



Membership Categories

AWSP offers four membership types. Annual memberships begin September 1 and end August 31.

Active Membership

For principals, assistant principals, vice principals, principal assistants, ALE directors, CTE directors, or others employed full-time in professional work as part of the school leadership team.

Membership automatically includes:

Membership in one of the national affiliates: National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) or National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Liability and legal benefits as specified in respective national membership materials.

Access to all professional resources, publications, opportunities, and offerings.

Active members are eligible to hold office and vote in officer elections.

Associate Membership

District administrators, teachers, counselors, deans of students, athletic directors, activities advisers, program managers, university professors/instructors, or others employed in the professional work related to PreK-12+ education but are not considered part of the school/building administrative team.

Additional membership options:

NAESP Associate: NAESP Associate membership does not include liability and legal benefits, and members may not hold office or vote in officer elections.

NASSP Associate: NASSP Associate membership does not include liability and legal benefits, and members may not hold office or vote in officer elections.

Aspiring Membership

For those pursuing a career in school administration and are working to obtain their principal credentials. Individuals may join for one or two annual term(s) and are eligible to retain an Aspiring Membership for a total of four terms. If you have not obtained an administration position within the next four years you may renew as an Associate Member. Does not include liability or legal benefits.

Additional membership options (annual renewal required):

NAESP Aspiring: NAESP Aspiring membership does not include liability and legal benefits, and members may not hold office or vote in officer elections.

NAESP Active: NAESP Active membership includes liability and legal benefits.

NASSP Associate: NASSP Associate membership does not include liability and legal benefits, and members may not hold office or vote in officer elections.

NASSP Individual: NASSP Individual membership includes liability and legal benefits.

Lifetime Emeritus Membership

For former AWSP Active members who are no longer employed full-time in education. Emeritus membership is a lifetime subscription that includes all publications and full access to AWSP's website, free registration to the annual conference, and eligibility for service as AWSP mentors, on committees, and short-term projects or programs.

Additional membership options (annual renewal required):

NAESP Emeritus: Open to former NAESP Active members who are no longer employed full-time in education and includes legal benefits, liability coverage, publications, and voting privileges.

NASSP Retired: Open to former NASSP Individual members who have retired and no longer hold an administrative position without a lapse in membership. Includes legal benefits, liability coverage for prior incidents, and publications.

*All memberships are non-transferrable.



Benefits & Services

Membership in AWSP provides many benefits, from networking opportunities to career-enhancing tools. Your job is to take advantage of them!

The following benefits and services are open to all AWSP member types and do not require membership in a national affiliate:

Professional Learning

Conferences and training are designed specifically for school leadership teams. Members receive discounted rates.

Focused Communications

Weekly, monthly and quarterly publications, both print and electronic, will keep you up-to-date on topics important to you.

Professional Advice

You are one phone call away from free professional advice on job-related matters from AWSP executive staff. Our seasoned staff can help navigate a thorny issue or offer a helpful second opinion. Learn more. Full legal support comes with your Active membership in AWSP.

Advocacy

AWSP is your voice in Olympia. Stay up-to-date about issues affecting the principalship and education in our state and learn how you can help in our Legislation section.

Jobs

Take advantage of our jobs services, from open listings in Washington and beyond to career-boosting tools.

Leadership Coaching

Our Leadership Coaching service helps new and seasoned principals share knowledge and best practices, one-on-one. It's a great way to make connections and learn from the best!

Not an AWSP member? Join today!

Legal Support

Legal support on job-related matters are a key benefit of AWSP membership. Your Active membership in AWSP automatically includes \$2 million in liability insurance through NAESP or NASSP.

Learn more about legal support at www.awsp.org/legal-support.

Focused Communications

We know you're busy. That's why we've focused our e-communications and print magazine to the top stories and issues that affect the principalship.

These communications are a benefit of your membership:

- Washington Principal
- Principal Matters
- Legislative Update
- In The Loop
- AWSP News

Learn more about our publications and communication resources at www.awsp.org/informed-principal.

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