“You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.”
- Richard Lingard

Reimagining Recess is an engaging and dynamic training program for Paraeducators, and Recess Staff designed by the Association of Washington Student Leaders.

“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.” – Mr. Rogers

The Reimagining Recess training is a culturally responsive program that aligns with Washington State and CASEL social-emotional learning standards and builds positive academic and social success for each and every participant.

Reimagining Recess Concepts:
- Socially distant games that require no props, or equipment.
- Culturally responsive lessons and activities.
- Tied to social-emotional learning standards (Washington State and CASEL).
- Conflict resolutions techniques and strategies (student to adult and student to student).
- Incorporates John Hattie's Visual Learning Positive Impacts on Student Learning. Integrated to include Piagetian levels, self-efficacy, classroom discussion, summarization, deep motivation and approach, creativity, self-regulation strategies.
- Incorporates teachings from AWSL’s Calling All Superheroes Elementary SEL program.
- Engagement in purposeful play and relationship-building strategies.
- Understanding and discussions on the purpose and science of play.
- Becoming while doing. Participants will do with the AWSL facilitators and will be active during the training.

“Students must feel engaged and safe to take academic risks. When students are absorbed in play, they feel safe to try new things. The desire to play is innate but joining in requires relationships skills and a safe environment.
- Research Concept from LEGO Education

Reimagining Recess Three-Hour Training:
- Icebreakers and welcome.
- The history of play and games.
- Paper and pencil games (indoor games).
- The science of play.
- The benefits of play.
- Relationship-building, communication and connection.
- Group roles and conflict-resolution.
- Game learning and game play.

Training Includes:
- Three-hour training with AWSL Program Staff.
- AWSL All Play Manual: Contains over 70 recess games (and table games for brain breaks in classrooms).
- On-going support and game updates from AWSL.

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