

Washington

CLUSTER PLAN

2016
and beyond



MISSION

The Washington Cluster will continue the legacy of excellence by supporting students in reaching their highest potential through a whole-child and community-centered approach to ensure college and career preparedness.

VISION

Our vision is to utilize the support of parents and community to inspire, expose, and prepare students to continue the legacy of greatness by becoming active citizens who advocate for their local and global community.

Cluster Priorities



- Implement STEM enriched curriculum across all cluster schools.
- Strengthen the Instructional Program.



- Prepare and develop knowledgeable staff focused on quality teaching.

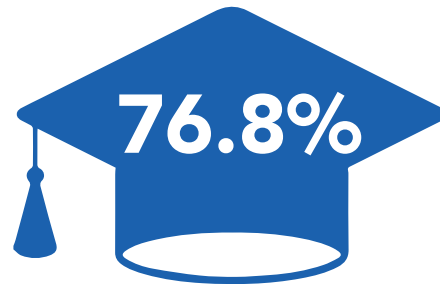


- Align systems and resources to school needs.



- Build an engaged, positive school culture.

Graduation Rate (2015)



Cluster-wide Performance Measures

Academics

- Increase Graduation Rate (Measure: Four Year Graduate Rate)
- Improve Student Achievement (Measure: College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI))
- Increase Student Attendance (Measure: Average Daily Attendance)

Talent

- Improve Teacher Quality (Measure: Teacher Observation)

Resources

- Ensure GO Team Effectiveness (Measure: Key Deliverables)

Culture

- Ensure School has High Standards for Achievement (Measure: Climate Survey)

Signature Program



The signature program for the Washington Cluster is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math), using the Expeditionary Learning (EL) Educational approach.



STEM education is an integrated curriculum driven by problem solving, discovery, exploratory project/problem-based learning, and student-centered development of ideas and solutions.

EL harnesses the natural power to learn and is a powerful method for developing the curiosity, skills, knowledge and courage needed to imagine a better world and work towards realizing it.

Washington Student Experience

My school...

- Supports me.
- Develops my learning and leadership skills.
- Prepares me for college and career.
- Allows me to be active in the classroom and the community.
- Challenges me and expects me to succeed.

Washington Graduate Profile

Graduates will be...

- Academically prepared.
- Engaged learners and critical thinkers.
- Community focused and globally aware.
- Skilled problem solvers.
- Effective communicators.
- Confident, resourceful and responsible.
- Technologically savvy.



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Priority #1 - Implement the STEM signature program across all cluster schools.

- A. Drive interdisciplinary and project-based career exploration and college preparation.
- B. Provide students with STEM learning opportunities.
- C. Build parent knowledge to reinforce, promote and participate in STEM activities.
- D. Seek partnerships with the community, businesses and post-secondary institutions that engage students and staff in problem-based, solution-focused learning activities.

Priority #2 - Strengthen the instructional program.

- A. Implement a common instructional framework for all schools using STEM and EL as major resources.
- B. Align all course offerings across all levels.
- C. Implement EL Education Core Practices based on individual school plans.
- D. Bolster resources and align intervention and special education supports across schools.
- E. Build a cluster-wide K-2 literacy model and best practices.

Talent

Priority #3 - Prepare and develop knowledgeable staff focused on quality teaching.

- A. Develop and implement a cluster-wide professional learning plan aligned to standards, STEM and EL.
- B. Develop and implement teacher supports like mentoring, recognition programs and endorsement opportunities.
- C. Implement monitoring and evaluation protocols to build practice and consistency across schools.
- D. Refine recruitment and selection process for hiring and promoting within the cluster for highest quality recruits.
- E. Expand leadership development and roles for teachers and leaders

Resources

Priority #4 - Align systems and resources to school needs.

- A. Elect high-capacity parents, teachers and community members to each school's GO Team for school site-level decision-making.
- B. Align resources and partnerships with the cluster's key priorities. Including STEM, EL and wraparound services.
- C. Provide students with access to career and college planning, internships and learning opportunities.

Culture

Priority #5 - Build an engaged, positive school culture.

- A. Increase/align wraparound services and supports for social and emotional needs.
- B. Provide education focused on character and citizenship.
- C. Leverage partnerships to provide services and supports for students, parents and families.
- D. Develop and implement practices to improve the health and well-being of students.
- E. Increase parent engagement through Parent University and participation opportunities.

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