

OSPI Statewide Attendance Community of Practice

The Community of Practice

Join district teams across Washington that are working to cut chronic absenteeism in half by 2029. The Statewide Attendance Community of Practice (CoP) helps districts strengthen attendance systems, share best practices, and learn from peers. Facilitators will provide guidance, resources, research, and lead discussions focused on the district's role in supporting schools to achieve better attendance outcomes.

Important Registration Information for 2026-27

The Statewide Attendance Community of Practice is moving to Microsoft Teams for the 2026-27 school year.

Registration is required for each individual session. Registering for one session does **not** register you for the remaining sessions.

To ensure you receive the Teams meeting link, calendar invitation, reminders, and session materials, **each attendee must complete registration for all sessions they plan to attend.**

The Statewide Attendance Community of Practice will be held virtually via **Microsoft Teams** from **1:00-3:00 PM**.

The registration links below are unique to each meeting date. We recommend registering for all five sessions.

- [September 8, 2026](#)
- [November 17, 2026](#)
- [February 16, 2027](#)
- [April 20, 2027](#)
- [June 8, 2027](#)

*Register for clock hours at the pdEnroller link: [Statewide Attendance Community of Practice](#)

Who Can Attend

- Districts who have committed to [Washington's 5-year Challenge to Cut Chronic Absence in Half](#).
- Recommended attendees: district attendance team leads, 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 at the district level.

Topics Include:

- Addressing attendance as part of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Using attendance data to drive improvement.
- Peer learning about attendance

Benefits of Participation

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

District Role & Commitments

- Attend all CoP meetings consistently
- Access and explore attendance data
- Strengthen your district team's capacity to implement strategies
- Implement and monitor promising or evidence-based practices
- Share successes, challenges, and learnings with the Community of Practice
- Respond to periodic requests on progress (data requests will be minimal)

What's New for 2026-27

Building on the learning from last year, the CoP will focus on deepening implementation and measuring impact. Districts will test, refine, and expand attendance practices that are improving student attendance.

This year's CoP is designed to support both new and returning participants:

- All districts will have access to resources to help engage in attendance improvement efforts
- Returning districts will strengthen their use of data, share lessons learned, and refine strategies based on practical resources

We look forward to working together to improve attendance statewide!

Contact

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