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AWSL and AWSP Recognize 54 Schools with the Culture Kickoff Award

The award celebrates schools that are intentional about creating a positive culture from the very beginning of the year and carrying it forward all year long.

OLYMPIA –– The Association of Washington Student Leaders (AWSL) and the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) will present 54 schools across the state with our third annual AWSL/AWSP Culture Kickoff Award this fall.

Introduced in 2023-24, the Culture Kickoff Award celebrates schools that:

- Launch the year with engaging assemblies, themes, and fall kickoff events.
- Intentionally set the tone for belonging, community, and success.
- Sustain that positive culture throughout the year by fostering collaboration between students and adults.

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

2026 Culture Kickoff Award winners include:

- Almira-Coulee Hartline High School, Almira-Coulee Hartline SD
- Arbor Heights Elementary School, Seattle PS
- Bethel High School, Bethel SD
- Ballou Junior High, Puyallup SD
- Capital High School, Olympia SD
- Centennial Elementary School, Olympia SD
- Centralia Middle School, Centralia SD
- Chehalis Middle School, Chehalis SD
- Chief Leschi, Chief Leschi Schools
- Clover Park High School, Clover Park SD
- Cougar Mountain Middle School, Issaquah SD
- Coweeman Middle School, Kelso SD
- Eisenhower High School, Yakima SD
- English Crossing Elementary, Lakewood SD
- Ephrata Middle School, Ephrata SD
- Everett High School, Everett PS
- Forest Vista Learning Center, Oak Harbor SD
- GATES, Franklin Pierce SD
- Gateway Middle School, Everett PS
- Glacier Middle School, Highline PS
- Glacier Middle School, White River SD
- Graham Kapowsin High School, Bethel SD
- Granger High School, Granger SD
- Hidden River Middle School, Monroe SD
- Hockinson Middle School, Hockinson SD
- Irene Reither Elementary, Meridian SD

- LaCrosse Schools, LaCrosse SD
- Lakewood Elementary School, Lakewood SD
- Lakewood High School, Lakewood SD
- Lakewood Middle School, Lakewood SD
- Madison Elementary, Everett PS
- Meadowdale Middle School, Edmonds SD
- Morris Schott Elementary School, Wahluke SD
- Mt. Stuart Elementary, Ellensburg SD
- Newport High School, Bellevue SD
- Nooksack Valley High School, Nooksack Valley SD
- North Beach Jr/Sr High School, North Beach SD #64
- North Creek High School, Northshore SD
- Sageview High School, Pasco SD
- Saltar's Point Elementary, Steilacoom Historical SD
- Sequoia High School, Everett PS
- Stanwood Middle School, Stanwood Camano SD
- Steilacoom High School, Steilacoom Historical SD
- Sterling Jr. High, Eastmont SD
- Sunnyside Elementary School, Marysville SD
- Sunrise Elementary, Central Valley SD
- Timberline High School, North Thurston PS
- Tonasket Middle School, Tonasket SD
- Tumwater Middle School, Tumwater SD
- Tyee Middle School, Bellevue SD
- Wahluke Junior High, Wahluke SD
- WF West High School, Chehalis SD
- Woodinville High School, Northshore SD
- Woodside Elementary, Everett PS

Congratulations! Learn more at www.awsp.org/culturekickoff.

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