

# Professional Development

## WASA's 2024–25 Special Education Director Academy

If you have administrative responsibilities in special education, please register to join WASA's Special Education Director Academy.

With support from OSPI, this academy has been developed to support those who have administrative responsibilities in special education. Sessions are designed to support leaders with relevant and timely topics presented by local experts and practitioners.

### SESSION MODULES

Each session will be designed to specifically meet the needs of leaders in special education in a "just in time" meeting. A survey has been sent to registrants from last year's academy to begin to develop the topics for the first sessions. Each session will be facilitated by Rachel Dickson, Director of Student Services, Fife Public Schools.

### SESSION SCHEDULE

Sessions will be held via Zoom, 8:30–10 a.m. on the following dates:

- October 10, 2024
- November 14, 2024
- December 11, 2024
- January 9, 2025
- February 5, 2025
- March 6, 2025
- May 1, 2025
- May 29, 2025

### REGISTRATION

Registration is complimentary and includes 12 Washington State Approved Clock Hours. To register, visit the WASA [website](#).

Contact [Ryan Hickerson](#) with registration questions and [Shawn Batstone](#) with general academy questions.



# Graduation Equity Webinar: Living into Your Values with School Culture

August 14, 2024 | 10:00–11:30 am | Virtual

This month we are bringing you Dr. Chuck Salina who served as the “turnaround” principal at Sunnyside High School. Chuck works with schools across the state and has co-designed and implemented a leadership network with OSPI. He and his colleagues created rapid growth in Sunnyside’s graduation rate and raised morale among administrators, teachers, and students.

Join the webinar to deepen leadership behaviors that demonstrate living your values through concrete actions that create a powerful school culture. A culture where adults and students connect to school, build powerful relationships and envision their future. Dr. Salina has co-authored two books about his time at Sunnyside with Dr. Suzann Girtz, and Joanie Eppinga, *Powerless to Powerful* and *Transforming Schools Through Systems Change*. Sunnyside School District will share how they’ve been living the change in a culture for learning and how it’s impacted the way they plan and lead. Get free Equity Clock Hours for your participation.

## Presenters

- Dr. Chuck Salinas, author of *Powerless to Powerful*, Associate Professor Emeritus, Gonzaga University, [Dr. Chuck Salinas](#)
- Dave Martinez, Student Life & Athletics Director, Sunnyside High School, [Dave Martinez](#)
- Dixie Grunenfelder, Executive Director of Student Engagement & Support, OSPI, [Dixie Grunenfelder](#)
- Brisa Sanchez Cornejo, Project AWARE Program Supervisor, OSPI, [Brisa Sanchez Cornejo](#)
- Students from Sunnyside High School

## Objectives

- Learn about CBE – Connect, Build, Envision values for school culture
- Get examples of concrete actions you can take to lean into a CBE culture
- Get resources to help you get started
- Hear examples from Sunnyside High School

To register, click [here](#). For more information, regarding clock hours, contact [Ronnie Larson](#).

## Social Emotional Learning Professional Development Menu 2024–2025

In early June, OSPI partnered with over 30 education leaders, teachers, and instructional staff throughout the state to exchange Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and SEL-related ideas, resources and tools to help support districts and schools in their efforts to meet the Professional Learning Day requirements of [RCW 28A.415.445](#).

The attached [SEL Professional Development Menu](#) is a collection of resources intended to help district and school leaders ignite curiosity, seek opportunities to promote and build knowledge around SEL, and incorporate various modalities for educators to engage in learning.