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Everett Public Schools' music students *notably* outperform others
Six out of 10 music students advancing to state are from Everett Public Schools



Henry M. Jackson High School honors wind ensemble

One could call it this year's regional Super Bowl of high school music – the results were so lopsided.

Everett Public Schools students took 52 of the 81 band and choir spots (first, second or third place) needed to qualify for state competition during the Feb. 8 MPMEA (Marysville-Pilchuck Music Educators Association) regional music competition. Twenty-one districts took part in the regional contest, and Everett Public Schools students were definitely the high notes of the day.

- [Cascade High School](#) earned 23 top awards – eight from choir and 15 from band
- [Everett High School](#) earned three top awards – all from choir
- [Henry M. Jackson High School](#) earned 26 awards – eight from choir and 18 from band



Cascade High School choir performing at competition

The remaining state-qualifying spots were split among the other districts and private schools in the Marysville-Pilchuck region (Arlington, Darrington, Gold Bar, Granite Falls, Index, Lake Stevens, Lakewood, Marysville, Monroe, Skykomish, Snohomish, Stanwood, Sultan, Arch Bishop Murphy, Highland Christian, Everett Christian, Immaculate Conception, Saint Mary Magdalen, and Zion Lutheran).

[Lesley Moffat](#), Director of Bands, Jazz & Percussion at Henry M. Jackson High School compiled the comparative numbers because, she said, “I was curious how the music programs in the Everett Public Schools compared to surrounding school districts. These numbers make me very proud to be a part of the Everett Public Schools.”

The support we receive for our music programs allows us to teach children many skills and positive qualities through music.”