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## **AWSL and AWSP Celebrate the 2025 Schools on the Rise Winners!**

*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 42 schools across the state with our Washington Schools on the Rise Award this fall. This is double of the submissions from the 2024 award year.

Schools were initially recognized during the annual AWSP Summer Conference Luncheon 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.

2025 Schools on the Rise Award winners include:

- Ballou Junior High
- Carson Elementary School
- Chelan Middle School
- Coupeville Elementary School
- Covington Middle School
- East Valley High School
- Emerald Ridge High School
- Garfield Elementary School
- Grand Mound Elementary School
- Hayes Freedom High School
- Irene Reither Elementary School
- Jason Lee Middle School
- John R Rogers Highschool (Spokane)
- Kapowsin Elementary
- Kent Laboratory Academy (grades 3 - 12)
- Kirkwood Elementary School
- LaCrosse Schools
- Lakeside High School
- Liberty Middle School



- Lincoln Elementary
- McClure Elementary
- Moses Lake High School
- Mountain View Middle School
- Mt. Stuart Elementary
- North Beach Jr/Sr High School
- Ogden Elementary
- Panther lake Elementary
- Park Place Middle School
- Port Townsend High School
- Quilcene Schools
- Ridgeline Middle School
- River Ridge Elementary School
- Ruby Bridges Elementary
- Shaw Road Elementary School
- St. Helens Elementary School
- Steilacoom High School
- Stevens Elementary
- Sunnyside Elementary School
- Wahitis Elementary
- Walla Walla High School
- Waller Road Elementary
- West Hills STEM Academy

#### **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.

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