

PARTNER PROFILE

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photo: Aerial view of the NWESD by Les Valsquier



**Northwest Educational
Service District 189**

Together We Can

Services received September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022

INTRODUCTION

STRENGTHENING OUR PARTNERSHIP

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Northwest Educational Service District 189 (NWESD), I am pleased to share this partner profile highlighting services your district received between September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

NWESD is committed to strengthening our partnership by providing programs and services that help you achieve your district's strategic priorities.

This year's Partner Profile Report includes a review of programs and services with which your district is actively engaging and recommendations for additional programs and services aligned with your priorities. These recommendations are based on an environmental scan of the strengths and challenges your district is facing and county-level community health data.

We encourage you and your leadership team to review these opportunities and connect with us to explore funding solutions.



**LARRY FRANCOIS,
SUPERINTENDENT**



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Regional Service Matrix



HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

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Received Services:

Sept 1, 2021-Dec 31, 2022

Programs and services Districts actively engaged with and/or received between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.



Recommended Services:

Recommendations for programs and services are based on a scan of District strategic priorities and commitments. NWESD will explore funding opportunities to help support Districts' interests and needs.



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SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administrative Services



Received Services:

- **Fingerprinting**: The NWESD Fingerprint program provides fingerprinting services using digital technology. Fingerprinting is required of all individuals who have regular, unsupervised access to children, including those seeking certificates, and those employed in a certified or classified position.
- **Regional High School Art Show**: The NWESD hosts a Regional High School Art Show with submissions from schools around our region. Entries are received in the following artistic formats: drawing, painting, photography, digital media, and sculpture. The finalists from the regional ESD shows move on to the OSPI State High School Art Show.

Northwest Regional Data Center Services



Received Services:

- **Data Services**: The NWRDC provides training and support for the Skyward Student and Business (Finance, Human Resources, and Payroll) Information Systems.
- **Print Shop Services**: The NWRDC Operations offers printing services to school districts. In many cases, school districts can save significantly on print orders.

Special Education & Related Services



Received Services:

- **Special Education Services**: The NWESD special education administrative services support systemic improvements, high-quality leveraged practices in special education, partnerships with general education staff and leadership, as well as legislative requirements for implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA).
- **Pre-Employment Transition Services**: The NWESD Pre-Employment Transition Services are centered around student data. Our goal is to support teachers and students by providing resources such as job exploration, post-secondary exploration, and workplace readiness.
- **School Nurse Corps**: The School Nurse Corps provides a variety of services that benefit students, families, school staff, nurses, and community partners. Some of these services include: Dissemination of health information in a timely manner, mentoring and orientation for new school nurses, professional development opportunities, and consultation services.

SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Behavioral Health & Prevention Services



Received Services:

- **Prevention Intervention Services:** The NWESD Prevention and Intervention (PI) programs serve to increase knowledge and awareness of the nature and extent of alcohol, drug use, abuse, addiction, and their effects on individuals, families, and communities.
- **Professional Development:** The BHPS team is dedicated to offering opportunities for district and school staff to learn systems that encourage a positive and safe learning environment for all students, as well as build on staff expertise.
- **School Safety Center (Level 1):** In partnership with OSPI, the NWESD participates in statewide planning and collection of data to advance regional school safety programs and increase service capacity throughout our region and the state. Our Threat Assessment program offers districts maximum benefit at a minimal cost. This support includes ongoing Level 1 training to buildings, ensuring all rotating staff and community participants are adequately educated.
- **Youth Suicide Prevention:** Signs of Suicide (SOS) is an evidence-based youth suicide prevention program that has demonstrated an improvement in students' knowledge and adaptive attitudes about suicide risk and depression. Designed for grades 6-12, SOS teaches students how to identify signs of depression and suicide in themselves and their peers, while providing materials that train school professionals, parents, and communities to recognize at-risk students and take appropriate action.

Financial Services



Received Services:

- **Regional Transportation Services:** The NWESD Regional Transportation Department provides support for student transportation to all districts in the NWESD region and acts as a liaison between OSPI and districts.
- **School District Fiscal Services:** The NWESD Fiscal Services Department supports districts by performing compliance reviews, facilitating regional collaboration opportunities and trainings, providing technical assistance for financial purposes, and serving as a liaison between 35 regional school districts, county officials, and OSPI.
- **Unemployment Cooperative Pool:** The Unemployment Cooperative Pool is governed by an advisory board with a representative from each member district. An executive advisory board, comprised of eight members, provides policy and procedural recommendations; reducing risks and making unemployment-related costs manageable for school districts.

Teaching & Learning Services



Received Services:

- **Curriculum Directors**: The NWESD provides a collaborative space for district Curriculum Directors to learn how to best support principals and teachers to improve the achievement of all students and to discuss current initiatives.
- **Literacy Regional Support**: The NWESD Regional Literacy Coordinator provides evidence-based professional services in literacy for educators throughout our region. Services include professional learning opportunities, facilitating teacher leadership initiatives, supporting the implementation of English Language Arts Common Core State Standards, and providing targeted assistance to meet individual district needs.
- **System & School Improvement**: The NWESD School Improvement Team, in partnership with OSPI, is committed to closing the opportunity gap by working collaboratively with educational partners, researchers, districts, and community leaders to create a coordinated, regionalized, responsive support and improvement model for schools in our region.

Technology Services



Received Services:

- **K20 RITU**: The K-20 Education Network makes high-speed Internet accessible and affordable to Washington State's educational communities.

Recommendations



Recommended Services:

Administration Services

- **Accreditation for Schools:** Washington State school accreditation ensures that the state's schools are adequately preparing students for college. The AESD Accreditation is a research-based approach to school improvement aligned to the School Improvement Planning process.
- **Communications:** The NWESD Communications Program partners with districts to implement communication strategies that build trust with their communities. The Communications Program offers strategic communications planning and the development of resources for Public Information Officers, and/or other staff responsible for school district communications.

Early Learning Services

- **Coordinated Recruitment & Enrollment Technical Assistance:** NWESD Early Learning team works in collaboration with schools and community partners to develop a coordinated recruitment and enrollment implementation plan. Coordinated enrollment helps to ensure that all families are supported to make an informed choice about the care and education of their child through a simplified and coordinated process.
- **PreK-K Collaboration:** The NWESD provides coordinated recruitment and enrollment support to school districts to help engagement with their Pre-K partners. We also provide professional learning and early learning data exploration.
- **Training for Early Care & Learning Professionals:** The NWESD Early Learning team offers learning opportunities that support early learning and care professionals.
- **WaKIDS Technical Assistance:** WaKIDS helps smooth the transition into kindergarten. The WaKIDS trainings are now offered online. However, the NWESD is pleased to offer technical assistance.

Behavioral Health & Prevention Services

- **Attendance & Reengagement:** The NWESD's Attendance and Reengagement program is designed to address chronic absenteeism. Our services are provided free of charge to school districts and aim to support the important and ongoing reengagement work being done in schools.
- **Educational Advocacy:** The NWESD provides Educational Advocates who serve students re-entering their community and school settings from the judicial system as well as students who have been identified by schools as potential dropouts.
- **School Safety & Threat Assessments (Level 2):** In partnership with OSPI, the NWESD participates in statewide planning and collection of data to advance regional school safety programs and increase service capacity throughout our region and the state. Our Threat Assessment program offers districts maximum benefit at a minimal cost. This support includes Level 2 training for key leadership, consultations, assessment support, team development, and more.

Recommendations



Recommended Services:

Special Education & Related Services

- **Behavioral Coaching & Consultation:** The NWESD Behavior Coaching & Consultation team works closely with your district's Special Education teams to provide the support services to assist district staff in the monitoring, reporting, and supports of students with behavioral issues and Individual Education Plan (IEPs), Functional Behavior Assessment (FBAs), Behavior Intervention Plan (BIPs), and coaching classroom teachers.

Technology Services

- **Gale:** Partnering with libraries around the world to empower the discovery of knowledge and insights. Washington State provides access to reputable, reliable digital content through its partnership with Gale. Gale helps schools make an impact with resources that empower curious minds, turn research into results, and foster lifelong learning.
- **Network Support Services - Tech Services:** The NWESD's Technology Services team can provide assistance with the helpdesk, networking, and communications, training support, security and protection, IT leadership, and phone systems.

Teaching & Learning Services

- **Beginning Educator Support Team (BEST):** The BEST program provides support for new teachers in Washington State through comprehensive induction with funds and professional learning opportunities. The NWESD has a consortium of districts that engage in BEST grant activities collectively and with support from NWESD staff.
- **Career Connect NW Region:** Career Connect Washington Northwest is one of nine regional career connected learning networks under the larger Career Connect Washington (CCW) organization. CCW NW is a collaboration of two WA STEM partner networks (NW WA STEM and Snohomish STEM) as well as workforce and educational organizations. By working together, the CCW NW Network is a catalyst for industry, education, and community partners to collectively meet the career development needs of Northwest Washington's youth in an equitable and accessible way.
- **Career Connected Learning:** Career Connect Washington Northwest, hosted at the NWESD, creates programs that make it easier for businesses and schools to connect. By facilitating strong partnerships between our schools and businesses, we can help students explore different career pathways and increase their readiness to enter high-wage, high-demand careers in our communities.
- **Inclusionary Practices Project (IPP):** The Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD) offers professional learning opportunities for educators via the Inclusionary Practices Project (IPP). IPP professional learning experiences guide the development and implementation of sustainable systems, structures, and practices that support all students with meaningful access and engagement in inclusive learning environments.

Recommendations



Recommended Services:

Teaching & Learning Services

- **Math Regional Support:** The NWESD Regional Math Support provides instructional shifts toward productive mathematical instructional routines that engage all students in meaningful mathematics. We provide professional learning opportunities to facilitate teacher leadership initiatives that support the implementation of Mathematics Common Core State Standards and provide targeted assistance to meet individual district needs.
- **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS):** The NWESD MTSS program offers a framework for enhancing the implementation of evidence-based practices to achieve important outcomes for every student. The MTSS framework builds on a public health approach that focuses on organizing the efforts of adults within systems to be more effective. MTSS helps to ensure students benefit from nurturing environments and equitable access to instruction and supports that are differentiated to meet their unique needs
- **Science Regional Support:** The NWESD supports teachers of science in shifting instruction towards a common vision of science education that empowers students to see themselves as scientists and engineers. In concert with science education stakeholders throughout Washington, we support OSPI's timeline for transition to next-generation science for all students.
- **STEM/Computer Science:** The NWESD STEM Program aims to inspire and equip future innovators with the skills and tools necessary to compete in a growing, global economy. Each initiative uniquely supports STEM skill development and education, making these subjects more accessible to students and ultimately building the capacity to solve the world's future challenges through today's learning.

TOGETHER WE CAN...

MISSION

Together We Can...
promotion **equity**
and **excellence**
through **leadership**
and **service**.

VISION

To be an
indispensable
partner to our
region's school
communities.

VALUES

Responsive **customer service**
Open **communication**
Regional **collaboration**
Flexible **teamwork**
Adaptable **professional**
learning
Positive **relationships**

GOALS

Provide **quality services**
that meet our region's
needs.

Prepare students for
college, career, and
citizenship.

Foster **educator**
effectiveness to assure
equity and opportunity for
all students.

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