

NWESD Program Updates | September 2019

BEST Consortium

- New districts to the BEST Consortium are busily growing their programs and systems for mentoring and induction for new teachers.
- New Teacher Toolkit Meetings start next week in Meridian and Lakewood. A couple consortium districts are facilitating these trainings for their new teachers in-district with additional support from the grant.
- Mentor Roundtables are being offered in some consortium districts, regionally (in Mount Vernon and Monroe), and via Zoom for Mentors from more rural and remote districts.

Computer Science

- [Computer Science Learning Standards](#)
- **Computer Science Leads Group:** Our first meeting is October 29. [Event #97410](#) - Reach out to Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesd.org for registration password. Connect with others in the region, the other 8 ESDs, and OSPI to drive forward efforts to increase and enhance computer science education efforts through an equity lens.
- **New Computer Science Legislation:**
 - [SB 5088](#): Computer Science Courses. Requires each school district that operates a high school to offer an opportunity to access an elective computer science course by the 2022-23 school year.
 - [SHB 1577](#): Computer Science Data. Each school district must submit an annual report on computer science data for the preceding year to OSPI by June 30th, with the first report due June 30, 2020.

Early Learning

- **AESD P-3 Early Learning Coordinators** are engaged in several mini-projects including a defined role in the school improvement work, and support preschool inclusion and development with OSPI and DCYF.
- The Northwest Early Learning Coalition has chosen Whatcom Community and Family Network as their new fiscal sponsor. We're looking forward to support from this non-profit organization with experience and expertise in supporting the coalition work.
- We are wrapping up WaKIDS teacher training for the season on 9/26. OSPI has created a new Canvas course to support Administrators, TOSAs, and others in understanding and supporting WaKIDS implementation in their school or district.
- A new area of focus for Early Learning Fellows this year will be universal design for learning in early learning settings.

English Language Arts

- **Dyslexia Updates** can be found on the OSPI site at this [LINK](#)

Helpful Resources

[Timeline for Dyslexia Advisory Council Expectations and WA School Districts](#)

[FAQ for Early Adopters of Early Literacy Screening for Dyslexia in School Year 2019-20](#)

[Dyslexia Advisory Council and OSPI Recommended Screening Tools list](#)

- **Smarter Balanced Resources:**
[2019-20 Interim Assessment Overview](#)
[WCAP Portal Resources](#)
[Smarter Balanced Writing Resources](#)
- **ELA Fellows:** Our first meeting is October 12. We have 37 new and returning ELA Fellows this year and 8 Emeritus Fellows.
- **Literacy Learning Network:** Registration is still open! The first of 4 sessions begins September 24. [LINK](#) to learn more and to register.
- **Writer's Workshop in the Elementary Classroom:** September 25. [LINK](#) to learn more and register.

Math

- Registration is open for **Sara Van Der Werf - Engaging ALL students in Grade Level Mathematics Nov. 6.** Event [#89069 LINK](#)
- The **NWMath Conference** is Oct. 10-12 in Tacoma, WA. This is a great opportunity for teachers & coaches to learn from other experts in the field. [LINK](#)
- The first **Math Fellows** is Oct. 3.
- **Equity and Access Through the Lens of the Math Standards.** Bridge gaps by understanding the coherence of the standards and learn routines to support the math practices. The first classes begin Oct. 22 and Oct. 23 **Event [#96784 Grades 2-5](#), Event [#96785 Grades 6-Algebra1](#)**

Migrant Education

- NW ESD MEP Team will be hosting our Annual **Fall Migrant Education Convening** October 23, 8:30am-3:00pm. We are looking forward to working with your MEP Teams.
- NW ESD MEP Team will also be hosting the **Migrant Graduation Specialist/Migrant Student Advocate Symposium** on October 24th, 9am-2pm. We are looking forward to working with your School District MGS/MSA's.
- Questions regarding **migrant academic services/supports** please contact Clint Weckerly at cweckerly@nwesd.org
- Questions regarding **migrant out-of-school/health services/supports** please contact Tanya Rojas at trojas@nwesd.org
- Questions regarding **migrant family/student engagement services/supports** please contact Enrique Lopez at elopez@nwesd.org

Science

- The ClimeTime Proviso was expanded to \$6 million over this year and next! You can learn more about NWESD's ClimeTime activities for teachers at [<https://www.nwesd.org/ngss-climate-science-education-project/>]. We will send these activities out in Curriculum Director Update emails, through our teacher network emails, through NWESD's website, PDenroller, and social media!
- OpenSciEd [<http://opensci.ed.org>] has released the first three units of their 6-8 OER curriculum. They have released one unit per grade level. Another will follow in Winter.
- The first three OpenSciEd units to be released were evaluated by the Achieve NGSS Peer Review Team and all three of them were rated as quality examples of NGSS-designed units! Two of them were awarded the NGSS Design Badge their first time through the review process!
[<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2019/08/28/teachers-nationwide-now-have-access-to-open-source.html>]
- Our OpenSciEd Piloting teachers (in Ferndale, Sedro-Woolley, Darrington, and Concrete) are piloting two new units this year and are slated to continue into next year to finish out the OER sequence!
- Our Collaboration for Ambitious Science Teaching and Learning [CASTL: <http://bit.ly/castl-landing>] summer institute welcomed 28 new people into our Ambitious Science Teaching network! Reflective planning days are happening 10/15, 12/09, and one time around late February or early March (we hope to have that last date set by the October 15 convening).
- Considering a curriculum adoption? NextGenTime is a process developed by publisher and science education advocate BSCS for evaluating materials. It is an involved and thorough process that also ensures learning on the part of the participants. You can read more about it on their website [<http://NextGenTime.Org>]. If you would like more information, please contact Brian, who has received formal training on the process and can help.
- The Washington State Science Fellows October Statewide Convening will be in Yakima this year October 10-11. If your science ... MORE TO COME NEED TO UPDATE!
- Science Materials Center Advisory Group will be meeting directly after the Curriculum Directors' Meeting on 9/20/19. The remaining advisory group meetings for the upcoming year are scheduled for: Jan 21st and May 15th. Questions contact Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesd.org.

Other

- [Educational Technology Learning Standards](#)
- **Educational Technology Roundtables:** First meeting October 24th. We would like to invite leaders in educational technology, including teachers, administrators, TOSA, and IT professionals, to engage in quarterly roundtables about educational technology. Collaborate with colleagues around the region and OSPI. Register on pdEnroller, [event #98124](#)
- **Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study Program Options:** Districts are required to provide 14 clock hours of the Fundamental Course of Study (FCS) to all Paraeducators by August 31, 2020 as part of the Legislative funding for HB 1115 and SB 6388. NWESD is offering the following options to help districts meet these new requirements. You can view our program options [HERE](#).

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