



Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association Press Release

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Another school is added to the 2015 roster.

Auburn, WA – Today during the bi-annual board of directors meeting Curtis High School out of University Place, WA was admitted as the third member school. A group of students from the USAV South Sound Volleyball Club, led by parent Rusty Carlson and supported by former Varsity Head Coach Rick Todd are credited for developing the club. The association's first season to start in 2015 will featuring a seeding tournament in October and the Association's Championship Tournament in November. Brian Boyer, the Commissioner said that other schools could possibly be admitted through a special board meeting, but said for the most part the field for fall of 2015 is set. Also as part of the meeting Coach Todd was named to the fourth board seat.

Curtis Senior High School is a part of the University Place School District and the only high school in the district. The school's namesake comes from the former UPSD Superintendent George R. Curtis. Opened in 1957 as a joint Junior-Senior High School at the corner of 40th and Grandview. In 1969 a high school facility was built about 500 yards east of the junior high that then extended up 40th Street. After this the original site became just a junior high school. In 2009 the original junior high was torn down and a new facility was built about 400 yards northeast of that site.

Both facilities featured several buildings (i.e. 400 building, 200 building etc.). The buildings that remain today from the original 1969 high school are: the 200 building (home to some foreign language and social studies classes), the 100 building which houses administrative offices, the theater, and the performing arts rooms. In addition to these the 500 building in the northeast corner of the high school still is used for ceramics and health even though carshop and woodshop classes have been discontinued. Newer additions have been added with the main, two story 400 building added in the mid 90's. This building houses math classes, lab sciences, some history classes and the lunchroom and library. Up until this time, the cafeteria/kitchen were located where the current staff development room and theater are now. The "mall" used to contain tables for lunch. Around 1980, the current stadium was constructed. In the early 2010s, the gym was rebuilt. Also, the swimming pool and theater were remodeled.

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. The group was founded in August of 2011. Currently it has 3 member schools.

¹ Wikipedia Foundation, Inc., "Ballard High School (Seattle, Washington), 9 Aug. 2014.
< [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballard_High_School_\(Seattle,_Washington\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballard_High_School_(Seattle,_Washington))>