

Sample School Bio

Ballard High School
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Total Number of Students: 1,300 **School Type:** Comprehensive

Overview: Ballard High School serves approximately 1,300 students in grades 9-12. The school offers comprehensive programs that include intensive honors/college preparation classes and various career pathways. The Maritime Institute, focusing on water and intermodal transport, allows students to experience unique courses and field trips. The Manufacturing Technology and Engineering Pathway includes curriculum in Automotive Studies and Computer-Aided Drafting as well as a summer internship at the Boeing Company. Auto Collision Technology is offered in collaboration with a local community college. Ballard holds strong support from business and industry. There is wide array of postsecondary partners that allows students to obtain higher education as well as career opportunities.

Current Business Partners: Youth Maritime Training Association; Maritime Administration MARAD; TransNow; Foss Maritime; Port of Seattle; Guido Perla & Association; Totem Ocean Transport Enterprises; AWO - American Waterways Operators; Seattle Propeller Club; NOAA; Foss Environmental; and Alaska Crab Coalition.

Career Pathway Concentration: All Career Pathways under all five Transportation Modes. Preference will be given in two areas; #1-Transportation Operations and #2-Logistics Planning & Management.

- Classes will focus on maritime careers, including trade and intermodel transportation. Students will be introduced to a broad career area which points out how maritime is just a part of the total transportation picture.
- The program will place students in internships with local businesses.
- Field trips are an integral part of each unit within the maritime course and will allow students to see what the career is really like.
- The program has nearly unlimited access to resources.
- Most classes are taught by industry professionals who volunteer their time. Volunteers explain what they actually do, how they started in their career, and what students need to do to begin their career path.