

Olympia School District  
**Commitment to Science Education**

The goal of the Olympia School District's K-12 Science program is to ensure that students develop scientific knowledge and become strong problem solvers, communicators, and critical thinkers.

We are committed to providing a quality K-12 science program that enriches students' lives by:

- fostering conceptual understanding through scientific inquiry where new knowledge is built on existing ideas;
- engaging students in hands-on science;
- providing opportunities for students to make sense of the world by asking questions, conducting investigations to answer their questions and by designing solutions to problems;
- supporting learning through the use of a variety of assessments, including self-assessments, that give students opportunities to reflect on, extend, revise, and improve their thinking, and that give teachers information to make instructional decisions; and
- providing all students with effective and appropriate teaching from well-trained teachers who are supported with high-quality instructional resources and sustained staff development.