

Priest Lake K-12



History

- The past few years have put Priest Lake into a constant state of Limbo
- Keeping the building open depends significantly on whether or not there is a school levy in place
- I was tasked with determining and planning a magnet school at PLE to see if we could attract more students
 - Feasibility of this was challenged
 - Working with PLEF we determined that a magnet school was not the need for the Priest Lake Community
 - An alternative method

Loss of PLE students at the JH/HS

Of the 85 students that have attended PLE that should be currently enrolled in the JH/HS, only 29 currently are attending. Only **34%** of PLE students have stayed with the JH/HS

- We have already lost 3 more since the start of Semester 2 this school year
- This does not include students that have moved away, but does give a clear picture of how few end up attending or staying within the school district

Success of the Cares Program/ Edmentum

At the High School we have been using the Edmentum curriculum program for a rotating group of just around 20 students. It has been tremendously successful

- Higher graduation rates
 - Allows kids to get caught up
- Provides separate setting for students experiencing social issues
- Opportunity for students to graduate early

Priest Lake K-12

Priest Lake becomes a K-12 using the Edmentum Program to serve students in 7th-12th grade

- Will help stop the loss of students from PLE
- Will provide community support for local students that may be doing other online options
- Give students the option to still attend JH/HS for CTE or elective classes
- This provides another OPTION for students to attend the district in a non-traditional way
- Students still have the option of being full time at PRLHS/JH

Impacted Students

The goal of this program would be to draw back in any students that may have left Priest River schools, not uproot current PLE Students attending Priest River.

This is not mandatory for Priest Lake Students, but provides an option for them.

How it works

In the extra classroom at PLE we would place a 1 certified FTE Teacher- 7-12 endorsed- ideally in English or Math

They would oversee 20 students in 2 different blocks a day using the Edmentum program

There would be 2 blocks of time 7:45-10:45 and 12:00-3:10

2 Cohorts

One group of 20 students would take the bus down to the JH/HS in the morning and attend classes until the end of 3rd period. They would take the bus up to Priest Lake and take courses using Edmentum

- This saves travel time and planning for Priest Lake students getting home at the end of the day and allows them to take advantage of the CTE, Band, and Art classes offered in the morning.

The 2nd Group will take Edmentum courses at PLE in the morning and Bus down at 10:10 to take periods 4-7 at the JH/HS, with lunch at JH/HS built into their schedule.

- Allows for CTE class attendance and allows athletes to not have to travel down after the end of the school day

Financial Impact

ALL in MAX costs

\$110,000 For 1 FTE teacher (Assume Max Salary schedule, benefits, stipends)

\$6850 for 40 Edmentum Courseware Licenses (allows students to take unlimited courses- using our teachers as teachers of record)

\$12000 for transportation to and from

\$20000 for Meal Service (Absolute MAX cost assuming no free/reduced)

TOTAL COST:

\$148,000

Benefits

Potentially adding 40 Students to the secondary student enrollment increases funding significantly

- Even adjusting for cuts to online student funding

Potentially adding 2.8 Teachers, .2 Student Support, .2 Admin, and 1 Classified

- If funding is full
- If funding is reduced- assume 65% of each due to students being at least half time enrolled for in-person courses
- Regardless, it pays for itself and provides additional funding for the district

More Than Just Cost Benefits

This would begin to serve a very important role in the community, not only bridging the gap between the students at the Priest Lake and Priest River, but also providing opportunity for students in our district that are looking for alternative education options

Allows the CTE Programs to become the drawing factor for students to want to attend Priest River Schools

Allows for easier use of Advanced Opportunities funds for students to take college level CTE or Academic Classes