



# Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association Press Release

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## **WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BECOMES FIRST MEMBER SCHOOL.**

Parkland, WA – On May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Washington High School held its first formal Volleyball Club practice. The club is coached and sponsored by Konstantin Stakhovich, a volleyball enthusiast who teaches Math at Washington High School. 6 kids showed up for day one of two practices a week. More kids were definitely interested and they will have a team at the Association's Annual Spring Open Tournament.

Washington High School opened its current buildings in 1969 with the first graduating class in 1971. In 1990, the south campus athletic fields were upgraded and the buildings received a major energy efficiency remodel in 1991. The track and the football practice facility received major upgrades in 1994-95. In 1998 our community passed an important Capital Projects Bond. The first phase of the capital improvement project at Washington High was the construction of an auxiliary gymnasium. The second phase of the project was completed in the fall of 2004 with the addition of five classrooms, performing arts center, expanded cafeteria, and renovated classrooms and library. The students at WHS is a highly diverse learning community. Ethnically, we are 38.7% white, 14.1% African-American, 9.4% Asian, 19.4% Asian/ Pacific Islander, 17.3% Hispanic/Latino of any race(s), 10.1% Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander, 1.4% American Indian/Alaskan Native and 9.0% two or more races. Our ELL students represent 7.6% and special education represents 12.0% of our population. Since 2003-04, the percentage of students granted free or reduced price meals has increased from 39.6% to the current rate of 66.7%. As reported in 2013.

The Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association is a small non-profit whose goal is to provide world class opportunities for students to participate in interscholastic athletics, focusing on those students who currently do not participate in school athletics.