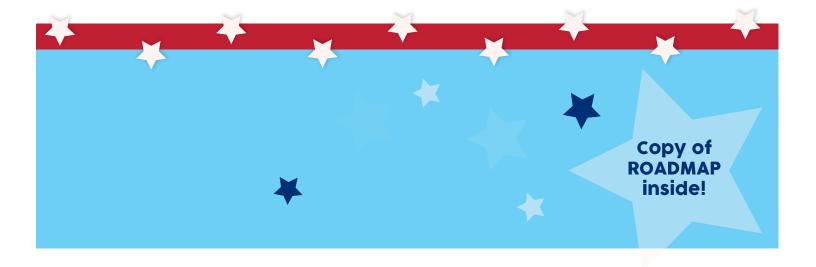




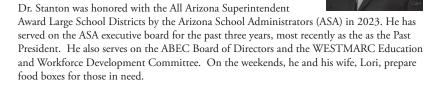
2024-2025 STAFF PLANNER

* Dates are subject to change.



Superintendent Dr. Paul Stanton

Dr. Paul Stanton is proud to serve his 10th year as superintendent of the Washington Elementary School District (WESD) and his twenty-eighth year in education. A product of the district, Dr. Stanton attended Manzanita Elementary School and Cortez High School in the Glendale Union High School District.



Dr. Stanton has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Marketing and Finance from Marquette University, as well as Master's Degrees in Elementary Education and Educational Administration and Supervision. He received his Doctorate Degree in Educational Administration from Arizona State University.

Dr. Stanton embraces the WESD's vision, mission and values. He is committed to achieving excellence for every child, every day, every opportunity.

Keep up with Dr. Stanton all school year long on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wesdsuperintendent and Instagram @wesdsuperintendent.

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FAST FACTS ABOUT THE DISTRICT



LOCATION AND SCHOOLS

Washington Elementary School District (WESD) remains the largest elementary school district in Arizona. The District proudly serves a diverse population of approximately 20,000 pre-kindergarten through 8th grade students throughout 44-square-miles in north central Phoenix and east Glendale.

WESD is comprised of 33 schools, including one K-5 school, 19 K-6 schools, seven K-8 schools, five middle/junior high schools and one online school (3-8).

At WESD, 20.7% of students are English Language Learners (representing 78 languages). In addition, 16% of students are in Special Education while 8.2% of students belong in Gifted Services.



EMPLOYEES

The District has more than 2,700 employees including approximately 1,220 certified staff, 1,420 classified staff and 84 administrators.



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation services at WESD help transport more than 4,100 students across 5,300 miles daily – encompassing over 947,000 thousand miles each year.



NUTRITION SERVICES

Last school year, the WESD Nutrition Services Department served more than 5.3 million meals to students.

Once again, WESD is proud to offer free breakfast and lunch meals to all students during the 2024-2025 school year.

District Phone Numbers

Academic Services 602-347-2820
Academic Support Programs602-347-2626
Accounting602-347-2612
Administrative Services 602-347-2657
Assessment & Evaluation602-347-3541
Attendance Unit602-347-2858
Business Services 602-347-2853
Capital Projects 602-347-2835
Communication Services602-347-2694
Curriculum & Instruction 602-347-3542
Educational Technology 602-347-2873
EL Services 602-347-2692
Facility Usage 602-347-2682
Federal Programs 602-347-2892
Finance
Gifted Services 602-347-2651
Governing Board 602-347-2802
Grant Development 602-347-3504
Head Start 602-347-4806
Help Desk 602-347-2865
Human Resources 602-347-2668
KidSpace Child Care 602-896-5779
Maintenance Services 602-347-4808
Management Info. Services602-896-5255
Materials Management 602-347-2805
Nutrition Services602-896-5235
Payroll
Printing Services 602-347-2800
Professional Development .602-347-3542
Purchasing602-347-2864
Safety and Mentoring602-347-2858
Search to Serve602-347-4850
Social Services 602-347-2652
Special Services 602-347-2632
Superintendent's Office602-347-2602
Translation Services 602-896-6290
Transportation Services 602-896-5270
Welcome and Registration .602-896-6950

WESD GOVERNING BOARD



Jenni Abbott-Bayardi, President

Jenni.Abbott-Bayardi@wesdschools.org • 602-347-2841

Ms. Jenni Abbott-Bayardi is currently serving her first term on the Governing Board after being elected in November 2020. She began her term as president in May 2023 after serving as vice president from January to May 2023. She was re-elected as president in January. 2024. She holds a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from the University of Arizona and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. She grew up in WESD, attending Desert Foothills and Acacia. Her parents were educators in WESD for 30 years. Ms. Abbott-Bayardi has been an active parent volunteer at John Jacobs, Sahuaro, Cholla and Mountain Sky where her three children attended. She served on the Parent Leadership Team for three years, as well as the PTA for John Jacobs and Cholla. Ms. Abbott-Bayardi has held many volunteer positions including Shadow Rock Preschool Board member, Asbury United Methodist, and Shadow Rock UCC Stewardship Chair and is currently the Jr. High Youth Leader at Phoenix First United Methodist Church. She is also an active parent athletic supporter at Thunderbird High School. Ms. Abbott-Bayardi is an Arizona native and works in pharmaceutical sales.



Kyle Clayton, Vice President

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Mr. Kyle Clayton is currently serving his first term on the Governing Board after being elected in November 2022. He began his term as vice president in May 2023 and was re-elected as vice president in January 2024. Mr. Clayton is an Arizona native, and works as a REALTOR® and entrepreneur. Mr. Clayton is a graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor's in Spanish and an International Business Certification from the W.P. Carey School of Business. He is an active community service member as a Miracle Agent, benefitting the Phoenix Children's Hospital. Mr. Clayton is also a member of several associations, including the Young Entrepreneurs Council, National Association of REALTORS® and the Green Resource Council. Mr. Clayton has lived in the district for 13 years. He is married to his partner of 15 years, and has one son who currently attends a WESD school. In his free time, Mr. Clayton likes to volunteer at his son's school and work in his backyard garden.



Nikkie Gomez-Whaley, Member

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Ms. Nikkie Gomez-Whaley was elected to a four-year term in November 2020. She was appointed to serve a two-year term in March of 2017 and was re-elected to a two-year term in November 2018. She served as president from January to May 2023. She previously served two terms as vice president. Ms. Gomez-Whaley is a first-generation American (on her mother's side), as well as a first-generation college graduate holding a bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in legal studies, a master's degree in public administration, and is a certified Professional of Human Resources (PHR). She has over 20 years of experience working with youth and families in the areas of behavioral health and education. Ms. Gomez-Whaley has a deep background in educational equity; working with communities to identify and address disparities and build inclusive environments where every student can grow. She previously worked for the Arizona School Boards Association. She volunteers her time with various organizations, including GLSEN Arizona and the Arizona Teacher Residency Program. Ms. Gomez-Whaley and her husband have lived in the WESD since 2009. Their son, who is gifted and has disabilities, attended WESD for grades 2-8 and is currently at Washington High School. Their daughter, who is active in various school activities, is currently enrolled in WESD.



Lindsey Peterson, Member

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Mrs. Lindsey Peterson is currently serving her first term on the Governing Board. She earned her bachelor's of Arts in Secondary Education at Arizona State University and her master's in Curriculum and Instruction from Grand Canyon University. Mrs. Peterson has been teaching Language Arts at Apollo High School for nearly 20 years. She is also the English Department Chair and Literacy Coach. From 2016-2020, she was an adjunct professor of reading at Glendale Community College. She is currently a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Glendale Union Educators Association and a National Board Teaching Candidate. Mrs. Peterson and her husband, Layne, are both products of WESD schools. Mr. Peterson also works in the Glendale Union High School District. They have five children who have attended Mountain View, John Jacobs, Chaparral, Desert Foothills and Sahuaro Schools. Mrs. Peterson was also active on the Chaparral Site Council.



Tamillia Valenzuela, Member

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Tamillia Valenzuela (she, her(s), ella) is currently serving her first term on the Governing Board after being elected in November 2022. She is a bilingual, disabled, neurodivergent Queer Black Latina. She is a mother and a wife and has been an Arizona resident for 13 years. She is a community organizer and activist who devotes her time to serving her community and working with various community organizations throughout the valley. She loves a good hot wing (but only with the right ranch) and things that sparkle. She loves seeing others shine, lean into their power and learn how to navigate the systems that impact their daily lives.

Board Meetings

Regular meetings of the Governing Board generally are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, December and March when there is only one regularly scheduled meeting. Meetings are held at the Administrative Center, 4650 W. Sweetwater, or at an alternate school site. Meetings begin at 6 p.m., unless posted otherwise.

2024-2025 Regular Meeting Schedule

July 11, 2024

July 25, 2024

August 15, 2024 August 29, 2024

September 12, 2024

September 26, 2024

October 3, 2024 *

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October 24, 2024

November 14, 2024

December 12, 2024

January 9, 2025

January 23, 2025

February 13, 2025

February 27, 2025

March 13, 2025

March 27, 2025

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April 10, 2025

April 24, 2025

May 8, 2025

May 22, 2025

June 12, 2025

June 26, 2025

About the Board

Governing Board members are unpaid, elected officials who serve as the policy-making body for the Washington Elementary School District. A board member must be a qualified elector and have lived in the District for at least one year. Each member serves a four-year term. Terms are staggered so two or three board seats become vacant on alternate election years. According to Arizona law, board members may serve for an unlimited number of terms.

The Washington Elementary School District Governing Board is responsible to the citizens of the District and the state of Arizona for the education of public school students in the state's largest elementary school district. The Board sets policy, approves educational programs and textbook adoptions, approves the hiring and termination of personnel, sets salaries and compensations and adopts a yearly budget. The responsibility to oversee and administer programs and policies rests with the Superintendent, who is hired by the Board.



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Wash your hands often for 20 seconds with soap and water or use sanitizer.



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Don't touch your face:

eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid contact

Maintain social distance and mask up if necessary.



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August 2024

Tuesday Sunday Wednesday **Monday** Welcome Back, **Enroll in the Trip Reduction Program Today!** If you drive an alternative fuel vehicle, carpool, walk, bike, or take public transit to work, be sure to register for the WESD Trip Reduction Program (TRP). By participating in the Trip Reduction Program you can reduce Be sure to follow, like and share our schools and district pollution and traffic AND you could win a prize! Everyone who is social media pages to stay in the know! registered is entered into a monthly drawing. @wesdschools Go to www.wesdschools.org/domain/87 and select Trip \mathbb{X} in Reduction Program or call 602-347-2858 for more information. 5 4 6 Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 First Day of School PLC - Early Release Day 11 12 13 **14** Day 6 Day 1 Day 2 PLC - Early Release Day 18 20 21 **19** Day 5 Day 6 Day 1 PLC - Early Release Day 25 28 26 Day 4 Day 5 Day 6 PLC - Early Release Day

Friday Saturday

Thursday

1		2		3	Notes
Teache	er Work Day	Teache	r Work Day		
8	Day 4	9	Day 5	10	
15	Day 3	16	Day 4	17	
Governing 22	Board Meeting Day 2	23	Day 3	24	Doodle Corner
29	Day 1	30	Day 2	31	
Governing	Board Meeting				

September 2024

Sunday	Мо	nday	Tue	esday	Wed	Inesday
1	2		3	Day 3	4	Day 4
	Labor Da	y - No School			PLC - Ear	ly Release Day
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15	16	Day 6	17	Day 1	18	Day 2
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September 2024

Thursday Friday Saturday Notes 5 6 Day 5 Day 6 12 13 14 Day 4 Day 5 Governing Board Meeting 19 20 Day 3 Day 4 26 28 27 Day 2 Day 3 Doodle Corner Governing Board Meeting **Patriot Day and Constitution Day Hispanic Heritage** National Day September 17 Month of Service and Constitution Day is an American Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 Remembrance federal observance that recognizes the adoption of the United States September 11 **National Teacher** Constitution. It is normally observed Annual observance to remember those on September 17, the day the U.S. **Assistants' Day** who were injured or died during the Constitutional Convention signed the September 27 terror attacks in the United States on Constitution in 1787 in Philadelphia. Sept. 11, 2001.

October 2024

Sunday	Мо	nday	Tuesday		Wednesday	
National Principals Month Observed during October as an opportunity to recognize and thank principals for their hard work and	Indigenous Peoples' Day October 11 Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October to		1	Day 5	2	Day 6
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6	7		8		9	
Instructional Coach						
Appreciation Day	Fall Brea	k - No School	Fall Bre	ak - No School	Fall Brea	k - No School
13	14	Day 3	15	Day 4	16	Day 5
	Indigenous	s' Peoples Day			(AC, CW, IR, JJ, SW and TU	ner Conferences LV, LM, SA, SU, SN, with Translation) elease Day
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27	28	Day 1	29	Day 2	30	Day 3
					PLC - Earl	ly Release Day

October 2024

Thursday Friday Saturday

3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5	Notes
Governing Board Meeting	End of 1st Quarter Rosh Hashanah Ends	World Teachers' Day Kiwanis Walk-a-thon	
Fall Break - No School Day 6	Yom Kippur Begins Fall Break - No School Day 1	Yom Kippur Ends	
24 Day 5 Parent/Teacher Conferences	25 Day 6	26	Doodle Corner
(AV, MZ, OC, RR and SB with Translation) Early Release Day Governing Board Meeting Day 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences (OLA) Early Release Day		
Halloween	National School Lunch Week Oct. 14 - 18	National School Bus Safety Week October 21-25	

Monday Tuesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Be in the know! Follow Us! Like Us! @wesdschools f	Native American and Alaska Native Heritage Month	National School Psychology Week November 11-15	American Education Week Nov. 18 - 22
3	4 Day 6	5 Day 1	6 Day 2
10	11	12 Day 5	PLC - Early Release Day 13 Day 6
17 	Veterans Day - No School 18 Day 3	19 Day 4	PLC - Early Release Day Day 5 PLC - Early Release Day PLC - Early Release Day National Education Support
24	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	Professionals Day 27 Day 4 Early Release Teacher Work Time

November 2024

Thursday Friday Saturday

Veteran Novem Federal holiday the anniversa World War I A between the All and the Centra	ber 11 to celebrate rry of the Armistice ied Powers	1	Day 5	2	Notes
7	Day 3	8	Day 4	Love Our Schools Day 9	
14	Day 1	15	Day 2	16	
Governing Boa	rd Meeting Day 6	22	Day 1	23	
National Parent Inv	volvement Day	Substitute 29	Educators Day	30	
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December 2024

Monday Tuesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1	Day 5	3 Day 6	4 Day 1
8	National Special Education Day Pay 4	10 Day 5	PLC - Early Release Day 11 Day 6
15	16 Day 3	17 Day 4	PLC - Early Release Day 18 Day 5
22	23	24	PLC - Early Release Day
	Winter Break - No School	Winter Break - No School	Christmas Day Hanukkah Begins Winter Break - No School
29	Winter Break - No School Winter Break - No School	Winter Break - No School Winter Break - No School	Be in the know! Follow Us! Like Us! @wesdschools f

December 2024

Thursday Friday Saturday

5	Day 2	6	Day 3	7	Notes
12	Day 1	13	Day 2	14	
Governing Boar	rd Meeting Day 6	20	Day 1	21	
26			2nd Quarter ease - Grading	28	Doodle Corner
Kwanzaa E Winter Break -		Winter Bre	ak - No School		
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January 2025
Monday Tuesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
School Board Recognition Month	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday January 20 Federal holiday to celebrate MLK as a civil rights leader, minister and winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize.		Kwanzaa Ends New Year's Day Winter Break - No School	
5	6 Day 2	7 Day 3	8 Day 4	
12	No Students - Teachers Return 13 Day 1	Students Return 14 Day 2	PLC - Early Release Day 15 Day 3	
			PLC - Early Release Day	
19	20	21 Day 6	22 Day 1	
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School		PLC - Early Release Day	
26	27 Day 4	28 Day 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences (AV, MZ, OC, RR and SB with Translation) Early Release Day Lunar New Year	

January 2025

Thursday Friday Saturday 2 3 **Notes** Hanukkah Ends Winter Break - No School Winter Break - No School 10 11 9 Day 5 Day 6 Governing Board Meeting 16 18 Day 4 Day 5 23 24 **25** Day 2 Day 3 **Doodle** Corner Governing Board Meeting 31 30 Day 1 Day 2 **National School Choice Week** Jan. 26 - Feb. 1

February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Black History Month	Love the Bus Month	Public Schools Week Feb. 24 - 28	Presidents' Day February 17 Combines the observance of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays.	
2	3 Day 3	4 Day 4	5 Day 5	
Groundhog Day	Parent/Teacher Conferences (ALTS, SS and MV)	Parent/Teacher Conferences (CH, DF, MS, RP, PV, MA, MV and SS with Translation) Early Release Day	Parent/Teacher Conferences (AC, CW, IR, JJ, LV, LM, SA, SU, SN, SW and TU with Translation) Early Release Day	
9	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Day 4	
			PLC - Early Release Day School Crossing Guard Day	
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Parent/Teacher Conferences (AR, CL, DV, MM, OR, REM, and	Parent/Teacher Conferences		
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Early Release Day	Early Release Day		
13 Day 5	14 Day 6	15	
Governing Board Meeting	Valentine's Day Arizona Statehood Day	National School Resource Officers Appreciation Day	
20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22	Doodle Corner
		WESD 5K	
27 Day 2	28 Day 3	Be in the know! Follow Us!	
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Governing Board Meeting	Ramadan Begins		

March 2025

Monday Tuesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Music in Our Schools Month Youth Art Month	Women's Hist Month National Nutrition Mon	National School Breakfast Week	
2	3 Day	4 Day 5	5 Day 6
Read Across America			Early Release - Grading Day Ash Wednesday
9	10 Da	Day 4	12 Day 5
16	17	18	PLC - Early Release Day
	St. Patrick's Day		
23 Ramadan Ends Robert 30	Spring Break - No Sch 24 Day 2	Spring Break - No School 25 Day 3	Spring Break - No School 26 Day 4 PLC - Early Release Day

March 2025
Friday Saturday

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6	Day 1	7	Day 2	International Women's Day	
Governing B	Day 6		Day 1 3rd Quarter i Day	15	
20		21		22	Doodle Corner
27	Day 5 Board Meeting	28	ak - No School Day 6	29	

April 2025

Sunday	Мо	nday	Τι	uesday	Wed	nesday
National Occupational Therapy Month Autism Acceptance Month	Youn Apr	eek of the g Child il 5-11	1	Day 2	2	Day 3
National School Library Month	W	al Library eek il 6-12				ly Release Day wareness Day
6	7	Day 6	8	Day 1	9	Day 2
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				Tax Day	PLC - Ear	y Release Day
20	21	Day 4	22	Day 5	23	Day 6
Passover Ends Easter			National	Earth Day School Bus Driver reciation Day	l -	y Release Day Professionals Day
27	28	Day 2	29	Day 3	30	Day 4
					PLC - Ear	ly Release Day

April 2025

Thursday Friday Saturday 3 **Notes** 5 4 Day 5 Day 4 National Paraprofessional Day National School Librarian Day 12 10 11 Day 3 Day 4 Governing Board Meeting Passover Begins 19 **17** 18 Day 2 Day 3 Good Friday 24 26 25 Day 1 **Doodle** Corner Governing Board Meeting April Break - No School **National Public School Volunteer National National School** Week **Assistant Bus Driver Principal Week Appreciation Day** Afterschool **Professionals April 22**

Appreciation Week
April 21-25

April 7-11

May 2025

Sunday	Mo	nday	Tu	esday	Wed	nesday
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11	12	Day 6	13	Day 1	14	Day 2
					PLC - Ear	y Release Day
18	19	Day 5	20	Day 6	21	
				le Promotions 34th Quarter		
National Speech Pathologist Day	8th Grad	e Promotions	Last D	ay of School		
25	26		27		28	
	Mem	orial Day	Summer	School Starts		

May 2025

Thursday Saturday **Friday** 1 **Notes** 2 Day 5 Day 6 Lamp of Learning School Lunch Hero Day School Principals Day 8 9 10 Day 4 Day 5 Governing Board Meeting **15 17 16** Day 3 Day 4 8th Grade Promotions 22 23 24 **Doodle** Corner Governing Board Meeting 31 30 29

June 2025
Monday -

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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15	16 	17 	18
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		Pride Month Pride Month is celebrated in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots and celebrates the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.	Juneteenth June 19 Commemorates the emancipation of African Americans in Texas.

June 2025

Thursday Friday **Saturday** 5 7 **Notes** 6 **12** 13 14 Governing Board Meeting Flag Day 19 20 21 Juneteenth 26 **27** 28 **Doodle** Corner Governing Board Meeting **PRINT ORDERS - PRO TIP: GET A QUOTE** for next year's printing needs before you leave for the summer, so you have it ready once you get back TO REQUEST A P.O.! July - September and March - May are typically the busiest months at the print shop. • psorders.wesdschools.org •

July 2025

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July 2025
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Saturday Thursday

3	4	5	Notes
	Independence Day		
10	11	12	
17	18	19	
24	25	26	Doodle Corner
31	Independence Day July 4 A federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.		
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August 2025
Monday Tuesday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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3	First Day of School	5	6
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Friday Saturday

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EMERGENCY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

Each of the 33 schools in the Washington Elementary School District and the Administrative Center has crisis management guidelines and comprehensive plans designed to inform staff and students of what to do in the event of a crisis or an emergency. The plans are based on the District's Crisis Manual and contain vital information necessary to assist in any emergency situation. In addition, each of the schools and the Administrative Center has Crisis Response Teams that are mobilized in the event of an emergency to assist in providing information to the students, staff, families and community.

The following information is standard procedure to follow in the event of an emergency. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with specific site plans, including evacuation and lockdown procedures.

GENERAL EMERGENCY

- Notify 9-911 (if necessary) and the Incident Commander. Incident Commander notifies District Crisis Team Leader by calling the District Crisis Line at 602-995-2358.
- Notify CPR/first aid certified persons in school building of medical emergencies, if necessary.
- Secure area and prevent unnecessary traffic near scene.
- Assemble Crisis Team.
- Preserve evidence. Keep detailed notes of incident.
- Refer media to Pam Horton (District PIO) at 602-347-2694.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

Incident Commander or designee:

- Verify information/Document type of emergency and location.
- Identify Command Post.
- Call 9-911 (if necessary).
- Secure area and prevent unnecessary traffic near scene.
- Assemble site Crisis Team (if necessary) and conduct briefing.
- Notify District Crisis Line.
- Notify staff.
- Evacuate students and staff, if necessary.
- Refer media to District spokesperson (or designee).
- Notify community agencies (if necessary).
- Implement post-crisis procedures.

Teachers:

- Verify information.
- Keep students inside classroom until situation is complete and the all clear is given.
- Account for all students.
- Stay with students during an evacuation. Take class roster and crisis kit.
- Refer media to District spokesperson (or designee).
- Keep detailed notes of anything you witness pertaining to the event.

EVACUATION CHECKLIST

1. Evacuation:

- Incident Commander (IC) issues evacuation order.
- IC determines if students and staff should be evacuated outside of building or to one of the predetermined relocation centers. IC contacts District Crisis Line and informs him/her that the evacuation is taking place.
- Direct students and staff to follow evacuation drill procedures and route. Follow alternate route if normal route is too dangerous.
- Institute Special Needs portion of Crisis Plan and assist disabled and non-English speaking students and staff during the evacuation process.

2. Teachers

- Direct students to follow normal evacuation drill procedures unless IC alters route.
- Take classroom roster and crisis kit.
- Close classroom doors and turn out lights.
- When outside building, account for all students. Inform principal or IC immediately of missing student(s).
- If students are evacuated, stay with class unless relieved. Assume responsibility of class when you arrive at the relocation center.

3. Relocation Centers

List primary and secondary student relocation centers:
Primary Relocation Center, including address:
Secondary Relocation Center, including address:

LOCKDOWN/SHELTER-IN-PLACE

Lockdown procedures may be issued in situations involving dangerous intruders or other incidents that may result in harm to persons inside a school building.

- Incident Commander (IC) will issue lockdown order by announcing a warning over PA system.
- Direct all students, staff and visitors into classrooms and/or secure rooms.
- Put sign on office door, if possible.
- Lock classroom doors.
- Turn off lights, unless there are no windows. Put something under the door to keep the light in.
- Cover windows of classroom, if possible.
- Move all persons away from windows and doors.
- Have all persons get down on the floor.
- Remain quiet.
- Allow no one outside of classrooms until the IC gives the all-clear signal.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

District Emergency	58
EMERGENCY	11
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline	88
Phoenix Police-Crime Stop	51
Phoenix Fire Department — Nonemergency	55
Glendale Police	00
Glendale Fire — Nonemergency	00
Department of Child Safety	00
Maricopa County Emergency Management (shelters)	11
American Red Cross	60
Banner Poison Control Center/Phoenix	22
Maricopa Crisis Response Network	44



TEACHING AND LEARNING



High Expectations for Student Learning

COMMON EXPECTATIONS

- Work in collaborative teams and take collective and individual responsibility for student learning.
- Foster a purposeful culture that gives students opportunities to identify, demonstrate, and grow in social and emotional learning through: Self Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision-Making Skills in the classroom and community.
- Plan collaboratively and implement WESD curriculum documents. All certified staff develop and make available daily lesson plans.
- Deliver evidenced-based, differentiated, engaging and rigorous instruction, which includes large-group and small-group instruction.
- Monitor student learning through regular and ongoing assessment data review, which includes common formative and benchmark assessments.
- Provide systemic interventions and enrichment through daily tiered instruction.
- Provide an inclusive learning environment for all students.

SETTING THE STAGE FOR LEARNING

In order to achieve high levels of engagement and learning, attention must be paid to setting up a healthy emotional environment, as well as an organized and student-friendly physical environment.

Emotional Environment:

- Meet/greet and dismiss students at the classroom door and throughout campus
- Provide personal recognition and consistently reinforce student effort
- Actively seek to understand students' knowledge, skills, interests, talents and motivation
- Acknowledge diversity of students and foster cultural awareness
- Use appropriate humor; avoid sarcasm
- Personalize learning via student and life connections
- Provide clear expectations for behavior and positively reinforce expectations (aligned with school expectations)
- Cultivate a learning community and create a safe place for risk-taking
- Reinforce all school/classroom expectations consistently, calmly, and promptly with dignity
- Create a trustworthy, respectful environment where putdowns, bullying and threats are not tolerated; dignity and safety of all learners is promoted
- Utilize appropriate de-escalation strategies to manage student situations
- Write expectations in a positive way
- Eliminate power struggles with students
- Teach positive peer interactions and support conflict resolution
- Cultivate open and frequent communication with families to build relationships that support student learning

Physical Environment (Conducive for Learning):

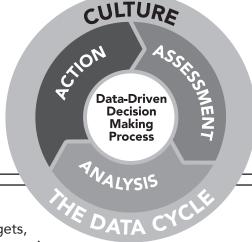
- The classroom is clean, organized, well lit, and set up for optimal movement, transitions, learning, and safety
- Student friendly content and language focus statements are placed in a consistent location and readable from all points in the room
- Rules and procedures are posted in positive, student-friendly language and are explicitly taught, modeled, practiced and reinforced
- Classroom walls show evidence of current learning focus and vital academic content reference materials are legible from all points in the room
- Current quality student work is displayed
- Resources, materials, technology and supplies are organized for easy teacher and student access
- Furniture is arranged to provide clear paths of movement and transitions for students and teachers
- The room arrangement is conducive to teacher movement, partnering, and small group instruction
- Teacher space is minimized; student space is maximized

What Do We Want Students to Learn?

In order to identify what we want students to learn, it is imperative that teachers carefully plan their instruction.

WESD Planning Expectations

- Use of district curriculum documents (aligned to AZ state standards)
- Development of daily lesson plans to include the following three attributes:
 - 1. Grade level standards and learning target(s)
 - 2. Instructional strategies and learning activities
 - 3. Assessment strategies
- Instruction is adjusted based on outcomes
- Daily posting of student-friendly learning targets that include:
 - what students will learn and be able to do
 - the success criteria to measure it
- Learning targets are aligned to grade level state standards and WESD curriculum documents
- Classrooms with ELs also post language focused statements aligned to ELP standards and based on daily learning target(s)
- Accommodations and modifications appropriately implemented to meet the needs of diverse learners



HOW WILL WE KNOW IF THEY LEARNED IT?

In order to determine if students have learned the intended learning targets, schools must implement a consistent cycle of data review. Data-driven instruction involves changing a school's focus from "what was taught" to "what was learned." The four fundamental building blocks of effective data-driven instruction are as follows:

Assessment: District implements rigorous assessments (Pre/Mid/Post & CFAs) that provide meaningful data. Teachers review the assessments and identify possible misconceptions. Teachers and teams also create their own formative assessments to inform daily instruction.

Analysis: Teachers examine the results of assessments to identify the causes of both strengths and shortcomings. Having the "test in hand" when analyzing results is critical. You are moving beyond what students got wrong to answer why they got it wrong. Teachers should analyze their own results within 48 hours administering the assessment.

Larger Picture Questions

- How well did the class do as a whole?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses in different standards/skills?
- Are there trends in the different question types (multiple right answers, Part A/B, etc.)?
- Who are the stronger and weaker performing students? How did our subgroups perform?

"Dig in" Questions

- Analyze "bombed" questions did students all choose the same wrong answer? Why or why not?
- Break down each standard did students do similarly on each question within the standard? Why?
- Sort data by students' scores are there questions that separate proficient and non-proficient students?
- Look horizontally by student are there any anomalies occurring with certain students?

Action: Teachers effectively teach what students most need to learn based on the analysis of the assessments results. Teachers collaboratively design action plans based on assessment analysis. For this to be successful, the following must occur:

- New strategies are used in re-teaching.
- A specific date and time are determined for implementation of the re-teach, as well as a plan for reassessment.
- Plan for whole and small group next steps
- Teachers work with students to discuss how they are doing, determine what they need to work on, and identify specific goals.

Culture: Create an environment in which data-driven instruction can survive and thrive.

- Schools make time for all parts of the process. Consistent, scheduled data meetings are scheduled and carried out, with all team members present, prepared and engaged.
- School-based professional development is aligned to what the data reveals.

HOW WILL WE ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THE LEARNING?

The following table features effective teacher and student behaviors that are expected in WESD classrooms. (Note: Italicized items are on the WESD Teacher Evaluation Tool).

Teacher Behaviors

- Embeds learning target throughout the lesson
- Provides visual and physical examples/models of expected outcomes
- Embeds effective procedures and routines throughout the lesson
- Monitors progress by using frequent checks for understanding throughout the lesson
- Provides feedback that is specific and immediate
- Frequently adjusts instruction or supports based on results from checking for understanding
- Uses a variety of strategies to engage all students -- "TEAM –
 T –throughout the lesson; E elicited; A all students; M mandatory"
- Purposeful circulation to monitor behavior and support learning
- Offer multiple opportunities for guided and independent practice aligned to learning focus
- Guides learning with purposeful questioning that promotes higher order thinking
- Provides specific, step by step, clear, and visual instructions and expectations
- Explicitly models strategies/thinks aloud
- Balances teacher and student talk time
- Includes wait time that is adequate for student processing
- Provides and removes lesson scaffolding as needed
- Uses flexible and varied grouping structures, including daily small group instruction
- Creates and/or uses visuals throughout instruction (i.e. anchor/concept charts, Word Walls)
- Creates learning opportunities that are rigorous and at a high student interest level
- Engages students in relevant and meaningful technology integration used in developmentally appropriate ways

Student Behaviors

- Follow teacher directions, classroom procedures and routines with minimal prompting
- Explain and/or ask questions about the learning focus
- Focus on teacher or peers when they are speaking
- · Actively participate in the learning
- Correct mistakes and address misconceptions based on teacher feedback
- Persevere with the task
- Demonstrate understanding of content and/or language learning through work product
- Share their learning in a planned manner
- Are responsible for the majority of the work/thinking throughout
- Use one or more of the following in their learning: read and respond, partner share, precision partnering, signaling, written response, Total Physical Response, movement, and/or cooperative groups
- Move purposefully during transitions and lessons
- Use technology tools for learning tasks as directed by or provided by the teacher

TIER 3
INTENSIVE EXTRA
HELP

REMEDIATION

TIER 2
DISTRICT
CURRICULUM

TIER 2
EXTRA
CHALLENGE
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ENRICHMENT/ACCELERATION

All students participate in Tier 1 "best first instruction". The purpose of the Data Cycle is to identify which students, based on data, need additional intervention/support beyond core instruction to master identified standards or skills. Some students will require targeted intervention, and some will require intensive intervention. Intervention groups should be fluid and flexible, based on progress monitoring using common formative assessments, diagnostic

Tier 1 Universal Instruction- Standards-based classroom learning (all students)

All students participate in general education learning that includes:

assessments and periodic district assessments (ADE).

- Universal screenings (e.g. DIBELs) to target groups in need of specific support
- Implementation of Arizona's Academic Standards and WESD Curriculum Documents
- Differentiated instruction with fluid, flexible small group instruction aligned to whole group standards focus
- Providing multiple means of learning and demonstration of learning
- Progress monitoring of learning with multiple formative assessments

Tier 2 Targeted Intervention- Needs-based learning (some students)

In addition to Tier 1, Targeted students participate in interventions that are:

- Supplemental to Tier 1
- Delivered in small group
- Determined based on a data-driven protocol
- Direct, explicit, systematic and focused on specific skills/standards/learning strategies
- Planned for
- Documented and reviewed through ongoing progress monitoring

WHAT
WILL WE
DO IF
THEY DO
NOT
LEARN IT?

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Tier 3 Intensive Intervention- Intensified Targeted Support (few students)

Some students require additional intensive interventions that are:

- Determined through a collaborative problem-solving process (such as the Child Study Process)
- Delivered in small group or 1-1, sometimes by a specialist (e.g. AIS, Special Education Teacher)
- More frequently progress monitored

Social-Emotional Interventions

Tier 1 - Best first practices

- Core social-emotional learning program research and evidence based (District approved)
- Core school-wide Behavior Support System (add link to Guidelines)
- Bully prevention as per ADE (e.g. Olweus contact your school social worker)
- Classroom managed behavior system (Per School additional ideas for Tier 1 PBIS)

Tier 2 - Specialized group systems for students with at-risk behavior

- Identified via Child Study Team Documentation (pre-referral classroom interventions completed
- Could include behavior support group, contract, etc. (Link to Tier 2 intervention ideas)

Tier 3 - Intensive individualized interventions – Specialized individualized systems for students with high-risk behavior

- Identified via Child Study Team
- Link to Tier 3 intervention ideas.

WHAT WILL WE DO IF THEY ALREADY KNOW IT?

Below is a process for providing enrichment and/or acceleration to students who need more challenge:

- 1. Get to know your students' strengths, challenges, and interests.
- 2. Analyze pre-assessment and formative assessment data regularly.
- 3. Look for students who have already mastered the content AND those who master it quickly.
- 4. Decide if enrichment (staying with the same topic but going deeper) or acceleration (moving on to the next concept in the learning sequence) is most appropriate.

Enrichment Guidelines and Examples

- Never give students more of the same (e.g., write a second story or complete a second set of math problems)
- Limit the amount of time students who have finished quickly or know the material spend tutoring others (if they are always doing the teaching, they are not learning something new themselves)
- Prepare an anchor activity in advance that students know they can work on anytime they finish early or test out of a topic (e.g., choice menu, passion project, learning center, etc.).
- Connecting the mastered content with the real-world and/or a different subject area (e.g. already mastered math content so connect it with what they are learning in social studies or science) are great options for enrichment.
- Consult the gifted teacher on your campus for enrichment ideas and resources.
- If a student is consistently in need of enrichment, consider referring him or her for gifted testing.

Acceleration Guidelines

- Remember that the state standards are written as progressions. This
 means that if you look at the grade level above, you will see a more
 rigorous version of what students are learning now in your classroom.
 Referring to the above grade-level standards can help you plan
 accelerated tasks.
- Do not shy away from teaching advanced content if students are ready for it. Next year's teachers can modify and adjust as well.
- Research curriculum compacting, the Most Difficult First Strategy, and tiered instruction.
- Consider the need for collaborating with the next grade level teachers (e.g. Walk to Math, Walk to Reading, etc.).
- The district has a process for determining if whole grade level skipping is needed. Contact Gifted Services for more information.
- Consult the gifted teacher on your campus for acceleration ideas and
- If a student is consistently in need of acceleration, consider referring him or her for gifted testing.
- 5. Outline working expectations for those working independently on enrichment or accelerated tasks.
- 6. Provide clear directions for students regarding the replacement tasks assigned and a method for asking for assistance.
- 7. Release students to work, but check-in with them as often as possible.



WESD EXPECTATIONS FOR MTSS IMPLEMENTATION

Implementing Behavior Solutions at Tier 1 - Prevention:



- o Leadership Team
 - PBIS Implementation Team or
 - Tier 1 Prevention Team (Non PBIS Schools)
 - Until implementation threshold is achieved, and then merge into Leadership Team responsibility or maintain two teams
- Create Essential Behavior Standards/Expectations for the school level based on Tier 1 behavior data needs, and staff input
- o Create a Matrix with Locations, Essential Behavior Standards/Expectations and Skills
- o Rollout Plan
 - School-wide and classroom-wide
 - All stakeholder groups



- o Create Lesson Plans designed to teach the Essential Behavior Standards/Expectations to all students across all school environments
 - Class meetings, videos, rallies, newsletters, social media are other strategies of ways to teach
- o Create a Minor/Major Flowchart
 - School-wide calibration- Staff determines what behaviors are teacher managed (Minor Disruptions) and office managed (Major Offenses)
- o Incorporate best practices of the four C's
 - Climate, Communication, Curriculum, and Culture
 - Core components (p. 73)

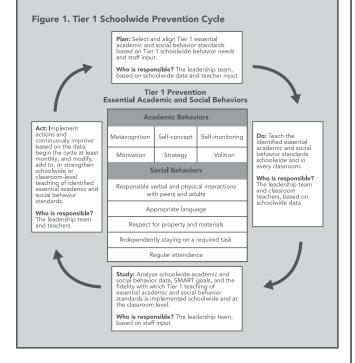


- o Monthly Data Meetings with Leadership/PBIS/Prevention Team
 - Identify school-wide or classroom-level precise problem statements based on multiple data points
 - Determine what essential standard or standards need to be taught or retaught at the school, grade, department, or classroom level based on students needs and data
 - Design SMART goals, action steps, and timelines around problem statements



- o Create an Action Plan
 - What do we do if the plan does not work?
 - How do we communicate and receive input from all stakeholder groups?
 - What parts/strategies/action steps need to go in your 90-Day IAP?
- o Professional Development
 - Role playing teacher managed minor responses
 - Best practice strategies for the Four C's
- o Behavior Integration Assessment (p.116) or TFI for PBIS Tier 1

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