

Student Advisory Groups

Budget Language

\$75,000 of the general fund—state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 is provided solely for the office to contract with a statewide nonprofit organization representing school principals to expand a student program that since 1956 has offered leadership education for all ages with proven programs, custom curriculum, and experiential opportunities that promote school-wide social and emotional growth.

Proviso Purpose

This proviso funding provided support for the Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) group. Funding was utilized to provide opportunities for students in the following areas:

- Statewide student representation
- Policy and system advising
- Government engagement
- Cross-district collaboration

Services Provided

Throughout the 2024–2025 school year, AWSL has amplified student voice through targeted programming, strategic partnerships, and meaningful platforms for students to lead and advise. This report outlines the intentional outcomes, activities, materials developed, key partnerships, student impacts, and sustainable strategies to deepen and expand this work moving forward.

Criteria for Receiving Services/Grants

The only requirement was for students to be a part of AWSL.

Beneficiaries in the 2024-25 School Year

Number of School Districts:	16
Number of Schools:	4
Number of Students:	52
Number of Educators:	N/A
Other (Educational Service Districts):	7

Are Federal or Other Funds Contingent on State Funding?

No.



State Funding History

Fiscal Year	Amount Funded	Actual Expenditures
2025	\$75,000	\$71,833

Number of Beneficiaries Per Fiscal Year (e.g. School Districts, Schools, Students, Educators, Other)

Fiscal Year	Number of Beneficiaries
2025	52 Students

Programmatic Changes Since Inception (If Any)

None.

Program(s) Evaluation or Major Findings

Using the proviso funds AWSL has advanced student leadership and advocacy through several key initiatives:

Legislative Advocacy and Policy Work:

Students in the AWSL SVN Advocacy and Policy group authored a bill to enhance civic learning, including annual Olympia visits and regional legislative engagements, aiming to provide immersive civic education statewide.

Media and Messaging:

The "AWSL Beyond Leadership Podcast," launched by SVN students, amplifies student voices on topics such as education, social justice, wellness, and policy.

Training and Capacity Building:

Student voice training was delivered in districts like Pasco and NWESD189, focusing on authentic student voice, meeting facilitation, and effective student-adult partnerships. Preparations are underway for a WSSDA workshop to expand these efforts.

Key Student Voice Engagements:

- *State Board of Education Listening Sessions:* Students from multiple districts provided feedback on graduation pathways and civic readiness.
- *Public School Employees of Washington Panels:* Students contributed diverse perspectives on mental health, safety, and tech access.
- *AI & Student Voice Panel (with AWSP):* Students explored the role of AI in education.

- *AWSP Leaders of Color Principal Network*: Students of color shared insights on equity and school culture.
- *ESD101 Regional Equity Summit*: Student panels addressed belonging, equity, and inclusive practices.

These initiatives have amplified student perspectives in policy, advocacy, and school culture, with positive feedback from educators and partners.

Major Challenges Faced by Program(s)

N/A

Future Opportunities

AWSL will continue to seek expansion and equity in representation of the program. This will be done through strategic partnerships, outreach and promotion. This will create a broader knowledge of the intent of the program and create a sturdier framework for students to gain access to the opportunities AWSL provides.

Other Relevant Information

None.

Schools/Districts Receiving Assistance

[Click here to see a list of all OSPI grant recipients in the 2025 Fiscal Year.](#)

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