grades; Math Relay is a sixth grade skill-based competition	Destination Imagination: Interactive, national, science-based problem-solving competition	Technology Club: For students interested in software, hardware, or publishing; the school newspaper is produced by Tech Club	Knowledge Bowl: Jeopardy-style team knowledge and trivia competition vs. other Pierce Co. schools
Athletics	P.E.: The Dieringer School District is committed to proper instruction and opportunity in P.E., intramurals, and extra-curricular sports	Lunchtime Programs: School staffs establish and often participate in lunchtime sports and games offered to students	P.E.: Students get fit, learn skills, and learn to play cooperatively 1-2 times per week	Field Daze: End of the year athletic and game competition	Jump Rope for Heart: AMA-sponsored fundraiser inspires giving and fitness	P.E.: Students get fit, learn skills, and learn to play cooperatively 1-2 times per week	Walkathon: Annual walkathon helps pay for school activities and projects	Intramurals: Students compete during lunch in a variety of sports and games	Fall Sports: Boys: Soccer and Football (Olympic) Girls: Fastpitch Softball 6th: Girls/Boys Basketball	Early Winter Sports: Boys: Basketball Girls: Soccer and Gymnastics (Baker) 6th: Gymnastics (Baker)	Late Winter Sports: Boys: Wrestling (Baker) Girls: Basketball 6th: Wrestling (Baker)	Spring Sports: Boys: Track and Baseball Girls: Track and Volleyball 6th: Track, Girls Volleyball
Special Interest	Summer School: Three week offering for both enrichment and remediation	Missoula Children's Theater: Very popular one week drama production for all grades	Art: In-school program 1-2 times per week offers primarily drawing lessons in shading, perspective, and proportion	Music: Students meet 1-2 times per week in school and learn through the Orff method	Chorus: Third graders are able join the 4/5 chorus in January for late spring performance	Art: In-school program 1-2 times per week offers primarily drawing lessons in shading, perspective, and proportion	Band: Fifth Grade band, led by the NTMS band director, is offered before school	Student Council: Elected students organize fundraisers and student events	ASB Student Council: Elected officers plan projects, approve proposals, and oversee ASB funds	Art Workshop: Opportunity to explore a variety of art mediums. October to February art program (fee required) Industrial arts are also offered as electives	Industrial Arts: NTMS offers several classes in industrial arts, including drafting, mechanical drawing, and woodshop	Red Peppers: School service organization open to students with 10 service hours and 250 Bulldog points
	Reading At Home: Student Independent Reading is recorded and rewarded	Assemblies: PTA sponsors inspirational, informative, and entertaining assemblies at all levels	3 Year Multi-Age Program: In some classrooms students in grades 1,2,3 learn together; older students take a mentor role	Two-Year Multi-age: In addition to traditional and 1-3 multiage, a Grade 1 and 2 multiage classroom is offered to build a strong foundation	Drama Club: This is a fee-based program to introduce students to drama--2nd semester	Chorus: Once per week students practice towards a performance in the spring	Drama Club: This is a fee-based program to introduce students to drama	After School Tutoring: Middle school students help students keep up on academics	Drama Club: After school drama production available to all grades, produced for community shows	Music: After school music includes band and choral practices and night performances	Fitness Club: Morning fitness club offered for fitness and P.E. makeup credit	Yearbook Staff: Nationally recognized yearbook is assembled by students with aptitude in art, editing, and writing