



NWESD Program Updates | January 2020

BEST Consortium | <https://www.nwesd.org/tpep/>

- We've had a chance to provide more induction coaching and site visits this year with district leads to determine specific needs and provide program support.
- We've just met with all BEST district leaders for an Induction Roundtable and Stakeholder meeting.
- Data from new teachers in the program from around the region generally show that, though challenging, their first year is also rewarding and the support that they're receiving is making a difference in their experience and their practice so far.

For more information regarding BEST please contact Sarah Southard at ssouthard@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Career Connected Learning/Graduation Pathways

<https://www.nwesd.org/career-connected-learning/>

- Resources available at the NEW Career Connected Learning website: <https://www.nwesd.org/career-connected-learning/>
- Washington Association for Career Counseling & Employment Readiness Spring WA-CCER Training (Focus: CTE counseling, Graduation Pathways, Work-based, Worksite learning, Career Choices and High School & Beyond Plans) March 20 and 21, 2020.
 - Save the Date Info: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eInPW-gb2gLfjydvD4GxZszE5xYu6sGH/view?usp=sharing> and
 - Registration: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15OWguHvBw574Bb00AUI4KBGjjFy-PiMK/view?usp=sharing>
- Skagit County Career and Technical Education Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment Meetings (February 4 and 5/11 and 12 with times TBD). Held at the Northwest Career and Technical Academy.

For more information regarding Career Connected Learning please contact Bre Urness-Straight at burnessstraight@nwesd.org or Nancy Menard at nmenard@nwesd.org.

Computer Science | <https://www.nwesd.org/computer-science/>

- NWESD will be coordinating with Western Washington University to host a [Beauty and Joy of Computing](#) (BJC) summer weeklong professional development workshop. BJC is an [approved curriculum through the College Board](#) and if a teacher attends this weeklong workshop, they do not need to attend the AP Summer Institute to teach the AP Computer Science Principles course.
- The final Computer Science meeting for the 2019-2020 school year will be at the NWESD on Tuesday March 4th from 8:30am – 3:30pm.

For more information regarding our computer science program please contact Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesd.org or Nancy Menard at nmenard@nwesd.org.

Early Learning | https://www.nwesi.org/early_learning/

- In the first week of the legislative session, two Omnibus bills have been introduced for early learning. They are: [HB 2661 \(House\)](#) and [SB 6253 \(Senate\)](#). These bills had hearings early this week. The bills are primarily focused on increased access to quality child care, preschool, and early support services for young children and families.
- We'll be holding our annual [Early Learning Summit](#) on March 3rd. The purpose of the Summit is for participants to learn from their colleagues and plan support for P-3 systems in a one-day conference. Sessions related to Transitional Kindergarten, SEL in Early Learning, and effective use of WaKIDS data, etc. will be offered for participants to pursue the area of greatest interest and need for them.
- We are continuing to support the understanding and implementation of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) programs in our region, Everett School District is starting new TK classes this month. Here is an [article](#) that does a nice job of describing Transitional Kindergarten. Please let us know if you are considering TK so that we can connect you with available resources and supports.

For more information regarding early learning programming please contact Sarah Southard at ssouthard@nwesi.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesi.org.

Educational Technology

- Our next Educational Technology Roundtable will be on Tuesday February 11th for more information please contact Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesi.org or Kristine Juhl at kjuhl@nwesi.org.

English Language Arts | <https://www.nwesi.org/literacy/>

- [December Update on the Early Screening of Dyslexia webinar](#) is available to view. It includes information about the dyslexia law, updates on the Dyslexia Advisory Council's work, and a Q & A section.
- ELA Fellows and Literacy Learning Network members continue to focus on expanding their classroom libraries to be more reflective of the wide diversity of citizens in our schools and communities. Achieve the Core has a comprehensive resource that is very useful in this work: [What Makes a High-Quality Diverse Text and How to Get These Texts Into Your Classroom](#).
- Feb. 26 workshop: [Foundational Reading Skills for Students in Grades 2-8](#).
- [Young Authors' Conference](#) is still accepting registrations.

For more information regarding ELA programming please contact Kim Kellogg at kkellogg@nwesi.org or Kristine Juhl at kjuhl@nwesi.org.

Math | <https://www.nwesi.org/math/>

- [Modeling Our World With Mathematics \(MOWWM\) Virtual Training registration](#) is available now for teachers who will be teaching this course 2019-20. This Moodle course will be available Jan. 15 - Feb. 15, 2020 and offers 5 clock hours
- Math Fellows continue their learning of the Levels of Use in leadership and [Mathematics Teaching Practices](#) focusing on productive questioning and student discourse. Our third meeting is Feb. 13th.

- Math Strand Progression Documents. Developed by OSPI for educators in all content areas to see the development of conceptual understanding within the strand. Links have been added to the [NWESD Regional Math Support](#) page. They can also be found on the OSPI Math [K-8](#) and [High School](#) Educator Resource pages.
- [Bridge to College course bulletin](#): The bulletin provides updates for districts interested in offering Bridge to College courses next year. Successful completion of a Bridge to College course satisfies a graduation pathway for the designated content area.

For more information regarding math services please contact Tina Mott at tmott@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Migrant Education Program | <https://www.nwesd.org/mero/>

- **Does your school have 10 + identified migrant students?** If so, your school district qualifies for migrant education funding! Are you not sure, but still eager to find out if your identified migrant student count/data? Please contact your NW ESD 189 Migrant Education Department for more information.
- **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Trainings** are leadership trainings that will help build, strengthen and provide best practices to migrant education district parent advisory council board officers. We have various engaging training options. Please contact Enrique Lopez, Regional Migrant Coordinator at elopez@nwesd.org.
- **Migrant Summer School Funds** are available. If you are interested in learning more about your funding status, summer program models or any migrant summer school information, please contact Clint Weckerly at cweckerly@nwesd.org.
- **Migrant Education (Migrant 101)** is designed to raise educator awareness about the need for the Migrant Education Program as well as the unique needs of migrant students and families. For more information, please contact Clint Weckerly at cweckerly@nwesd.org.
- The Migrant Education Program is proud to announce the Skagit Nurse Case Manager Consortium. Mount Vernon, Burlington-Edison, Sedro Woolley, La Conner and Conway have partnered with OSPI to pilot this project in Skagit County. If you belong to any of these districts and would like to learn more about how this project can support Migrant Students in your schools, please reach out to your local Migrant Federal Program Director. Contact Tanya Rojas, TRojas@nwesd.org for further information.

Science | <https://www.nwesd.org/science/>

- ClimeTime programs are available for teachers! Check out <http://www.climetime.org> for statewide opportunities or <http://www.nwesd.org/climetime> for NWESD's local opportunities!
 - 'Physical Science of Climate Science for MS teachers' coming soon!
- OpenSciEd
 - MS curriculum research project is still underway!
 - Our regional piloting teachers will be trained on their next units January 30-31 at Sea-Tac.
 - New: Districts wishing to include teachers in the piloting trainings (at district expense) are welcome to do so! It's too late to add people for our January 30-31 training, but talk to Brian if you are interested in sending people to our June pilot training for next year's materials!

- NEW! 2-3 Hour Introductions to SciEd! If you have teachers who want to try out OpenSciEd units, Brian is happy to help orient them to the pedagogical structures and intentions of OpenSciEd. Teachers with Ambitious Science Teaching background or NextGenStorylines work will probably have an easier time picking these materials up and using them. But for people new to those paradigms, an introduction might be really helpful to help answer questions like, “why are we spending two days on discourse and learning how to take part in it!”
- Released Units:
 - 6.2 Thermal Energy
 - 7.3 Metabolic Processes
 - 8.2 Sound Waves
- Releasing Spring:
 - 6.3 Weather, Climate & Water Cycling (3/12/2020)
 - 7.4 Matter Cycling and Photosynthesis (2/13/2020)
 - 8.3 Forces at a Distance (2/13/2020)

For more information regarding our science programming please contact Brian MacNevin at bmacnevin@nwsed.org or Nancy Menard at nmenard@nwsed.org.

Other

- Administrative Professionals Conference registration is now open: <https://www.pdenroller.org/nwsed/catalog/event/98771>
- The NWESD Regional High School Art Show is now accepting art submissions. For more information and important upcoming dates visit our web page: <https://www.nwsed.org/artshow/>.

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