



# West Linn-Wilsonville

## EDUCATION FOUNDATION



### WLWV Scores Again in List of Top Schools

Niche, a website dedicated to ranking schools and districts across the country, announced its latest results on the top elementary schools by state.

The WLWV School District made its mark with 8 schools ranking in the top 25 in Oregon. All primary schools in the district made it into the top 50. Way to go!

See the complete rankings and learn more about Niche’s methodology by clicking [here](#).

*“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.”*

*- Aristotle*

### Count Me In! Campaign Kicks Off During Exciting District Growth and State Funding Uncertainty

Our largest fundraiser of the year, the Count Me In campaign, has begun. Each year the Count campaign raises money to hire and retain new teaching positions for our school district. Added to our already dedicated and highly-qualified teaching staff, these new positions help lower class sizes, expand our curriculum, and provide our students with more individualized attention.

The WLWV School District is highly sought after as one of the very best in Oregon with new families moving here throughout the year. As we enjoy this growth, it is imperative that we maintain this excellence for each child.



Oregon ranks 39th in the country in spending per K-12 student and so far, the newly proposed (but not finalized) education budget does not look much better. Being able to hire and retain teachers is essential for high-quality learning and programs. The school district annually uses more than 80% of its operating budget for staffing. Having a continuing local source of funds that supplement what the district receives from the state and through local option funds is critical for providing the quality that defines WLWV schools.

Donate today to keep our schools the best in Oregon.

## Did You Know?

More than 65% of Fortune 500 companies and countless smaller employers will match your donation to the WLWV Education Foundation. See if your company is one of them by [clicking here](#).

Make your dollars go twice as far in hiring new teachers with Double the Donation.



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## WLWV Best Graduation Rates Again!

The Oregon Department of Education released graduation rates in January and the district saw an overall improvement of more than 0.5%, posting a district average of 93%, significantly beating the statewide average of 74.83%.

WLWV came out ahead of the vast majority of school districts across the state, including familiar districts like the Lake Oswego School District (91.67 percent) and the Tigard-Tualatin School District (83.66 percent).

## Thank You for Making the Honor Our Teachers Campaign a Success

Thanks to your donations, the 2016 Honor Our Teachers campaign was a great success. Not only did we raise almost \$45,000, but we were able to honor every teacher and staff member in the District. Not even the snow could stop us from

making sure the HOT certificates were delivered and received by our amazing educators.



Each certificate was accompanied by a letter from board member Retired Deputy Superintendent Jane Stickney.

In it she said, "You are making a positive impact in the lives of our children and for that we are grateful. You embrace the challenge to believe in children as you create the conditions for them to succeed. You support them as they learn that their persistent efforts bring them results that make them proud, and in their honest accomplishments they come to believe in themselves. Nothing is more powerful than that."

Jane's words eloquently express how we all feel about our fantastic educators. We appreciate, you, our community for making it possible to honor them in this meaningful way. Thank you!