

OSPI Statewide Attendance Community of Practice

About the Community of Practice

Washington state is participating in a [national challenge](#) to reduce chronic absence by 50%. Starting January 2026, OSPI is hosting a Statewide Attendance Community of Practice (CoP) as part of Washington's effort to increase attendance. This CoP will bring together district leaders and their teams to share strategies, collaborate, and learn best practices for improving student attendance. Facilitators will provide guidance, resources, research, and lead discussions focused on the district's role in supporting schools to achieve better attendance outcomes.

Who Can Attend:

- Districts who have committed to [Washington's 5-year Challenge to Cut Chronic Absence in Half](#).
- Recommended attendees: district lead, district attendance data specialist, and other district staff who are committed to working on attendance to support the whole child (e.g. Counseling, Health, and Safety)
- While we welcome school administrators as participants, this network will primarily focus on the district actions necessary to support attendance and engagement district-wide.

Meeting Schedule:

Districts will meet virtually on the following dates:

Date	Time
Session #1: Tuesday, January 27	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Session #2: Tuesday, March 17	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Session #3: Tuesday, April 21	1:00 – 2:30 PM
Session #4: Tuesday, June 9	1:00 – 2:30 PM

Topics include:

- [5 Foundational Practices \(CA Raise Network\)](#)
- Addressing attendance as part of an Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Using attendance data to drive improvement

District Role & Commitments

- Attend all CoP meetings consistently
- Access and explore attendance and related data
- Build your district team to implement strategies



- Select and implement promising or evidenced-based practices and monitor efficacy
- Share successes, challenges, and learnings with the Community of Practice
- Respond to periodic requests on progress (data asks will be minimal)

Benefits of Participation

- Statewide peer networking
- Exchange of evidence-based strategies
- Insights from districts implementing attendance initiatives

We look forward to working together to improve attendance statewide!

Register Here

All attendees must register at this [Zoom registration](#) link.

Contact

Email questions to Vicki Wood at Attendance@k12.wa.us.