



# Everett High School

*"School of Champions"*

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my distinct honor and privilege to write a letter about the OnlineHS program. I served as principal of this program from its inception in 2002 through June of 2011. During that time the focus was on developing quality courses, hiring content area experts as instructors, providing high quality support and establishing an infrastructure that seamlessly supports student learning. I believe that OnlineHS offers a high quality program that is focused on student learning and holding students accountable for meeting standards.

Designing rigorous courses of a high quality is a trademark of Everett's OnlineHS program. These courses were approved by district curriculum specialists, aligned with state standards, and had multiple interactive components that helped students engage with the content. Our course designer was well versed on both the content and the learning management system that delivered the content. This allowed us to create a class experience for students both engaging and rigorous.

Hiring high quality instructors is another trademark of OnlineHS. Finding strong communicators who are content area experts was the first priority at OnlineHS. We wanted teachers who knew how to assess students understanding and be able to provide remediation or enrichment based on the student needs. This drew together a group of teachers that were highly regarded as some of the best in the district to work on the online program.

Student success was a key criteria for the online program evaluation in Everett. Providing strong support systems ensured we maintained a high success rate. Teacher often travelled to students if they were having difficulty to provide human support that helped improve learning. Additionally, the district has invested in a strong infrastructure for the OnlineHS program. We currently utilize the Blackboard management system and have several district support personnel who are on hand to troubleshoot any issues.

I was proud to be a part in OnlineHS. I continue to be proud of the work the OnlineHS staff members are doing. Their focus on providing a high quality learning experience for all students is commendable. I would be delighted to answer additional questions about OnlineHS.

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