



## NWESD Program Updates September 2018

### Computer Science

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- NWESD has received a grant through the AESD Network to support Computer Science Leadership in our region. We invite district staff to participate in a professional learning community as a leader in computer science education. Your expertise can range from computer science teacher or expert to someone wanting to learn more about computer science and how it supports all K-12 content. Please join us! [Register Here](#)

### Early Learning

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- **Using WaKIDS Data and Reports in your Classroom** for Kinder teachers will take place at NWESD on November 7th. We will weave in elements from Full Day K.
- **WaKIDS Data for Administrators** will take place in Marysville School District (location TBD) on November 26th. For details contact Anita Garcia-Holzemer at [agarcia@nwesd.org](mailto:agarcia@nwesd.org)
- **The Social & Emotional Learning Summit** will include an Early Learning strand. For more information or to register click [HERE](#).
- **Early Learning Fellows** will have their first meeting on October 16, 2018. The remaining dates are scheduled as follows: Jan 15, March 14, and May 21.
- **The State of Children and Families Report** has been published and can be obtained by contacting Anita Garcia-Holzemer at [agarcia@nwesd.org](mailto:agarcia@nwesd.org)

### Math

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- **Math Learning Network** dates are: Oct 25, Dec 13, Feb 13, and April 25. The focus will continue to be on building teacher leadership capacity for implementation of what are now referred to as the Washington State Mathematics Standards. For more information or to register click [HERE](#).
- **Math Fellows** will have their first meeting on October 11, 2018. The remaining dates are scheduled as follows: Dec 6, Feb 13 and April 25.
- Our new Math Regional Coordinator, Tina Mott, will be joining our team on October 8, 2018. We are looking forward to her leading our math department.

# English Language Arts

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## ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment updates:

- There was growth in almost every student group in ELA for 2017-18. [LINK](#) to results.
  - **Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)** are available for use as formative assessments through the WCAP portal.
  - **Washington State Dyslexia Advisory Council** held their first meeting September 24. Minutes will be posted on OSPI.
    - [LINK](#) to new Dyslexia Law E2SSB 6162
    - OSPI Dyslexia page with many resources [LINK](#)
  - **Literacy Learning Network:** We met for the first of four sessions yesterday. It's not too late to register for remaining sessions! Dates: Nov. 29, Feb. 7, Mar. 7. [LINK](#) to registration.
  - **ELA Fellows** will meet October 11 for our first session. We have 17 returning, 15 new, and 4 "Emeritus Fellows."
  - **Northwest Writing Teachers Collective series, "Partnering with Literature to Teach Writing."** Oct. 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 5:00-7:15 in Bellingham. [LINK](#)
  - **Washington State Literacy Association** conference "*Building a Literate World*" with Pernille Ripp. Nov. 3, 8:00-3:30, in Everett. For more information, please reference the [FLYER](#).
- There are changes to the **ELA Summative Assessment Blueprint**. [LINK](#)
    - **Claim 1-Reading:** Short-answer items are removed from the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) for grades 3, 4, and 5. The total number of CAT items for the Reading claim remains the same at all grades.
    - **Claim 2-Writing:** Brief write items are removed from the CAT for grades 3, 4, and 5. The total number of CAT items for the Writing claim is reduced from 10 items to 6 items at all grades. There is no change to the Performance Task (PT) full write. Evidence for the Writing claim continues to come from both the trait scores for the PT full write and the CAT items.
    - **Claim 3-Listening:** No changes.
    - **Claim 4 -Research:** The total number of PT items for the Research claim is reduced from 3 items to 1 item at all grades. The total number of CAT items for the Research claim is increased from 6 to 8 at all grades.
    - **Takeaway:** It is still very important for students in elementary grades to engage in a variety of writing activities based on the ELA writing standards!

# TPEP

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- **UW-CEL Stage 1 Training** for late hires is available on November 6 & 7, 2018. If you have any principal who didn't receive CEL Stage 1 training you can register them [HERE](#).
- **TPEP 101 for Central Office Staff** is a great opportunity for new or returning staff who have questions regarding teacher/principal evaluation requirements and their implementation. This event will be held in Marysville School District on October 17, 2018. [Registration Link](#)
- **Rater Agreement Training** is available for Danielson & UW-CEL.
  - UW-CEL is scheduled for Feb 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Contact Jennifer Longchamps if interested in hosting Danielson Rater Agreement training in your district.
- **eVAL Support** is available. If you are new to using eVAL or want to learn about some of the new features join us on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> for the morning portion of the TPEP 101 event. We will focus the morning on eVAL. [Registration Link](#)

## Migrant Education

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- Our Migrant Education program has an exciting selection of upcoming PD opportunities for our districts, all of which are offered at discounted rates or free-of-charge for our partner districts. More information view the [MEP Flyer](#).
- All districts that participate in the Migrant Education Program must receive **Migrant 101** training. The training is designed to give an overview of the Migrant Education Program as well as the unique needs of our migrant students. Our team currently offers both one- and two-hour versions of the training. For scheduling and general inquiry, please contact Clint Weckerly at [cweckerly@nwesd.org](mailto:cweckerly@nwesd.org) or Enrique Lopez, [elopez@nwesd.org](mailto:elopez@nwesd.org).
- Already received *Migrant 101* and interested in [optional] additional training that offers a deeper dive into promising practices for best-serving migrant students? Our new 2.5 hour-long *Migrant 201* is now available to our districts! For scheduling and general inquiry, please contact Clint Weckerly at [cweckerly@nwesd.org](mailto:cweckerly@nwesd.org)
- We invite all MEP staff from our partner districts to attend our **2018 MEP Fall Convening**, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9am-3pm, at NWESD. Please register [HERE](#).
- **Migrant Education/Skagit Public Health Department Partnership:** The need for social-emotional support to Migrant families has been identified as a priority. The Skagit County Health Department has reached out to NWESD with an allocation of funding to support the mental health of indigenous farmworker children, youth and families in the Skagit County area. Please contact Tanya Rojas: [TRojas@nwesd.org](mailto:TRojas@nwesd.org) with input or ideas for collaboration on projects like these.
- It's never too early to start planning for intersession and next year's MEP programming. Our staff are available to offer your district any necessary TA or support! Interested? Have questions? Contact Clint Weckerly, [cweckerly@nwesd.org](mailto:cweckerly@nwesd.org), or Enrique Lopez, [elopez@nwesd.org](mailto:elopez@nwesd.org).

## Science

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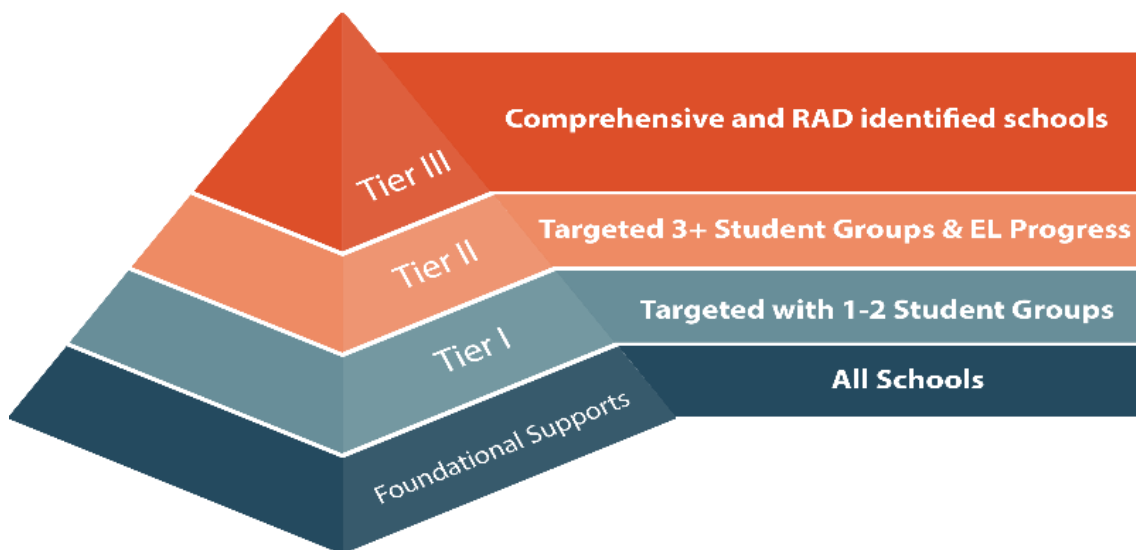
- **Science Materials Center (SMC)** progressing with Amplify pilot. Consideration of MS Open Sci Ed pilot for the cooperative. Advisory meeting today (9/28/18) 1-3 p.m. NWESD Admiralty room.
- Revitalization of the **NW LASER Alliance** 2018/19 SY. Looking for Advisory Group members (subset of whole).
- **NW Climate Science (aka ClimeTime)** Projects underway. See [ClimeTime Flyer](#) for details.
- **NGSS 101 and 102** classes are scheduled. 102 builds on 101 to incorporate Engineering and introduces the ideas of course mapping and the sample bundles from Achieve and California.
- **Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS)** scores are released to districts.
  - [Achievement Level Descriptors](#) (ALD's) are released. These need to be understood as general descriptors, not as prescriptive of performances.
  - The 11th grade test remains a [graduation requirement](#) for the class of 2021.
  - OSPI Assessment Dept. has released "[Understanding WCAS Score Reports](#)" draft presentation on their website.
- Climate Science K-12 Teacher Summit coming this spring. View [FLYER](#) for more information.

# School Improvement

- New and excited your NWESD School Improvement Team includes:
  - ❖ Gayle Everly, School Improvement Administrator
  - ❖ Libby Tillotson, School Improvement Coordinator
  - ❖ Lara Cole, SWD Specialist
  - ❖ Joanne Johnson, Data & Project Coordinator
  - ❖ Steve Wharton, Data & Assessment Coach
  - ❖ Kristine Juhl, Administrative Assistant

Effective schools are in a process of continuous improvement. We are here to support ALL schools in the improvement process. With your help, our team and OSSI will develop a multi-tiered system of support to meet your schools' needs.

- **OSSI Fall Outreach** (for Tier 2 & Tier 3 schools) is scheduled for October 29 **OR** October 30. Registration information will be available soon. \*\*Fall Outreach for Tier 1 schools is currently in planning.
- **Schools identified for Tier 3 and Tier 2** supports are in the process of developing Coordinated Support Teams (your district experts, OSSI Continuous Improvement Partners and ESD providers) will match services with school and district goals.
- **The Washington School Improvement Framework (WSIF)**  
<http://www.k12.wa.us/OSSI/SchoolImprovement/default.aspx> identifies Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 resources and supports.
- **In the First 100 Days** teams will collaboratively accomplish:
  - a comprehensive needs assessment, gap analysis and investigate causal factors
  - Identify focused goals and a “small test of change”
  - Determine progress monitoring tools and process
  - Submit a School Improvement Plan (SIP) shaping the work of this school year and informing your 2019-21 SIP.



## Other

- **Universal Design for Learning (UDL)** training will be held at NWESD on November 14 & 15. Presenters from CAST, Inc. will be sharing a 2-day introductory institute. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).
- **Social & Emotional Learning Summit** is taking place at NWESD on December 3 & 4. This 2-day summit is designed to present impactful and quality professional development opportunities for administrators, teachers, counselors and educational staff who work with, and on behalf of all children and youth. For more information view the [FLYER](#) or [REGISTER HERE](#).

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