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AWSL and AWSP Recognize 21 Schools with New Washington Schools on the Rise Award

The award celebrates schools where adults collaborate with students to improve culture.

OLYMPIA — The Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) and the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) will present 21 schools across the state with our inaugural Washington Schools on the Rise Award this fall.

Schools were initially recognized during the AWSP/WASA Summer Conference in Spokane this June. AWSP staff will visit each school this fall to present them with an award banner.

Introduced in 2023-24, the “Washington Schools on the Rise” award by AWSL/AWSP celebrates schools where students and adults collaborate to improve culture and amplify student voice. AWSP and its Foundation support these schools with resources and opportunities. These schools foster inclusive and equitable environments.

Schools are nominated by students, principals, assistant principals, superintendents, and/or district office staff.

2024 Inaugural Schools on the Rise Award winners include:

- Giaudrone Middle School
- Aylen Junior High
- Blue Heron Middle School
- Cedar Valley Elementary
- Clover Park High School
- Curtis Senior High School
- Firgrove Elementary
- Hockinson Middle School
- Ida Nason Aronica Elementary
- Keithley Middle School
- Lakewood High School
- Moxee Elementary
- Reardan High School



- River HomeLink
- Selah High School
- Skyview High School
- TAF@Saghalie
- Tolt Middle School
- Toppenish High School
- Toutle Lake High School
- Wahluke Junior High School

Award Recognition Criteria

- Established systems demonstrating students and adults collaborating and leading school culture together.
- Tangible examples of co-design, collaboration, and joint leadership.
- Examples of authentic student engagement and elevated student voice.
- Examples of schools engaging multiple student voices and perspectives.
- Quantitative and/or qualitative data to illustrate the outcomes of student-adult joint leadership.

Learn more at www.awsp.org/ontherise.

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