

Cascadia

Name: Cascadia Elementary School	Enrollment: 514
Address: 1700 N 90th Street	Nickname: Dragons
Configuration: 1-5	Colors: Black and red



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Opened in fall 2017 with 504 students, Cascadia Elementary School became home to the Highly Capable Cohort (HCC) program for students in 1st through 5th grades from the north and northwest regions of the school district who were assessed to be highly capable academically. That program was previously housed at the Lincoln High School site and was called APP at Lincoln. After an extensive community engagement process, the new school was named Cascadia in 2015. The name describes the connected ecological, environmental, economic, and cultural ties throughout the Pacific Northwest. The Cascadia bioregion is a geographically based area defined by land and soil composition, watershed, climate, flora, and fauna.

Cascadia Elementary is co-located with Robert Eagle Staff Middle School on the same Seattle Public Schools campus site that formerly housed Wilson Pacific School (see Wilson). The two schools are separated by a shared sports field (see Eagle Staff). The campus totals 16.8 acres, comprising 11 acres of open space with 5.8 acres of buildings.

The Cascadia school is approximately 91,000 square feet. The design for Cascadia followed the elementary school education specifications, which included Special Education classrooms and pre-kindergarten classrooms, so it can be used as a neighborhood elementary school. The new construction was permitted even though the site had been landmarked in 2014, since there were no landmark controls imposed on the site.

Details:

Name: **Cascadia Elementary School**

Location: 1700 N 90th Street

Building: 29-room, 3 story precast concrete & cement board

Architect: Mahlum Architects, Inc

Site: 16.8 acres (shared campus with Robert Eagle Staff Middle School)

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- 2014: Site received landmark designation, no landmark controls imposed
 - 2015: Demolition of seven Wilson Pacific buildings; School named Cascadia
 - 2016: Construction began on new school
 - 2017: New school opened (BEX IV); HCC Students relocated to Cascadia from Lincoln

Funded by the BEX IV levy and designed by Mahlum Architects, the project scope included the preservation, stabilization, removal, and reinstallation of eight murals created by local artist and Apache and Haida tribal member Andrew Morrison (see Wilson). Three of these murals were reinstalled at Cascadia, along with a new interactive mural in the main corridor commemorating the site's cultural significance for the Duwamish people. In 2019, Licton Springs Park, which shares watershed with the site of the schools and is located just north of the campus, was designated a City of Seattle Landmark. It is the first Indigenous site to be recognized as a city landmark (see Eagle Staff).



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