

NWESD Program Updates | November 2019

BEST Consortium

- OSPI has been able to offer additional funds for supporting new special educators and new teachers with limited certifications to all grantees and consortia.
- We're connecting with Consortium districts to determine their unique induction programming needs and what regional supports can best meet those needs.
- Many consortium districts are facilitating mentor roundtables within their district and building their capacity for new teacher training as well.

Career Connected Learning & CTE Graduation Pathways

- Collaboration along with supports are available to districts for completion of the CTE Perkins V federal funding required Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA)
- If your district is interested in support for Career Connected Learning and CTE Graduation Pathways, please contact Bre Urness-Straight at burnessstraight@nwesd.org or 360.299.7029.
- **Graduation Pathways:** Board action is required around the following policies:
 - General HS Grad Requirements (WSSDA 2410)
 - Amend 2 credit waiver policy (WSSDA 2418)
 - Adopt or review academic acceleration policy (WSSDA 2195)
 - Consider policy/procedure for credit for pre-HS courses

Computer Science

- The second **Computer Science Leads Group** will be at the NWESD on Thursday, January 23. You or someone else from your district can still join! Register in pdEnroller for [event #97410](#).

Education Technology

- The second **Ed Tech Roundtable** will be at the NWESD on Thursday, December 19 from 9am - 12pm. Register on pdEnroller for [event #98124](#). Teachers, TOSAs, administrators, IT professionals - all are welcome.

Early Learning

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is gaining momentum in our region as a programming option for 4-year-olds who would not otherwise have access to high-quality Pre-K experiences. An [introductory webinar](#) on December 5th will provide guidance and more information.
- WaKIDS reports can now be generated from TeachingStrategies.com to support instructional and program planning from the classroom to the district level. If you need help logging in or accessing reports, feel free to reach out.
- The Early Learning Summit originally scheduled for December 10th will now take place on March 3rd at NWESD.
- If your district is interested in an Early Learning needs assessment and/or program planning session, please contact Sarah Southard at ssouthard@nwsd.org or 360.299.4045.

English Language Arts

- **Young Authors Conference** registration is open!! This is the 33rd year for this event that brings together our region's 2nd-8th grade student writers and published authors and illustrators. Visit this [LINK](#) to learn more and download a registration form! Registration ends January 17.
- **ELA Fellows** will meet Dec. 12 for their second session, and these teacher leaders will continue to focus on literacy learning and leadership. Several Emeritus Fellows will provide mentorship and lead portions of the day's learning related to equity, leadership, and action plans.
- **Foundational Reading Skills for Students in Grades 2-8** workshop is scheduled for February 26. Here is the [LINK](#) to register.
- **OSPI ELA Assessment** webpage offers a plethora of information and resources regarding the Smarter Balanced system all in one place. Please share this [LINK](#) with your educators.
- **Dyslexia Updates and Resources** can be found at this OSPI webpage [LINK](#).

Project Based Learning Institute: Join the **Buck Institute for Education (BIE)** for this three-day workshop that will provide teachers the knowledge and skills needed to design, assess, and manage a rigorous standards-based project. Participants will actively engage in project design and generate a project plan for their own use. Come and experience a blend of direct instruction, video analysis, hands-on work, resource sharing, peer collaboration and feedback. More information is available at this link: <https://www.pdenroller.org/nwsd/catalog/event/99502>

Math

- **Math Fellows** are meeting Dec. 5th for the second of four meetings. We are building our knowledge about the Mathematics Teaching Practices as outlined by NCTM. [LINK](#) to *Principles to Action Executive Summary*
- Teachers participating in our 3-session **Equity and Access Through the Lens of the Math Standards** will continue work centered around the three shifts in mathematics standards: Focus, Coherence, & Rigor. The second sessions are in December.
- **OSPI Mathematics Assessment** - Mathematics Educators are needed to update the Digital Library at the State Network Of Educators Workshop, There are also New Focused Interim Assessment Blocks ready for use. Learn more on the OSPI Mathematics Assessment page. [LINK](#)

Migrant Education

- 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. If your district is interested in PAC leadership trainings, please contact Enrique Lopez, Regional Migrant Coordinator at elopez@nwesd.org.
- Basics of 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. If interested in this outstanding training, please contact Clint Weckerly at cweckerly@nwesd.org

Science

Upcoming Science PD Offerings:

- WED 12/04
Science Fellows Convening (2/4)
- THU 12/12 to SAT 12/14
NSTA Area Conference in Seattle
- TUE 1/21
NGSS 101 (Deep Dive)

Upcoming ClimeTime Climate Science PD Offerings:

- TUE 12/03
Stories of Us and the World Grades 4-7 focus on ELA and Science intersections for learning about others' *narratives*.
- THU 12/05
CASTL Reflective Planning Day #2 @NWESD
- THU 1/30 to FRI 1/31
OpenSciEd Pilot Teacher Training at SeaTac

NWESD Science Materials Center

- We are in our first full year of rolling out Amplify science for the SMC Cooperative. If you are interested in learning more about the cooperative and what support we can provide for your district, reach out to Amy Colburn acolburn@nwesd.org

Science Assessment (WCAS) News

- We anticipate that this spring's third year of assessment will factor with the previous two years to establish a *baseline* for schools. This baseline is calculated into a school's needs according to the Washington State Improvement Framework (WSIF).

- [OpenSciEd](#) Orientations
Regional Science Coordinators are developing a 2-hour orientation to the OpenSciEd OER units. This introduction is hoped to be a useful brief introduction that can fit in before school on late arrival days or after school on an early release day. Look for these to be available in January 2020.

Other

- **Project Management Essentials Training:** This course addresses the nuts and bolts of project management essentials and is for anyone charged with leading a project team to successful completion. You will discuss basic fundamentals as well as participate in hands-on activities that will help you plan and execute projects on time, stay on budget, and work with maximum efficiency. This course is for anyone who finds themselves responsible for completing a project but does not have formal project management training. [Register HERE](#)
- **NWESD High School Art Show:** Share this opportunity with your high school art teachers. We would love to include as much student work as possible. More information can be found at: <https://www.nwesd.org/artshow/>
- **2nd Annual Administrative Professionals Conference registration is now open!** For more information or to register please follow this [LINK](#). Share this opportunity with the administrative assistants in your district office or school buildings. There are sessions applicable for everyone's role.
- **Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study:** Two days of training is available at NWESD - to register your staff follow this [LINK](#). Or, if you're interested in purchasing the training materials and facilitating the training for your paraeducators on your own schedule contact Jennifer Longchamps for more information (jlongchamps@nwesd.org | (360) 299-4095).

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