



See What's New from the Association of Washington Student Leaders

2025-26





Inspiring Students to Lead!

The Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) is your go-to destination to empower students to lead and make positive decisions within their schools, communities, and themselves. Through life-changing and personalized programs, curriculum, and experiences, AWSL prepares students for academic and life success.

We strive to create opportunities and increase access so each and every student can develop as leaders, so they can lead themselves, lead others, and become vibrant leaders in their schools and communities.

The Association of Washington Student Leaders:

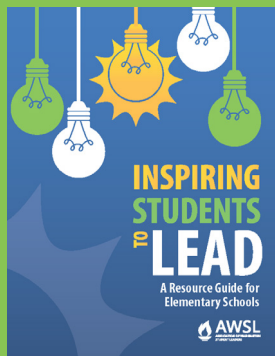
- Trains and empowers students to lead in school and life.
- Supports adults engaged in student success.
- Provides resources for engagement and empowerment.
- Promotes the value of students as leaders.

Learn more at www.AWSLeaders.org.

ELEMENTARY

Inspiring Students to Lead

Category: Publication



Inspiring Students to Lead now includes an additional 85 pages of elementary curriculum developed by AWSL! You'll find:

- 34 pages of guidance and models for creating an elementary leadership program
- 42 pages of lesson materials and other teacher resources, including:
 - 15 ready-to-print student handouts in English and Spanish
 - And more!

Reimagining Recess

Category: Adult Professional Learning

Reimagining Recess is an engaging and dynamic training program for paraeducators, recess staff, counselors, interventionists, and other student support specialists designed and facilitated by the Association of Washington Student Leaders.



Reimagining Recess Concepts:

- Socially distant games that require no props, or equipment
- Conflict resolution techniques and strategies (student to adult and student to student)
- Incorporates teachings from AWSL's *Calling All Superheroes* Elementary SEL program
- Purposeful play and relationship-building strategies
- Discussions around the science of play
- Becoming while doing. Participants will do with the AWSL facilitators and will be active during the training

Training objectives:

- 50% Games
- 25% Conflict-Resolution Strategies
- 25% SEL and Implementation Strategies

Calling All Superheroes

Category: Resource



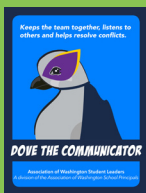
Calling All Superheroes is a school-wide elementary program offered online or through socially-distant platforms. The program aligns with Washington State and CASEL social-emotional learning standards to provide dynamic, multi-faceted tier-one opportunities for schools and communities.

Complete with exciting modules, songs, stories, and a parent and family engagement guide. *Calling all Superheroes* is the perfect program

for all elementary schools. *Calling All Superheroes* is FREE with AWSL membership!

Lesson Format:

- Learning modules designed to promote school-wide climate, enhance classroom culture, and provide brain breaks for students!
- Modules built for 20 minutes of direct student engagement with the flexibility to shorten or lengthen each lesson.
- Suggested follow-up activities for writing, art, and visual and performing arts.
- A teacher resource guide, which includes the use of summary stories.
- Key concepts include:
 - Explore the powers of Hope, Confidence, and Relationships
 - Group Roles & Conflict Resolution
 - Communication and Connection
 - Listening
 - All Play: Play fair, play fun; everyone plays with everyone!
 - Be NICE: Notice others to Invite, Compliment & Engage in empathy
 - Feelings wheel
 - Shift or stay?
 - Self-management and moods
 - Becoming...



PTO/ASB Workshop

Category: Adult Professional Learning

Parent/Booster/Support groups are extremely important in supporting students. But navigating the school public finance world (our job) with private money (the booster groups) can be extremely challenging. We offer workshops bringing together staff and parent/community members to help us navigate away from possible audit issues. Bring your various schools/staff and parent volunteers together for a dive into the nuances of public and private money—and learn how to best support our students' needs.



I AM | WE ARE: An MLK Day Commemoration

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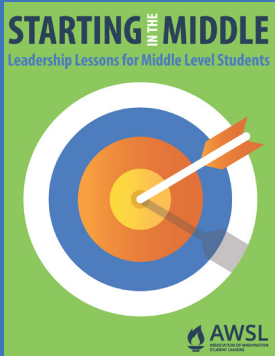
“The Reimagining Recess Program helped to grow our mindset as adults who have the power to enhance the playground environment for all kids.”

— Dr. Cathy Sork, Principal, Dorothy Fox Elem.

MIDDLE LEVEL

Starting in the Middle

Category: Publication



The second edition of *Starting in the Middle* has been rewritten and redesigned as a resource book for teaching leadership concepts to middle-level students. In addition to 84 brand-new and revamped lessons for formal and informal classrooms, a section of “20 for 20” contains twenty-minute lessons designed for school-wide use in advisory or homeroom settings. Also included are resources for structuring a middle-level student leadership

program, aligning leadership instruction to standards, workshop/ large group icebreakers, and organizational tools.

Fall Leadership Days

Category: Program



These one-day regional workshops are designed to equip middle school students with real leadership tools to make an impact in their schools and communities. Fall Leadership Days help

students reflect, collaborate, and dream big.

Advisors receive up to 45 minutes of dedicated time during the day to meet with your student leaders, plan upcoming activities, and build a stronger team for the year ahead. It's the perfect mix of reflection, coordination, and inspiration.

Middle-Level Regionals

Category: Program

Middle-Level Regionals are one-day leadership workshops designed to introduce younger students to the world of leading themselves and their school community while energizing emerging and established leaders for the end of the year. MLRs will occur at regional locations throughout the state in February and March!



Middle-Level Team Retreat

Category: Program

The Team Retreat allows schools to train and unite their leadership team and program. The leadership training is designed to increase a school's teamwork skills and explore relevant leadership concepts, including:

- Equipping students with skills and ideas to understand themselves and their futures, and to lead in their schools.
- Creating a culture, Ensuring School Safety, and Engaging the School Community.
- Assembly techniques, crowd involvement, and leadership styles.

The Team Retreat occurs at the Pinelov Park and Conference Center (Eastern Washington).



¡La Chispa! (The Spark)

Category: Program

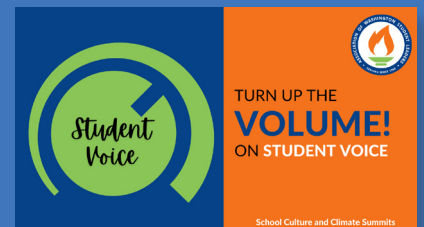
¡La Chispa! (The Spark) is an engaging bilingual (English-Spanish) program for middle-level Latinx students! The culturally responsive program builds positive academic and self-identity agency within Latinx students. *¡La Chispa!* supports students to build self-confidence, strengthen their cultural identity, and increase academic success. Student success largely depends on positive adult role models, involvement in school, and community service. *¡La Chispa!* offers students advancement in all three areas.



Student Voice Summits

Category: Program

Bring the AWSL team to your school to support student voice! Anchoring itself in AWSL's core beliefs of student engagement, student empowerment, and student voice, our Student Summits are a half-day summit that allows students from throughout the school to come together to discuss, brainstorm, and engage in dialogue around school culture and climate. These summits enable students to unite through authentic conversations, exceptional listening, and collective brainstorming.



Middle-Level Summer Programs

Category: Program

Every summer, over 3,000 students participate in one of the many summer camps the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) offers. Each summer program allows students to learn, grow, connect, and develop leadership skills. For middle-level students, AWSL Summer Programs provide a fantastic opportunity to learn valuable skills, create lasting friendships, and prepare for the upcoming school year. Some of the topics include:

- Communication skills
- Positive teamwork
- Problem-solving
- Decision-making
- School climate



Personalized Programs

Category: Program

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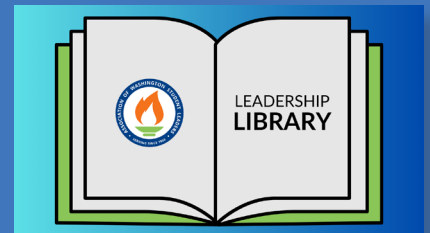
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ASB Finance and Law

Category: Student and Adult Professional Learning

ASB is unique because the law requires students and staff to collaborate on using funds for extra-curricular activities. Included are strategies and

helpful hints on how students and their advisors can handle ASB funds and stay in compliance with all the regulatory agencies interested in these public funds designated for student use. We offer training for staff and/or students, building and/or district, specific and/or general, parent groups and/or staff...the possibilities are endless.



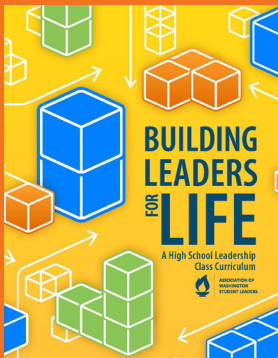
“It’s been about a week since we attended ¡La Chispa! and students I never knew before have sought me out in the halls telling me what it means to be Latino. The ¡La Chispa! experience gave them recognition many have never had before.”

— Marla Green, Teacher, Coweeman Middle School (Kelso)

HIGH SCHOOL

Building Leaders for Life

Category: Publication



The *Building Leaders for Life* goals provide a balanced framework for teaching leadership. The curriculum is divided into five areas: communication, group process, organizational skills, self-awareness, and human relations. Within each of the five curricular areas, there are lessons that address specific objectives. Each lesson is designed to stand independently, allowing you to select and choose as needed. The appendix contains sample course outlines and grading formats.

High School Fall Conferences

Category: Program

Each year, a high school in the state hosts the in-person conference. The conference will feature dynamic keynote speakers, breakouts, and learning opportunities for high school students and adults.



We invite ALL high schools to join us for a dynamic conference that will bring together different school teams for a day of learning, networking, and fun so that each school is inspired to return to their homes and communities to make significant differences in the lives of their schools and communities.

“Make the Change” Workshop

Category: Program



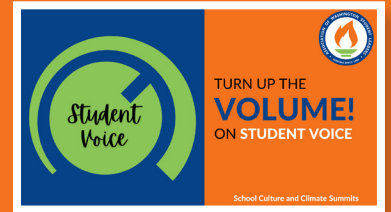
The ‘Make the Change’ workshop topics include using empathy to improve peer relationships, analyzing the impact of stereotypes and judgments on school climate, and developing intra-personal and interper-

sonal communication to grow a deeper understanding of self and others. Make the Change workshops are available upon request from school regions!

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- Positive teamwork
- Leadership development training
- Social awareness, management, and connections
- School culture and climate



Mt. Sky | Native American Leadership

Category: Program



At Mt. Sky Leadership Camp, students participate in a culturally responsive curriculum and are recognized nationally as a model of excellence. Through an interactive retreat experience, students learn and practice

essential skills such as team building, communication, creative thinking, and resiliency. Mt. Sky offers students a chance to earn credit through this dynamic and immersive program.

AWSL Student Voice Network

Category: Student Opportunity

AWSL seeks interested high school students to join our AWSL Student Voice Network (SVN) for the 2023-2024 school year! The AWSL Student Voice Network comprises high school students from every region of the state. The AWSL SVN lends student voice to local, state, national, and legislative issues while providing insight and perspective to the Association of Washington Student Leaders. Any interested high school student passionate about school culture, school climate, equity, advocacy, student voice, and AWSL should join our team. No experience is necessary!



“Be the Change” Retreat



Category: Program

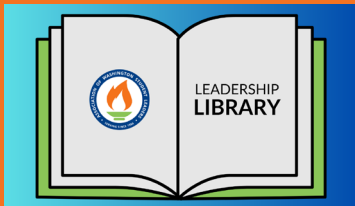
Be the Change Weekend is a dynamic retreat experience created by students for students. Students explore how they can make a positive difference in

their own lives and the lives of others while practicing valuable skills, such as facilitating, listening, speaking, and collaborating.

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Summer Residential Counselor

Category: Student Opportunity

The Resident Counselor (RC) position is essential to our Middle-Level Summer Programs! The RC staff works with the adult staff (Team Counselors or TCs) to provide all delegates with a positive leadership camp experience. Being an RC is an opportunity to:

- Serve middle-level students.
- Gain practical teaching experience.
- Work as a team with other Washington state student leaders.
- Grow in positive, life-changing ways.



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SUMMER PROGRAMS

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Summer Programs occur at the Cispus Learning Center, Eastern Washington University, and Central Washington University.

These programs are facilitated and supervised by staff of the Association of Washington School Leaders, which is a division of the Washington School Principal's Education Foundation.

Programs at Eastern Washington University

- Mission Peak

Programs at Central Washington University

- La Cima (Bilingual Leadership)
- Cheer I
- Cheer II

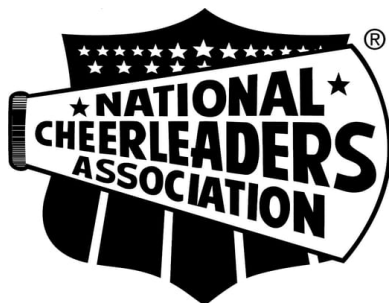
Programs at the Cispus Learning Center

- Mount Triumph
- Mount Olympus
- Mount Baker
- Mount Rainier
- Mount Adams
- Chinook Middle-Level
- Columbia Middle-Level
- Cascade Middle-Level



**"AWSL Summer Programs is where I found
my home, my true north, my authentic self."**

— Matthew Wallace, Principal, Timbercrest Middle School



ADULT PROFESSIONAL LEARNING



WACA (Washington Activity Coordinators Association)

Members of WACA (Washington Activity Coordinators Association) include representatives from middle, junior, and high schools in various activity areas throughout Washington State. Delegates include activity coordinators, cheer coaches, ASB and club advisors, class advisors, administrators, athletic directors, leadership teachers, and activity secretaries.

Mission

To serve professionals involved in student activities by providing opportunities and resources for building school culture through project management and professional growth.

Vision

WACA supports the development of professionals who are involved in student activities by:

- Hosting a premier conference for all professionals involved in any aspect of student activities.
- Providing professional growth opportunities throughout the year through networking
- Committing to assisting professionals in creating positive school cultures that foster a sense of belonging.

WACA's conference takes place in March each year.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES

ADVOCATES • ADVISORS • ADMINISTRATORS • ALLIES
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National Association for Student Activities (NA4SA)

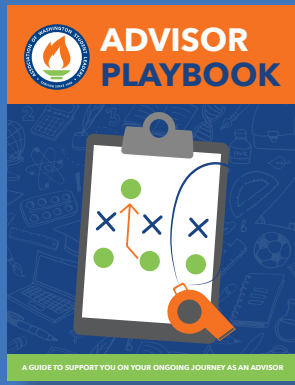
NA4SA brings together Advocates, Advisors, Administrators, and Allies of ALL student activities who support and encourage student involvement in and out of the classroom. NA4SA also serves leadership education teachers, regional/state activity program planners, and others interested in leadership training and activity planning.

Each December, NA4SA hosts the **National Conference on Student Activities**, which features speakers and presenters and provides many opportunities to share great ideas while networking with a vibrant professional community dedicated to student leadership and activities.

NA4SA also sponsors an annual **Summer Workshop** (each August), which features valuable Advisor training and networking in a more intimate setting. You'll meet and work with the best of the best, bringing back ideas you can use with your students immediately!

NA4SA also hosts free monthly virtual seminars, a robust leadership library, **The Foundations of Advising**, and the **NA4SA Academy**, two professional development and learning programs and networks.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

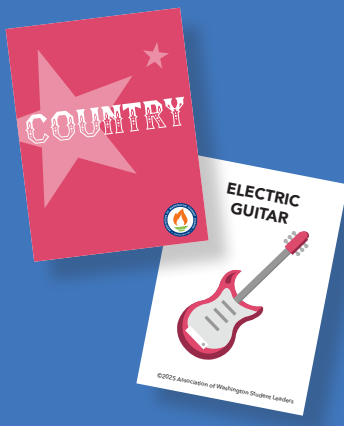


Advisor Playbook

The role of a Student Activities Advisor is critical and crucial to the success of a school's culture and climate. Creating a positive school environment through the avenue of school activities requires compassion, energy, and an unwavering belief in the power of student engagement, student empowerment, and student voice.

This handbook has been designed to give you the tools to get started. AWSL provides resources and opportunities beyond this handbook to keep you informed and prepared.

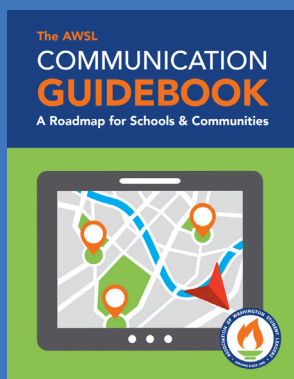
Featuring: Getting Started, Teaching Leadership, Leadership Course Structure, ASB Finance and Law, Assemblies, Project Planning and Evaluations, and Advisor Resources!



AWSL Mix and Mingle Cards

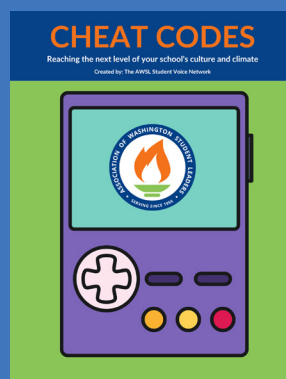
Looking for a fun and engaging way to break the ice with your school team or leadership group? The AWSL Soup, Salad, Sandwich, and Music Mix & Mingle Icebreaker Cards are the perfect solution! Designed to spark meaningful conversations, laughter, and connections, this set of vibrant cards will help leaders of all ages build relationships, strengthen teamwork, and energize any gathering. What's Inside?

- **Engaging Icebreaker Cards** – Beautifully designed to support learning and connection.
- **Vibrant & Durable Design** – Bright, eye-catching cards printed on high-quality stock to last through countless team meetings, workshops, and leadership events.
- **vEasy-to-Follow Instructions** – Whether you're leading a small group or a large team, the included guide provides multiple ways to use the cards for maximum impact.



Communication Guidebook

Communication is the heart of effective leadership and fostering positive relationships with team members, students, and communities. This guidebook is for school, instructional, and team leaders as they work, develop, and cultivate their teams.



Cheat Codes

AWSL's first student-produced school culture and climate guide. This resource was written by the AWSL Student Voice Network. These "cheat codes" are mechanisms to spark meaningful dialogue, build opportunities for reflection, and bring school leaders and students together to collaborate and support inclusive schools.



AWSL and FranklinCovey

AWSL and FranklinCovey are excited to enter a new partnership to support Leadership Development Training and Curriculum. AWSL Member Schools (Elementary and Secondary) will receive a special rate for FranklinCovey's Leader in Me Program and Digital Resources.

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Student Leadership Portrait



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LeaderinMe® Framework

SEE

Core
Paradigms

Paradigm of Leadership

Everyone can be a leader.

Paradigm of Potential

Everyone has genius.

Paradigm of Change

Change starts with me.

Paradigm of Motivation

Empower students to lead their own learning.

Paradigm of Education

Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

DO

Highly
Effective
Practices

Leadership

Start With Adults Learning & Modeling

- Principal & Coordinator Development
- New & Ongoing Staff Learning
- Family & Community Partnerships

Teach Students to Lead

- Direct Lessons
- Integrated Approaches
- Service Learning

Culture

Create a Leadership Environment

- Physical Environment
- Social-Emotional Environment
- Leadership Events

Share Leadership

- Lighthouse & Action Teams
- Leadership Roles
- Student Voice

Academics

Achieve Goals

- Individual Goals
- Team Goals
- Aligned School Goals

Empower Learners

- Leadership Portfolios
- Student-Led Conferences
- Empowering Instruction

GET

Measurable
Results

Highly effective students and adults who are leaders in their school and community.

A high-trust school culture where every person's voice is heard and their potential is affirmed.

Engaged students who are equipped to achieve and entrusted to lead their own learning.



LeaderinMe® | PK-12 Curriculum

Leader in Me Curriculum empowers schools to nurture leadership in every student, from our youngest learners to graduating seniors. Grounded in timeless principles and designed for real-world impact, these developmentally-aligned lessons help students discover their unique gifts, strengthen essential life skills, and build confidence to lead in school, at home, and in their communities.



Early Learning (Pre-K)

Nurture leadership from the start through stories, routines, and play that develop self-regulation, awareness, and classroom readiness.

Elementary (Levels K–5)

Introduce leadership through the 7 Habits with age-appropriate lessons, roles, and routines that build academic readiness, responsibility, and school pride.

Lower Secondary (Levels 6–8)

Strengthen student agency, collaboration, and academic habits through weekly leadership lessons.

Lower Secondary can be paired with elementary, upper secondary, or implemented as a standalone middle-level solution.

Upper Secondary (Levels 9–12)

Equip students for post-graduation success with leadership modules, real-world projects, and micro-credentials that culminate in a Life-Ready Leadership Certificate.

Extended Learning Time

Flexible leadership lessons designed for after-school, summer, or enrichment programs—aligned to the Student Leadership Portrait.

Learn more at LeaderinMe.org



Advisor Monthly To-Do List

Stay on Track | Support Students | Plan Ahead

August

High School:

- Encourage Student Voice Network applications.

All Levels:

- Meet Summer Camp attendees
- Renew/Join AWSL Membership.
- Purchase AWSL curriculum & resource materials.
- Register for ASB finance workshops.

September

High School: Register for Fall Conference & Regionals.

Middle-Level: Register for Fall Leadership Days & Team Retreats.

Elementary: Connect with AWSL about Reimagining Recess.

All Levels: Renew/join AWSL Membership.

October

High School: Attend Fall Conference & Regionals.

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Elementary: Connect with AWSL about Reimagining Recess.

All Levels:

- Renew/join AWSL Membership.
- Nominate advisors for Advisor of the Year.

November/December

High School: Prepare budgets for AWSL Summer Programs.

Middle-Level: Prepare budgets for AWSL Summer Programs.

Elementary: Connect with AWSL about Reimagining Recess.

All Levels:

- Nominate advisors for Advisor of the Year.
- Consider purchasing the I AM | WE ARE MLK Day Program.

January-March

High School & Middle-Level:

- Finalize summer program registrations (March opening).

High School:

- Register for Mt. Sky (Native American Leadership)
- Encourage sophomores to apply for the State Board of Education.

Middle-Level:

- Register and attend Middle-Level Regionals
- Elementary: Connect with AWSL about Reimagining Recess.

All Levels:

- Register and attend the WACA Conference (March).

April/May

High School & Middle-Level:

- Secure summer program registration with reservations and PO.
- Encourage High School students to apply as Resident Counselors.

Elementary:

- Connect with AWSL about Reimagining Recess.

June/July

High School & Middle-Level:

- Finalize summer program registration with reservations and PO.

Elementary:

- Connect with AWSL about Reimagining Recess.

All Levels:

- Update AWSL on advisor/bookkeeper changes.
- Book the AWSL team for workshops and presentations
- Register for the NA4SA Summer Workshop (Virtual)



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Student Voice.

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