

ALIGNING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS: INTEGRATED GUIDANCE UPDATE 2025-27

Intensive Program

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Goals:

- → Create learning environments where students feel like they belong and staff know students by name, strength, and need.
- → Improve NWCSD cultural competency to develop empathy and understanding so students' needs are met, and they have the support to achieve success.

Levers for Success:

- → Student Voice
- → Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
- → Counseling and Mental Health Services
- → Social Instruction and Engagement
- → Personalized Environments
- → Extracurriculars, including Clubs, Programs, and Athletics

Benchmarks for Success:

- → Superintendent school visits
- → Increased response rates and positive analytics on student, family, and staff climate surveys
- → Diverse and equitable student representation on the Equity Committee
- → Improved student success data by sub-group (i.e. graduation rate, behavior, attendance, academic

Outcome A: Students will report meaningful and relevant educational experience through career-connected learning and culturally relevant curriculum

Strategy A1: Develop a system for students, educators, industry and community partners to build career awareness, exploration, preparation, and training that is both learner-relevant and directly linked to professional and industry-based expectations.

Strategy A2: K-12 Clubs and afterschool activities align with student interests and reflect the diverse experiences of students.

Strategy A3: Identify and systematically remove barriers for participation in academic and extra-curricular activities in order to increase overall participation, especially for focal group students

Strategy A4: Elevate student and family voice through ongoing collaboration and engagement with community partnerships and programs

Outcome B: Students and staff will report a measurable increase in their sense of belonging within the school community, leading to improved student support and academic success.

Strategy B1: Develop a continuum of supports that provide students with direct access to social emotional resources and mental health services

Strategy B2: Develop a continuum of supports that provide staff with resources to support social and emotional well-being.

Strategy B3: Provide ongoing professional development for staff that has a healing-centered approach.

Strategy B4: Develop and implement a K-12 system of continuous improvement that measures students' and staff's sense of belonging.

- → Director of Prevention and Intervention Recommendation
- → Elementary Site-Based Climate and Culture TOSAs
- → Colonel Wright & Dry Hollow Elementary Vice Principals (SHORT TERM FUNDING) Recommendation
- → Youth Truth Survey
- → Youth Advisory Council

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TEACHING AND LEARNING

Goals:

- → Develop a District-wide culture of high expectations and the belief that every child can succeed.
- → Align curriculum, instruction, and assessment strategies and practices to ensure consistency across schools.
- → Implement a District-wide approach to intervention and support using evidence-based frameworks.

Levers for Success:

- → Teaching and Curriculum
- → Consistency across School Buildings
- → Collaboration
- → Professional Learning
- → MTSS and High-Quality Tier 1 Interventions

Benchmarks for Success:

- → Increased graduation rates
- → Participation in advanced coursework (AP courses, languages,
- → dual-enrollment programs), disaggregated by student group
- → Participation in CTE Pathways, disaggregated by student group
- → Decreased suspension/expulsion rates
- → Increase in students meeting or exceeding proficiency on state assessments
- → 3rd grade ELA proficiency rates
- → 9th grade Algebra passing rates
- → Decrease in unnecessary referrals for special education services

Outcome C: Align curriculum, instruction, assessment strategies and practices to ensure consistency across schools so all students can achieve.

Strategy C1: Develop and support a cadre of teacher leaders to align curriculum, instruction, assessment strategies, and practices.

Strategy C2: Develop a comprehensive continuum of support for educators that emphasizes effective pedagogy in math and literacy instruction for students.

Strategy C3: Develop and implement K-12 systems to analyze student academic achievement data and intervene using evidence-based frameworks

Strategy C4: Provide instructional coaching for all educators.

Outcome Early Lit: Align curriculum, instruction, assessment strategies and practices, and professional learning/development that is rooted in the Science of Reading to ensure consistency across schools so all students can achieve and show grade level proficiency by grade 3.

Strategy Early Lit 1 Develop and implement K-3 systems to effectively purchase and implement high quality instructional materials and curricular resources rooted in the Science of Reading.

Strategy Early Lit 2 Develop a comprehensive continuum of professional development and support (instructional coaching) for K-3 educators that emphasizes effective pedagogy instruction rooted in the Science of Reading.

Strategy Early Lit 3 Develop and implement a system to provide extended learning opportunities for students who have the lowest rates of proficiency in literacy throughout the district.

- → Special Education Process Review Recommendation
- → Colonel Wright & Dry Hollow Elementary Vice Principals (SHORT TERM FUNDING) Recommendation

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Goals:

- → Position North Wasco schools as the heart and hub of The Dalles community.
- → Ensure each cultural group feels welcomed, valued, and included.
- → Deepen ties with the community, so the North Wasco County School District is the most trusted and transparent public entity in The Dalles.

Levers for Success:

- → Communication and Transparency
- → Targeted Outreach
- → Trust
- → Connection with Community Partners

Benchmarks for Success:

- → Increased community partnerships and participation in community events,
- → functions, and meetings
- → Increased culturally representative educational programs offered in the District
- → Creation of new and effective website/parent communication tools
- → Increased community attendance in District functions/meetings
- → Increased student participation in career readiness/internship opportunities
- → provided by local businesses, organizations, and community partners

Outcome D: Increase student and family engagement for school events and programming for all students.

Strategy D1: Enhance the sense of belonging among students, families, and the wider community within the school environment and the surrounding community.

Strategy D2: Strengthen and enhance systems within schools to elevate student, parent and community voice in the educational process and community activities.

Strategy D3: Develop and implement K-12 systems to facilitate effective communication among staff, students, families, and the broader community.

- → Community Engagement
 Assessment Recommendation
- → Youth Truth Survey
- → Youth Advisory Council
- → Student Success Team Participation Support

STAFFING

Goals:

- → Receive multiple highly qualified, diverse applicants for every job opening.
- → Recruit and retain staff whose demographics reflect the diversity of our student population.
- → Ensure each staff member, regardless of location or department, feels supported and proud to work for NWCSD.

Levers for Success:

- → Recruitment
- → Retention
- → Salaries
- → Diversity and Representation

Benchmarks for Success:

- → Applicant demographics
- → Staff retention rate
- → Staff demographics
- → Staff climate survey
- → Attendance at community building events for staff
- → Participation in mentorship programs by new and long-time staff

Outcome E: Recruit and Retain high quality educators who reflect the demographics of the community.

Strategy E1: Implement targeted recruitment efforts aimed at attracting a diverse pool of applicants for positions within the organization.

Strategy E2: Develop and sustain a "grow your own" pathway to becoming a teacher that supports students, staff, and community members interested in teaching.

Strategy E3: Support mentoring for novice educators.

Strategy E4: Develop and sustain a welcoming and supportive working environment for BIPOC staff