

BEST Mentor Ongoing Learning Tour Guide

Ongoing Learning Opportunities: Mentor Roundtables

Mentor Ongoing Opportunities are year-round opportunities for mentors to continue their learning in community with other mentors. After attending Mentor Academy 101 or Nakia Academy, mentors can choose an on-going learning community to engage with others throughout the school year. These are opportunities for mentors and coaches to build knowledge, practice skills, collaborate with colleagues, and reflect on their work supporting educator growth and pursuing educational equity.

Please see BEST Roundtable as a part of the [Learning and Development Pathways](#).

BEST's Roundtable offerings are open invitations. Participants can attend one or all sessions of one or more Roundtables based on their needs and interests.

BEST Roundtable Purpose

BEST Roundtable offerings are rooted in [Washington Standards for Mentoring](#). Participants will engage in learning experiences to deepen their understanding as well as developing mentoring practices aligned with the Standards for Mentoring.

- Deepen understanding of instructional mentoring and educational equity.
- Practice and develop mentoring skills and competence in Washington State Standards for Mentoring.
- Connect with others who do similar work.

"The BEST Mentor Roundtables are always full of carefully thought-out agendas that provide many resources as well as conversation/networking with others. I appreciate this time as a mentor to pause, reflect, and move toward refining my practice."

- Roundtable participant (2024-25)



BEST Roundtable Scope and Sequence

Please see the [Roundtable Scope and Sequence here](#).

BEST Roundtable Learning Blocks

Connecting

Linking lived experiences to the themes and goals of the session.

Building

Anchoring learning in the Standards for Mentoring using selected texts, videos, or other media.

Choice Learning

Exploring differentiated materials and resources to deepen understanding and support individual growth.

Coaching Conversation

Engaging in learning conversations to connect with other mentors and reflect on practice, share insights, and collaboratively problem-solve challenges in mentoring.

"The learning pieces were always useful and helpful to my role and to share with other mentors in my districts. The format leads itself to learning, engaging and collaborating with other, which I really appreciated."

- Roundtable participant (2024-25)

Clock Hour Information

Participants can earn up to fourteen clock hours through OSPI after completion of all seven sessions.

- Clock hours will be calculated based on the actual amount of time spent in sessions.
- Participants can mix and match sessions between the variety of Roundtables.
- Clock hours will be processed in January and June.

Roundtable Session Introduction

All BEST Mentor Roundtables will be virtual (Zoom) until further notice. There are several Roundtable offerings with a specific emphasis or facilitation style. [Please choose and register for the Roundtable](#) that best fits your needs, interests, and schedule.

"I found value in each of the sessions I attended. I was able to always walk away with multiple strategies to implement immediately."

- Roundtable participant (2024-25)