



# BE WATER READY



**Grays Harbor Swims  
2024 / 2025 School Year**

# COMMUNITY IMPACT

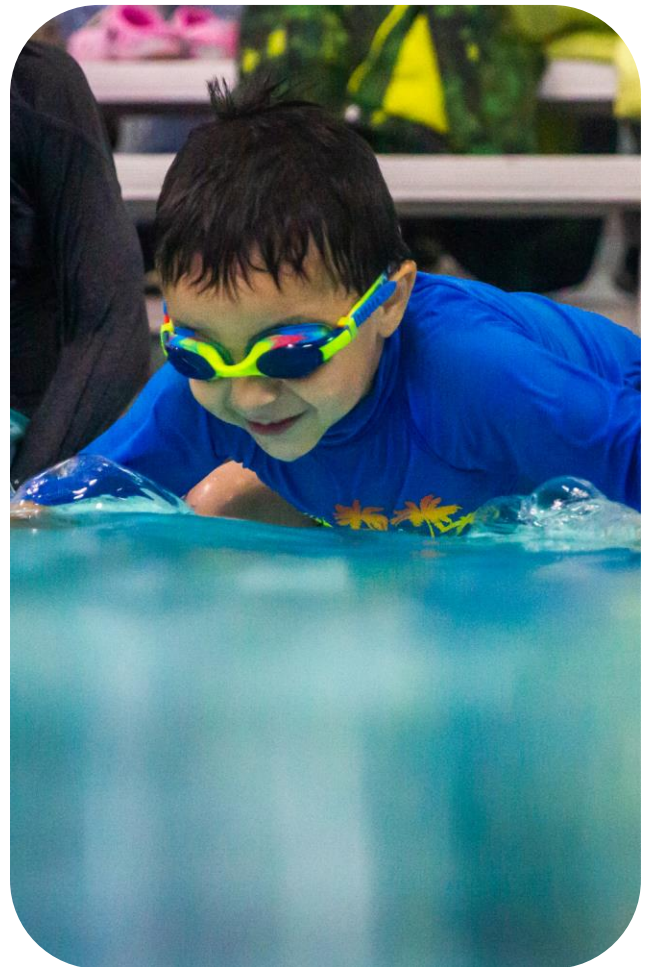
## The Importance

It only takes a moment. A child or weak swimmer can drown in the time it takes to reply to a text, check a fishing line or apply sunscreen. Death and injury from drownings happen every day in home pools and hot tubs, at the beach or in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams, bathtubs, and even buckets.

## 2024-2025

The Grays Harbor Swims Program had an impressive school year, teaching over 7,600 swim lessons to almost 1,000 children from 13 different school districts across the county. This achievement highlights the program's significant impact on water safety and swimming education in the region.

**The Grays Harbor Swim Endowment ensures kids in Grays Harbor have the skills and knowledge to be safe around the water!**



**3** KIDS DIE EVERYDAY FROM DROWNING

TEACHING SKILLS THAT SAVE LIVES

**Grays Harbor Swims Saves Lives!**

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE

**88%**

OF KIDS WHO DROWN DO SO UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION

**60%**

OF KIDS WHO DROWN ARE WITHIN 10 FEET OF SAFETY

## SAFETY AROUND WATER SKILLS

### Submerge

*Helps students feel comfortable in the water and builds a foundation for future skills*

### Swim, Float, Swim, 10 feet

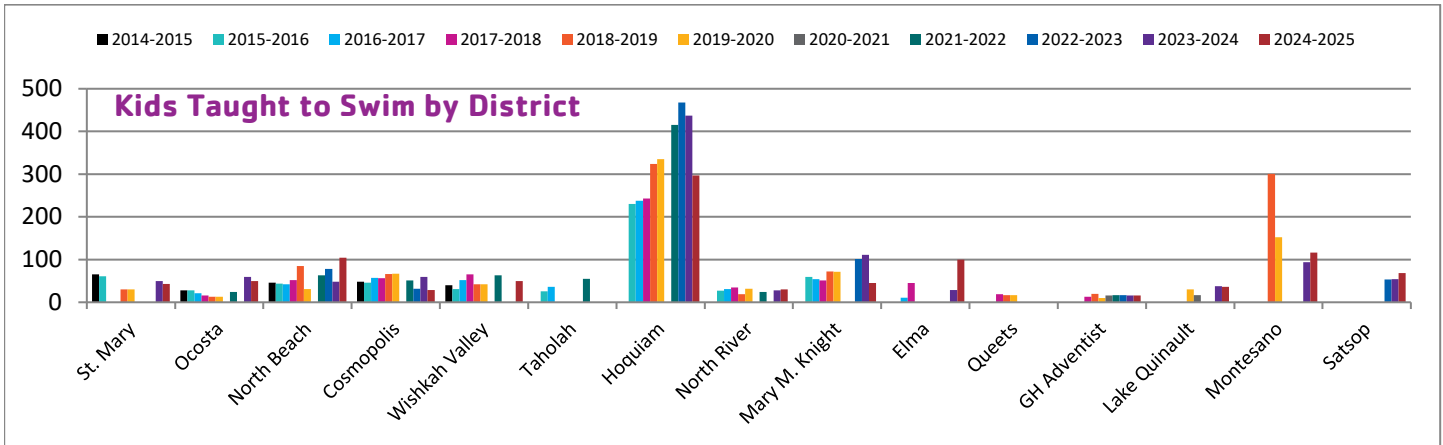
*Helps students reach the side of the pool if they are not within reach by swimming on front, rolling to the back to breathe when they get tired, grabbing the wall, and climbing out*

### Jump, Push, Turn, Grab

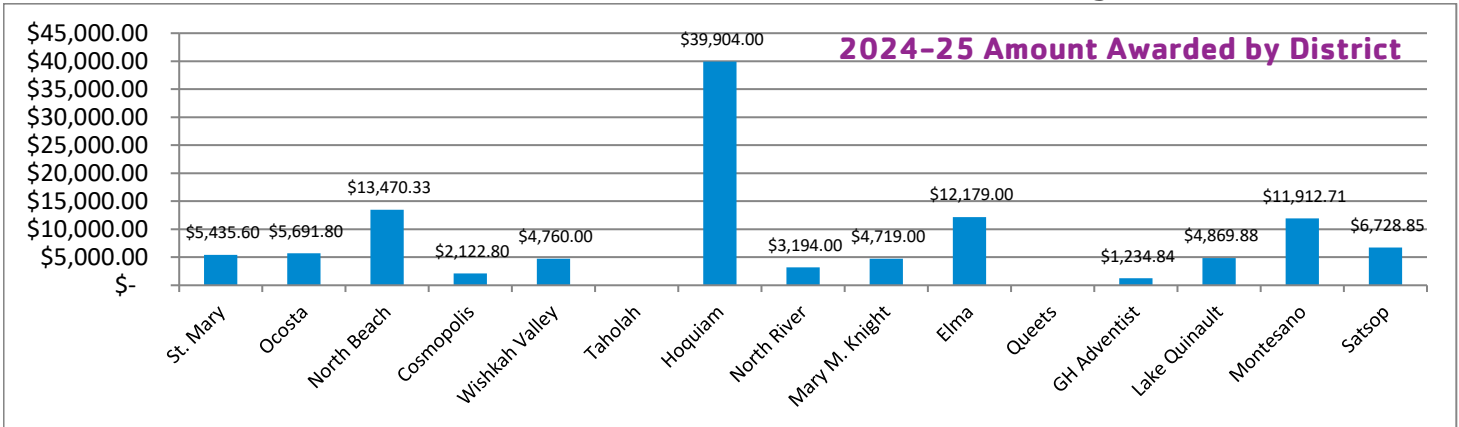
*Helps students safely exit the pool by pushing off the bottom, grabbing the wall, and climbing out*

# MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY MOMENT

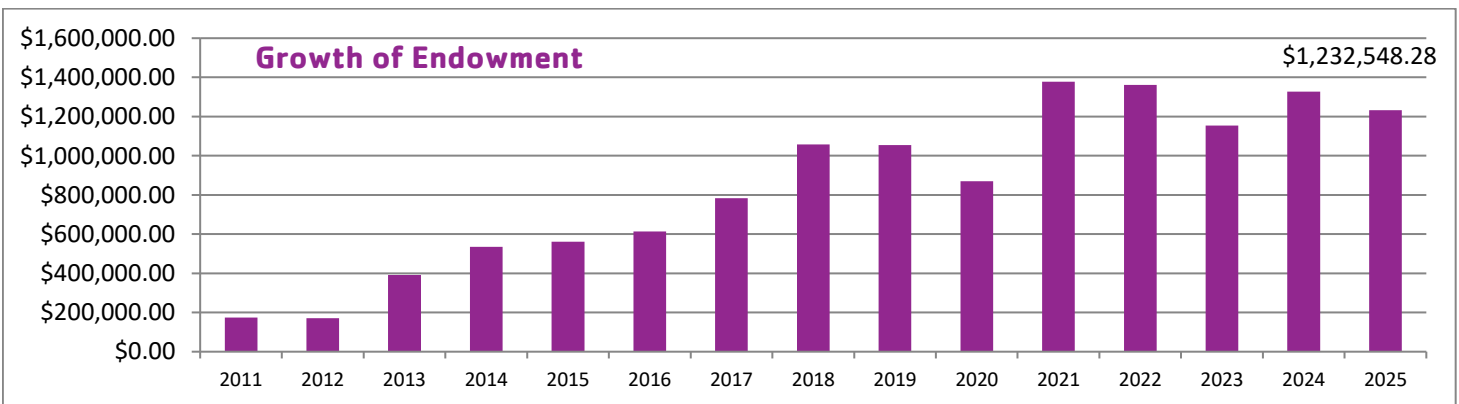
Grays Harbor Swims ensures children throughout the county have the opportunity to learn how to swim and be safe around the water.



This past year thirteen school districts were awarded a total of \$106,357 so kids could learn the lifetime skill of swimming.



Grays Harbors Swims ensuring future generations will be safe around the water.

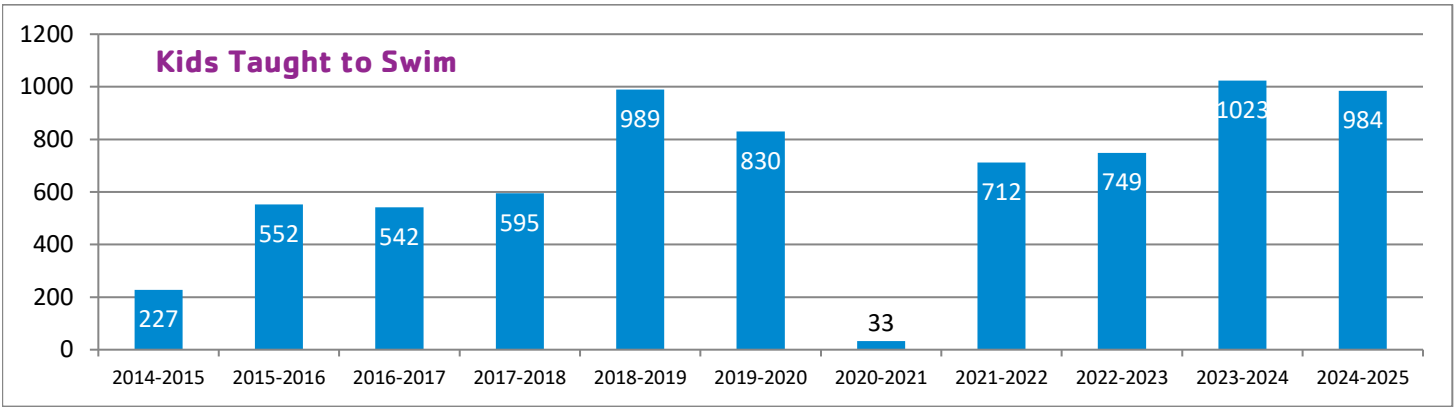


\*Endowment balance as of April 1<sup>st</sup>

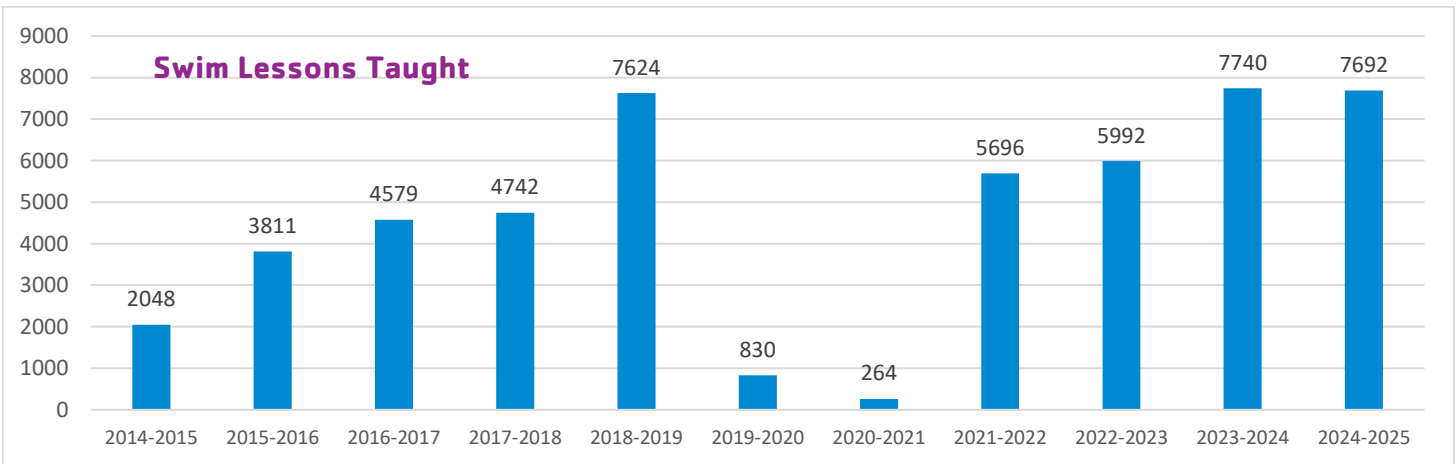


# OUR IMPACT IS FELT EVERY DAY

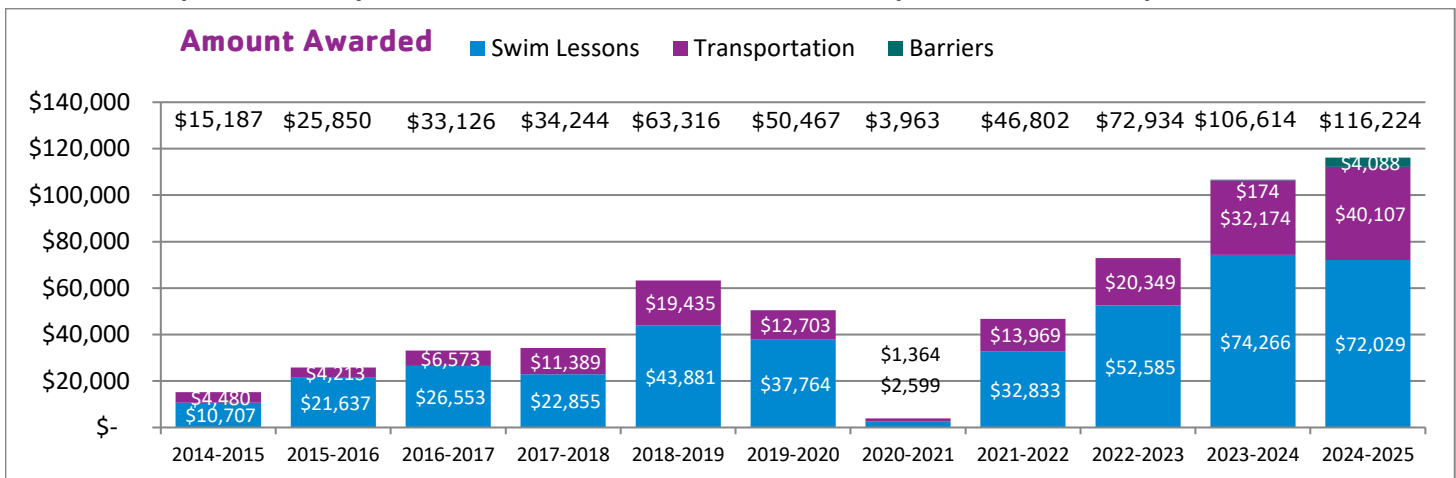
This past year almost 1,000 kids built confidence in the water because of Grays Harbor Swims.



This past year we provided over 7,600 lessons to ensure kids are safe around the water.



Grays Harbor Swims awarded \$11,847 more in grants than the previous year to remove barriers and provide transportation.



## YMCA of Grays Harbor